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Passenger liner docked along Embarcadero, c. 1940s

# Waterfront

CHAPTER 1

# The Damned and the Lost

I have been here so long that even the sea gulls must recognize me. They must pass the word along about me from generation to generation, from egg to egg.

Former friends of mine, members of my old university class, acquaintances my own age, have gone out to earn their 6000 a year. They have become managers, they have become editors, they have become artists. Yet here am I, what I was six years ago, a waterfront reporter.

True, I am called a good waterfront reporter in this city, as if the humiliation were not already great enough in itself. I shudder at the compliment, yet should feel fortunate in a way that so far I have escaped the word veteran. When I am

called not only the best waterfront reporter but also the veteran waterfront reporter, then for sure all hope is dissolved. And I need look ahead then, only to that day when the company presents me with a fountain pen and a final check.

I am nearing 28, and should I by accident be invited to a home where literature is discussed, or styles, or Europe, the best I could do would be to Who Was

Max Miller?

Early in the past century, Riverside, Washington, was a disreputable dock-side community on a bluff above the Snohomish River. Max Carlton Miller, born in Traverse City, Michigan, spent his youth in Riverside, as some residents boast to this day.

His imagination and creativity surfaced early. In 1914, Miller, then a mere 15 years old, claimed to have spotted a sea serpent at the mouth of the river. A lad with such precocity was clearly college material, and he went on to attend the University of Washington. In his 20s, the adventure-loving young man traveled to the South Seas and to China.

He landed a job with the San Diego Sun, a Scripps-Howard newspaper that struggled to compete with the Copleyowned Evening Tribune and San Diego Union. The Sun "was a crummy paper — a third paper with a third-paper mentality," recalls noted journalist and former

congressman Lionel Van Deerlin, who in 1937 took over Miller's desk at the *Sun*.

The newspaper's two-story office was at Seventh and B, across from what is now Symphony Towers. Van Deerlin would bring a sandwich each day, "and before noon, the mice



Max Miller, c. 1930s

would get to it," he recalls.

"It was dank down in the pressroom, but the editing and writing were done upstairs, and people seemed happy," says Norman Roberts of La Jolla, who was then a high school intern assisting in the photography department.

It may have been a third-rate paper, but it was staffed by some who became giants of San Diego journalism. Dick Pourade, who later wrote several San Diego histories, was there. So was Eileen Jackson, who went on to become the city's social arbiter for six decades. The majordomo was Magner White, who had won the city's first Pulitzer Prize in 1924 for his vivid description of an eclipse of

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#### Same McCullough?

I just finished the cover article "What's Love Got to Do With It?" (February 12) and noticed that the author is Don McCullough. Very interesting. Is this the same Don McCullough who as senior pastor at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church abused his power and his own marriage vows by having affairs with staff members?

Linda Smith via e-mail

Yes. Mr. McCullough's book, The Wisdom of Pelicans, which described the incident, was covered in a feature story that appeared in the August 29, 2002, issue of the Reader. — Editor

#### No MM News

Typically, your bit in "City Lights" February 12 about Prop MM "running out" of money shows once again your editorial disinterest in the facts. I happen to be managing the final school modernization project in Prop MM, and I'm sorry to break the news that there is no news: the project budget is exactly what it's always been plus a bit for stuff that's come up since MM was budgeted in 1998, as was wisely planned for in a special "future needs" fund. Further, after doing at least one prior major hatchet job on Prop MM, you still display total ignorance that Prop MM is funded by a bond measure passed by the voters in 1998 and in no way tied to the current financial problems of this and every other school district. Your basis for stating that MM is running out of money is a quote from someone saying that keeping up with maintenance would cost "an additional \$24 million annually above the current

district funded budget of \$38 million." This may or may not be true but has nothing to do with Prop MM, as maintenance comes out of the district's general fund, not Prop MM funds, which are separate and which wouldn't last two months on \$38 million.

> Richard Hughes Senior Project Manager Prop MM San Diego City Schools

Matt Potter responds: Mr. Hughes is correct as far as MM money is concerned. As the item reported, the MM oversight committee has notified the district that it must find an additional \$24 million each year to maintain schools and otherwise keep up its properties. That money must come from a school district budget that already is \$80 million in the red.

#### We Let Dogs Speak

In response to "Rescue People Are Very Angry" ("City Lights," February 12), I think Ms. Starkovsky is speaking for a very few who should be thankful for the direction Animal Services is trying to go. No longer do we walk through the kennel and decide who lives or dies based on breed or whether the dog is ugly or not. Now we let the dog "speak" for himself by how he reacts to people. I have some very good dogs at my shelter who have been sitting in their kennels for months "waiting" to be rescued. We depend greatly on our rescue groups, Ms. Starkovsky, so please stop scaring them off — the dogs need them! Alisa Shimanek Animal Care Employee South County Department

# Brain-Addled Lowlifes

I would like to respond to Mark Clark's idiotic comments (Letters, February 12) regarding my *personal* opinions about tweekers.

**Animal Services** 

Number one: Sorry if I come across as "mindless," "heartless," and uncaring. I hope I didn't hoit yo widdle feelings! Ahhh! If you have so much sympathy for these types of brain-addled idiots, then why not turn your Spring Valley shack into a drug-treatment/ homeless shelter? You won't be Mother

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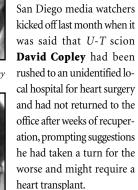
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**End of an era** Speculation about the ultimate fate of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* is once again raging though the *U-T* newsroom, Mission Valley watering holes, and all other traditional haunts



David Copley

his own good.



unspoken but widespread concern about the health of

52-year-old Copley, who back in 2001 took over from his mother **Helen** as *U-T* publisher. Some 10 years ago he underwent quadruple bypass surgery, and his three driving-under-the-influence convictions in the past 16 years — the most recent in April 2002 — provided fodder for those who were convinced he was drinking too much for

Even before Copley ascended to the publisher's spot, the Copley chain had been in a contraction mode. In March 1998, it shuttered the *Santa Monica Outlook*, a conservative daily purchased by the company with fanfare a decade earlier. A few years before that, the Copleys had folded their feisty *Evening Tribune* into the staid *Union* and convinced a slim majority of its workers to kick out the Newspaper Guild, a labor union that had represented the paper's employees for a large part of the 20th Century.

While all this was going on, Copley himself, who had been made president and chief executive officer of his mother's Copley Newspapers in 1997, stayed largely out of public view. National trade papers and business magazines were not unaware of what they saw as the many strange eccentricities of Copley culture. In May 1997, *News, Inc.* wrote about Copley's "notably incommunicative CEOs" and quoted Copley V.P. **Hal Fuson**: "No one is close to the company,' he said with some pride."

David Copley's biggest splash has been in the



David Copley compound, 1252 Virginia Way, La Jolla

worlds of art and antiques. He has reportedly lavished many dollars on the La Jolla–based San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art and spent even more as a backer of Broadway shows. He's also invested millions buying up at least five houses on a block of

La Jolla's Virginia Way and consolidating them into a sprawling residential complex, where he has hosted famously lavish parties, written up by the paper's own **Burl Stiff**. An early incarnation of Copley's self-described bachelor pad — called Fox Hole in homage to Fox Hill, his mother's mansion up the hill on Country Club Drive — featured a neon-decorated patio dubbed the Carmen Veranda. Copley drew unwelcome national attention in 2001 when *Vanity Fair* author **Maureen Orth** wrote about his purported social ties to **Andrew Cunanan**, the onetime Hillcrest resident who murdered **Gianni Versace**.

Meantime, although the Copley chain is keeping mum, David's mother Helen is also believed to be seriously ailing. Now 81, the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native ended up controlling the Copley empire after working for and then in 1965 marrying Jim Copley, who had inherited the papers from his father, Colonel Ira Copley, a onetime gasworks owner and publishing mogul. After their marriage, Jim adopted Helen's son David, then 13, whom she had as a result of a brief affair with an Iowa coworker. After Jim died in 1973, Helen fought a drawn-out legal battle with Jim's adopted children by his previous marriage, ultimately reaching an undisclosed settlement. According to the Union-Tribune website, Helen is currently "trustee of the family trusts that control the company stock." But what happens next in the *Union-Tribune* saga is still a matter of conjecture. Back in the 1980s and early 1990s when she was still healthy, Copley swore she would never sell the paper, and the company repeatedly denied persistent rumors that the Chicago-based Tribune Company had a silent deal to ultimately take over the operation. Since then the Tribune Company has been on a buying binge, gobbling up the Chandler family newspaper empire, including the Los Angeles Times as well as San Diego TV station KSWB, which might make the Tribune's ultimate acquisition of the Copley properties a better fit than ever.

**Electrical milk of politics** San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy** is picking up big-time support for his reelection campaign from a number of out-of-town executives employed by San Diego Gas & Electric, including V.P. **Terry Fleskes** and V.P. of customer service major markets **Richard Morrow**, both of San Clemente, as well as president and CFO **Debra Reed** of Laguna Niguel and **Anne Shen-Smith**, V.P. of customer services, who lives in Rolling Hills Estates. **Vicki** 



Joe Trippi

sources, of Rancho Santa Fe, also kicked in the maximum \$250 ... Ex-**Howard Dean** campaign consultant **Joe Trippi** got some sweet revenge at last week's Digital Democracy Teach-In downtown. The day after he blasted the *L.A. Times* for reporting that his firm got \$7 million

Zeiger, V.P. of human re-

from the Dean campaign while failing to report that most of the cash had been used to buy TV spots, the *Times* ran a clarification.

— Matt Potter

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# **Overlords Soak City**

By Don Bauder

escuing city finances may be futile as long as the society remains feudal. That is to say, San Diego's overlords are making

sure they will get their corporate welfare — no matter how broke the city is — while the vassals pick up the tab.

In Europe's Middle Ages, the vassal swore fealty to the overlord, who raked in bucks from the serfs' labors. Today, the peasants elect The city's January 27 admission that it is at or near the financial brink and has been covering it up since 1996 with phony accounting has apparently spurred the nobles to defend their God-given turf. On February 4, Jessie J. Knight Jr., president of the San Diego

History suggests no such thing. Indeed — in San Diego in particular — history suggests exactly the reverse: in a crisis, business gets its piece of the pie, and taxpayers get the crumbs, as well as the bill. That's because over the years, the nobles have rigged the system

in their favor.

On February 6, only two days after Knight penned his letter, a seemingly in-

elected officials to provide

solutions," wrote Knight.

"History suggests that in

times of crisis, it is the busi-

ness community that suffers

disproportionately."



Jessie J. Knight, Jr.

politicians who are supposed to represent the underlings' interests. But instead, the politicians secretly pledge fealty to the overlord, who is slipping them money. The result is corporate welfare, and San Diego will never dig out of its \$2 billion employee pension/healthcare hole until it cuts off the charity flow to the barons.



Bruce A. Herring

Regional Chamber of Commerce, wrote a letter to his members, speaking urgently of "the city of San Diego budget woes."

The budget deficit will be huge, warned Knight, urging members to get involved in the budget process to make sure business gets its due. "We cannot afford the risks to the business community to solely depend on our



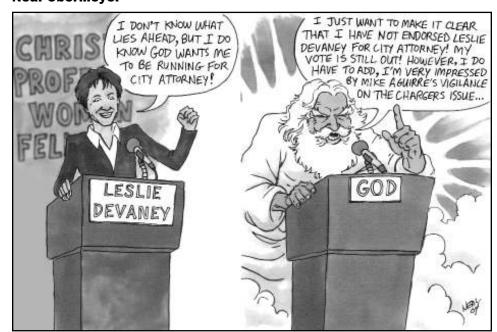
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nocuous memo to the mayor and councilmembers from deputy city manager Bruce A. Herring unwittingly spelled out how the overlords arrange for their own welfare.

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#### Neal Obermeyer



# If Bush Can Lie, I Can Lie, Too

By Joe Deegan

ernando Suarez del Solar didn't even know who actor/director Sean Penn was. But Penn already knew Suarez. As reported

in the San Francisco Chronicle on January 14, Penn, while in the Amsterdam airport Schiphol on November 29, 2003, saw Suarez on CNN. The Escondido activist was leaving the U.S. for the peace mission he and Penn would soon make together. Both men were part of a ninemember delegation of Americans who flew to Iraq, sponsored by Global

into an international celebrity. On March 27, the day the war officially began, he received news that his son Jesús had been killed in the American forces' first ground action.

In the subsequent months, his antiwar message gripped peace advocates everywhere. On October 24 Suarez addressed members of the Spanish parliament in Madrid. His interviewed him twice since last summer. A French journalist, after following Suarez for two weeks, filmed him during workshops on military recruitment at SDSU. On February 14, Japanese media members came to a tree-planting ceremony in Escondido to commemorate his son.

The U.S. military added strength to Suarez's campaign. At the time of his son's death, Suarez was told by military representatives that Jesús, a 22-year-old Marine lance corporal, was killed by a bullet to the head from enemy fire. Later, on an ABC News program, Suarez saw a different version of what happened. An embedded journalist, who had been on the

ment offered the family \$4300 for interment in a military cemetery. Suarez maintains the government eventually relented, but only on condition that he not publicly reveal their negotiations. He says the government insisted he stop his war protests.

To receive the compensation he wanted, Suarez promised the government he would comply with its terms. After the funeral, however, he changed his tune. Writing for the local online newsmagazine Zenger's on December 21, Mark Gabrish Conlan reports Suarez's reasoning: "I was quiet for a while. Then, when I finally called a press conference, I thought, 'If Bush can lie, I can lie a little, too.'

honoring Dr. King. Suarez called the visit "an insult to the people there." A flyer in the church pew quotes King as saying, "I have condemned any organizer of war, regardless of his rank or nationality."

The mention of George W. Bush steered our conversation toward the president's recent immigration proposals, which some conservative commentators have called an amnesty program in disguise. Suarez is suspicious. "Mr. Bush plays very well with the people's feelings," he says in broken English. "Right now the Mexican people are afraid about their status here." As a result, says Suarez, himself an immigrant from Mexico ten years ago, the president is



Marine Lance Corporal Jesús Suarez

for Suarez. And the group Activist San Diego, , an organization that advertises itself as "networking for social justice,"has "adopted" Suarez, says it received this e-mail addressed to him:

Heather Richards, a San Diego resident and "supporter of our troops," regrets sentiments of that kind. And with the understanding of war casualties that comes from being "married to the military" her whole life, she extends heartfelt condolences to Fernando Suarez and his family. "No casualty is a good one," she says. "But his son signed up for [the Marines], and he knew that he might pay the ultimate

help Operation Homefront and CinCHouse. com, two organizations that assist military families waiting Iraq War.

how Richards describes her mases ago, when she found out Jeff's tour of duty would be extended another six months. But "his duty to his country" made her more accepting in the long 50 run, she says.

"Mad at the world" is g

Sorry to hear about your son, you traitor son-of-a-bitch.

Richards volunteers to

for their loved ones to return from Iraq. Her father was a career naval officer, and her husband Jeff is currently a petty officer on the USS Shiloh, now in port in San Diego. Jeff served aboard the Shiloh during the "shock and awe" campaign early in the recent frame of mind two Christ-

price."

Fernando Suarez del Solar

Exchange, a Bay Area human rights organization. They converged in Amsterdam to start their trip together. The Pentagon advised against it.

Penn received widespread criticism across the U.S. for his antiwar rhetoric and his participation in the mission. But the trip turned Fernando Suarez

visit to the city coincided with the U.S.-sponsored donors conference there. The following day he spoke at a Washington D.C. demonstration called "End the Occupation of Iraq and Bring the Troops Home Now." Three documentaries on Suarez are currently in progress, and reporters from the BBC have

scene of the accident, reported that his son had stepped on an American cluster bomb

Relations between the military and the Suarez family deteriorated further when the government refused to pay the full cost — \$7000 — of a civilian burial for Jesús in San Diego. Instead, the govern-

On Martin Luther King's birthday, January 19, at the First Church of the Brethren in Southeast San Diego, I talked with Suarez an hour before he gave a one-hour video presentation to the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice. Several days earlier, President Bush had gone to Atlanta for a celebration

able to manipulate the Hispanic population for their

In a Spanish-language chat room last August, several Cuban-Americans from Florida criticized Suarez's ingratitude to the country that has taken him in, says Jorge Mariscal, professor of Spanish literature at UCSD and a translator

#### **Overlords**

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Herring was outlining how the city would pay for the huge expenses related to Petco Park. He discussed possible sources of revenue from the facility. He ex-

plained that during the baseball season, the Padres get 70 percent of nonbaseball revenues, and the city gets 30 percent. In the offseason, the city gets 70 percent and the Padres 30 percent.

CITY LIGHTS

Then came this revelation: "However, it may be necessary to restrict or limit the amount of special-event revenues the city receives to preserve the tax-exempt status of the ballpark refunding bonds."

What's this? A nearly bankrupt city forfeiting revenue? It's another example of the great scam that prosports barons pull on cities. In this case, the greedy owners got the unintended help of Congress. Back in

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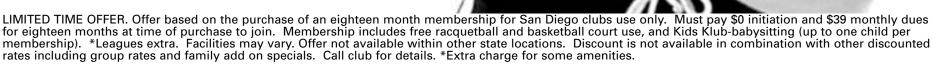
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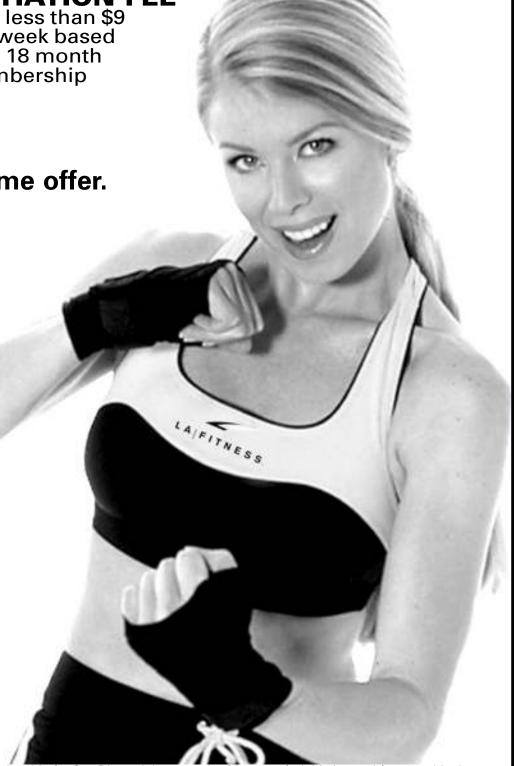
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required to issue taxable bonds.

In the process, the solons were actually trying to rein in team owners' fleecing of taxpayers. The lawmakers said that for stadium bonds to be tax-exempt — thus qualifying for lower interest rates — no more than 10 percent of stadium revenues could go to municipalities. The politicians reasoned that with such piddling revenues, cities would nix using public funds to build stadiums.

But reason has nothing to do with pro-sports subsidies. Compliant cities quickly figured that the stadium lease could be drawn up so that total government revenues — from parking or whatever — would be below 10 percent. The owners would rake in more than 90 percent of the revenue. Then the bonds could be tax-exempt. The politicians had figured that no city would be that dumb, but cities were indeed that dumb, or corrupt. The book Field of Schemes describes how the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who had helped craft the legislation, was appalled that it essentially was "forcing cities to fund only facilities that were guaranteed money losers."

Asked Moynihan, "Who would have thought that local officials, in order to keep or get a team, would capitulate to team owners granting concessionary stadium leases and committing limited government revenues to repay stadium debt, thereby hindering their own ability to provide schools, roads, and other public investments?"

Stadium-related revenue can't be used to pay more than 10 percent of the debt service on the bonds, or they will be deemed ineligible for taxexempt status. Hence, Herring warned that revenues may have to be forfeited. The city, as usual, did not return calls.

Before 1986, municipalities that poured money into stadiums required teams to pay at least respectable rent. But since 1986, teams have expected

to rake in that 90 percentplus. The Chargers and city officials have defended the 60,000-seat guarantee by saying that, after all, the Chargers pay high rent compared with other teams in the National Football League. Ha, ha. Thanks to the 1986 tax package, those other teams pay ridiculously low rents. They consider it their entitlement, and governments protect it more than peasant entitlements, such as adequate po-

lice and fire protection.

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In many ways, San Diego's new ballpark is a classic example of overlord self-aggrandizement. The city defends the deal by saying that the peasants voted for it. Not so. The voters were told that it would involve no new taxes because of all the tax-generating hotels and business establishments that would spring up around it. But the surrounding development has been mainly condos, which eat up more in infrastructure expense than they produce in taxes. That tax-generating development is vears away.

Former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who has been right about the project all along, estimates that the ballpark will cost taxpayers more than \$27 million a year — \$16 million in interest, \$3.5 million for maintenance, and close to \$8 million in opportunity cost, or what the city lost because ballpark cash outlays did not go to other critical needs. Ballpark bond refinancing — now a long way off - could reduce interest costs somewhat, but the bite will still be huge.

Last Thursday, in announcing that the ballpark bond refinancing and one other bond offering have been delayed, the city boasted that it has hired a former Securities and Exchange Commission official to review its past municipal bond filings. Beware. Such consultants, particularly those who have had high posts in government, are notorious for providing a whitewash if given a signal by the person paying the bill. Amazingly, Mayor Dick Murphy said the move was meant "to reassure the public that financial statements

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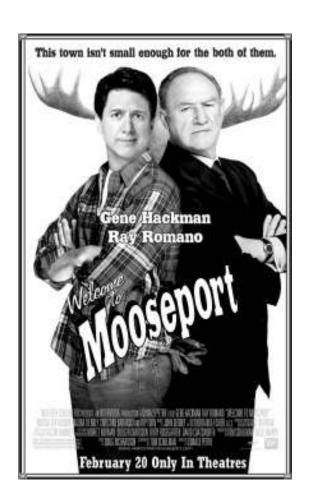


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continued from page 10 are accurate." That certainly looks like orders to give a whitewash — although such sellout instructions are normally communicated with a wink, not a statement to the press.

After the Federal Bureau of Investigation seized records to launch an investigation, Murphy astonishingly said the consultant had been hired to stave off the probe. The consultant, Paul S. Maco, refuses to comment on Murphy's statements but says his marching orders come from the city attorney's office (that's hardly comforting). Maco has a good reputation, but his law firm, Houston's Vinson & Elkins, hardly does: it was Enron's former chief outside counsel and faces lawsuits over the matter. Maco was not involved in the Enron matter.

Another startling example of the overlords' entitlement is Proposition C, which will be voted on March 2. It would raise the hotel tax, called the transient occupancy tax, from 10.5 percent to 13 percent. By itself, an increase in this tax may well be necessary.

But proponents deceitfully hail Prop. C as a measure that would provide more funds to police and fire protection, parks, openspace acquisitions, libraries, and the arts — all eminently worthy recipients.

The city should be so lucky. Read the fine print. By far the largest chunk of the money goes for corporate welfare — in this case, tourism promotion. Of every 13 cents collected, tourism promotion gets 2.5 cents. The worthy causes each get from one-fourth of a cent to one cent.

"The impression is that the bulk of the entire transient occupancy tax increase goes to public safety," says councilmember Donna Frye. "In reality, the net effect is that 2.5 cents, which is the *entire* hotel-tax increase, is earmarked for tourism and sports. Then an additional four cents is earmarked for police, fire, parks, and roads, leaving only 6.5 cents that the council has discretion over."

And of that 6.5 cents,

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much of the money has to go to paying off debt, such as the ballpark and stadium bonds. "I believe that an increase in hotel taxes is warranted, but we need to make sure that the bulk of the increase goes to support public safety rather than tourism promotion," says Frye.

This spending is locked in — another reason Frye and others such as the League of Women Voters and Murphy oppose it. The council has limited flexibility to put the money where it is desperately needed, such as the pension fund, which could drive the city into bankruptcy.

Just who is locked into receiving this largesse? In addition to the tourism marketers, many sports groups rake in bucks, particularly the San Diego International Sports Council, a group of pro-sports worshippers/profiteers. The group lobbies for pro-sports subsidies. And then takes money from the city council that it is lobbying. If Prop. C passes, this cozy and ethically repugnant arrangement will be permanent.

Occasionally in history, the peasants revolted against their overlords. Are you ready yet?

#### I can lie, too

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Richards acknowledges that Suarez has every right to express his antiwar message in the United States. "That's the beauty of the country that we live in," she says, "and that's what we're fighting in Iraq to keep. Also, we now have the opportunity to help Iraq become a great country. Their children will one day be so grateful for what we are doing and what Fernando's son did for them. Iraqi children may soon have the same freedoms we have."

When Suarez speaks of Iraqi children, he complains about how American bombs destroyed some of their schools. But while in Iraq, he says, several young boys did thank him; his son had died to help them. Regarding America's young soldiers, Suarez was quoted in an October 26 article in

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the Washington Post, "We need to make Mr. Bush understand: He's not the owner of the lives of our children."

UCSD's Mariscal has been following Fernando Suarez's development as a social and political activist. On September 12 of last year, Mariscal wrote about Suarez in *La Prensa San Diego*, a weekly newspaper publishing in Spanish and English since 1976. The article was entitled "An American Hero from South of the Border."

At first, says Mariscal, Suarez did have difficulty speaking English to audiences here. "In the early days," he says, "Fernando sometimes broke down while speaking."

As time went on, Suarez's English got better, and the emotion in his speeches subsided. Suarez has spoken to a number of groups across the country on behalf of Military Families Speak Out, a national organization based in Massachusetts. He has organized an Escondido chapter of the organization for Hispanics; nine families are now members, waiting for family members to return from Iraq.

"These days [Suarez] is much more than a grieving father; he's an articulate activist on a lot of different subjects," says Mariscal. "He wrote a response to Bush's State of the Union address and is starting to write a book, which I will translate."

Suarez is no political

novice. His father was a Partido Acción National (PAN) politician in Mexico City. After graduating from a military academy, Suarez came to Tijuana, where he got involved in antipoverty activism, especially in attempts to extend water and

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Not long ago, Suarez founded Guerrero Azteca (Aztec Warrior) as a project of Activist San Diego. Donations to the organization help Suarez with expenses. "I receive sometimes \$1000, sometimes \$1500 a month for my new work," says Suarez. Jorge Mariscal says the main activity of Guerrero Azteca is to give Spanish-speaking young men and women a more realistic view of military service. "Some of them get the idea that there is a law that you must join the armed forces or be put in jail," he says. "And some of the recruiters play that up.'

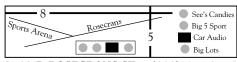
Says Suarez, "We go into high schools and middle schools and give an education about what is true of military life. We try to explain that the recruiting people don't lie, but they don't say the whole truth. I tell the parents to go with their sons and the girls to the recruiting office and ask a lot of questions. And I explain what questions are good; for example, ones about money for school. The military promises \$30,000 for school. I say to the father, 'When they hand you the papers, tell the recruiter to sign here.' When he says he can't do it, you ask why not. And you begin again to question." ■



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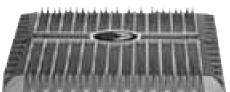
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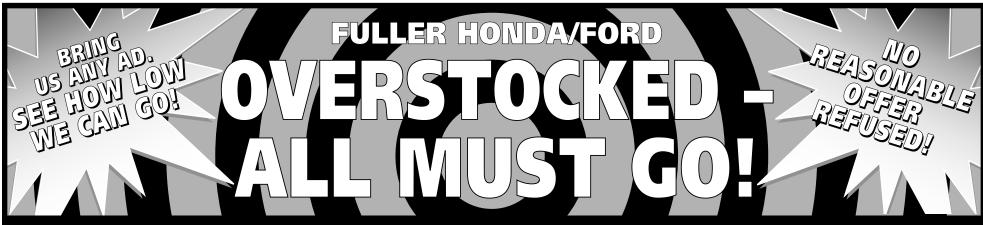
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A question we've asked here in Rancho de Alice for years. How is it that Pa Alice can balance his bulk on Grandma's dainty couch and not fall gut first onto the coffee table? Unfortunately, he's still a medical mystery, but for normal folks, there might be at least a clue to the answer.

A couple of decades ago, two scientists in Scotland were watching people sleep. They, too, wondered why we don't spin out of the sheets every night, given how messy our beds are in the morning. They watched a series of adults sleep on very wide beds without any blanket or other covering so they had no sense of relative position or movement. Throughout the night the science guys marked every change in body position. Funny thing. Turns out we don't turn. Or spin or roll. Their subjects slept on their left sides for a while, then on their backs, then their right sides, back, left, back, right, and like that. They never turned face down, so they didn't actually roll and never moved too far from where they started, no matter how much they thrashed. When the science guys observed toddlers sleeping, they noted that they will turn onto their faces and will roll; so, they conjectured medically, people somehow learn that face-sleeping constricts breathing, so we don't do it when we grow up. That doesn't really explain why we don't fall off cots or couches with regularity, though.

I'm not aware that the science guys were laughed out of town over their conclusions. But after careful checking, I couldn't find a sleep researcher aware of any other study. So accept this as a factlike statement and hope someone else is as curious as you and the Scotsmen.

My friend Ian thinks that ingesting a chunk of human dookie will kill you and that half of dookie content is bacteria. Is this true?! I don't believe it!

I'm Ian, and I think that eating human poo will be fatal b/c of e. coli intake. What do you think?

I think that dish of doodoo could be your last meal, and over dinner you can ask Snuggles why she thinks crap can't kill. Is it because it's stuff that's already been through our bodies, so how bad could it be? What a shame Jackass has been canceled. Feces is mostly water. Maybe 25% of it is fats, mucus and liver secretions, dead cells, undigestables like tomato skins, celery strings, fingernails. Bacteria that gave their lives digesting the junk we eat. And bacteria that are still alive. There's the problem. Even if we don't order out — even if we decide to dig into our own poo — that stuff should be in our intestines, not our stomachs. E. coli is good and necessary, but not for lunch. So even if there's no giardia or hepatitis or other mean wildlife in there, doodoo is dangerous. There's actually no guarantee that you'd get deathly ill. Poo has been eaten; lives have not been lost. But it's just not worth the risk. Besides, what wine

Maybe I'm wrong about this, but it seems that when I'm at the beach on a windy day, I can hear sounds that are being blown toward me, but I can't hear sounds that are downwind. Why would

— Beachcomber, Encinitas

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# It's About Barry Bonds

itchers and catchers report to Padres spring-training camp on Friday. For Padres owner John Moores the world is a sunshiney place: San Diego's new ballpark will dump big bucks into his bank account whether the Padres win or lose. All Moores has to do is place nine uniformed employees on a baseball field 162 times over the course of seven months, and he'll receive millions of dollars.

Let's clap our hands. Sadly, the weather is not as sunshiney in every baseball principality. In fact, there is one king-hell of a scandal coming down the runway, and unless a lot of powerful people people who don't live in the Kingdom of Baseball — get off their butts and begin manipulating events, we will have a scandal the likes of which has not been seen since 1919.

Happily, it appears powerful people are stirring, and if you'll but glance stage left, you'll see a classic containment strategy start to unfold. This is the "Why don't we put the little guy with the 1950s dentist face, pencil mustache, badly dyed black hair, wire-rimmed spectacles in jail and let everybody else go back to sleep?" It's the opening move of Operation Keep the Sun Shining over the Kingdom of Baseball.

Last week, four guys you never heard of were indicted in a San Francisco federal court on dozens of criminal charges, a few of which had to do with manufacturing and selling — for hundreds, occasionally thousands of dollars illegal, performance-enhancing drugs to Major League Baseball players and other world-class athletes. If convicted, the four guys you never heard of will go to jail for two zillion years. In the meantime, the Major League Baseball players who eagerly sought, paid for, and used those drugs in order to inflate their prowess and thereby make millions of dollars off an intentional fraud, received immunity deals.

What follows is the briefest possible summary: Last June, the United States Anti-Doping Agency received a syringe in the mail that contained a performance-enhancing drug that did not show up on tests. Then, the sender telephoned and named names. This led to retesting track-andfield athletes and the appearance of federal authorities.

Which led to a September 3 raid on Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (BALCO) by the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, San Mateo Narcotics Task Force, and their usual law-enforcement sidekicks. Which led to a federal grand jury, the testimony of Barry Bonds, and a supporting cast of millionaire athletes. This led to Thursday's indictment (conspiring to distribute steroids and launder money) of Greg F. Anderson, 37, personal trainer and childhood friend of Barry Bonds, and the indictment of ex-Tower of Power bass player and BALCO CEO, Victor Conte Jr., 53 (conspiring to distribute steroids, launder money, commit fraud, possession of steroids and human growth hormone for sale, possession and delivery of misbranded drugs), his vice president James J. Valente, 49, and track coach Remi Korchemny, 71.

To give you an idea how infected baseball has become, in November the Kingdom announced that 5 to 7 percent of its 1200 players tested positive for steroids. That's a big enough number as to be a serious problem, but the test baseball imposed did not check for the presence of human-growth hormone or the steroid BALCO was turning out. In addition, baseball players had advance warning that tests would be taken. Still, 5 to 7 percent of those tested failed, which works out to about 2 players per team. One wonders, "What's the real number — 7, 8, 15, 20 percent?"

I am using Barry Bonds as an example because of his late maturation into Man of Steel, his peculiar home-run record, his lifelong friendship with Greg Anderson, and his past association with BALCO...to the point of giving testimonials for the firm. Here's a man who played in the major leagues for 15 years and never hit more than 49 home runs. In 2001, a contract year, he hit 73 home runs, received the Kingdom's adulation, and a new \$90 million contract. Bonds was 37 years old. Years earlier, when he first came into the league, media guides listed Bonds at 6 foot, 1 inch, and 185 pounds. Sixteen seasons, one-inch of height, and 45 pounds of hard muscle later, Bonds smashes the homerun record.

But, for all I know, Bonds is merely ingesting more zinc, and 342 coincidences in a row does not make him guilty in the eyes of the law. Yet. Or, more likely, ever.

What seems to be happening is the merciless prosecution of sidewalk scum while letting the big boys walk. You have to admit, it's a lot safer this way. Can you imagine the kind of rot a real investigation would uncover? Imagine all the performance records that would have to be tossed. Imagine — choke — the inevitable loss of auxiliary income.

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Anaheim	15 to 1	8 to 1	Florida	20 to 1	15 to 1
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# SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

**Denomination:** Evangelical Lutheran Synod Address: 1418 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-743-4440

Year founded: 1974

Senior pastor: Reverend Robert Lawson

Congregation size: 50

**Staff size:** 1 full-time, 2 part-time **Sunday school enrollment:** 3

Annual budget: \$80,000 Weekly giving: \$1500

Singles program: no **Diversity:** white, Hispanic

**Dress:** dressy casual to dressy Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m.

The words could have been written in neon: 'Traditional Liturgical Worship at Every Service." I was driving along Bear Valley Parkway in Escondido when I saw the sign. "Tra-

ditional" and "liturgical" aren't adjectives that a church uses to advertise itself nowadays. I made a U-turn and discovered modest lowslung St. Paul Lutheran sitting on a huge plot of undeveloped land. I found an old bulletin

that said the church belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. I was familiar with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the ELCA, Lutheranism's largest and most liberal denomination. The Evangelical Lutheran

Synod?

When I got home I thumbed through Susan Peterson's Timeline Charts of the Western Church, which diagrams "family trees" for many American denominations. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the book showed, was a grand-child of the Church of Norway. I called St. Paul Lutheran and left a message. When I finally got in touch last week with Reverend Robert Lawson, the church's senior pastor. he told me that half of the 50 or so people who attend his services were neither Norwegian nor raised Lutheran.

"That's pretty much a Californian

phenomenon," he said. "Back in Minnesota, where I'm from, you'd find that most people in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod were of Norwegian descent or had at least been raised in one Lutheran Church or another. We're not a very big denomination. We have most in common with the Wisconsin Synod. We call ourselves 'confessional' Lutherans. Our theology and practices follow the 1518 Book of Concord. We're evangelical in the sense that we base everything we do on the Bible, on the Gospel of Christ.'

I asked Reverend Lawson what set his denomination apart from others.

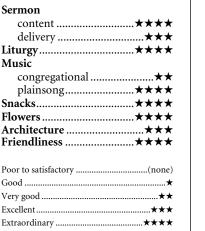
"We have a very high sacramental theology. More than other Lutherans we emphasize what Lutherans call the 'real presence' of Christ in the wine and the bread. Roman Catholics believe that the substance of the elements disappears. We believe that Christ and the elements are present at the same time. Every communicant receives the real body and blood of Christ orally. Through Holy

Communion, every communicant receives forgiveness of sins, and receives life, and salvation. We don't do altar calls. We reject the idea that individuals actually make a definable decision to accept Jesus. We believe that God makes us Christians by baptism."

I'd expected to find a severe tight-lipped crowd at St. Paul. They greeted me as if they'd been waiting to see me for years. "Oh, my. So you drove all the way up from San Diego to visit us? How nice of you. Please, come right in and make yourself at home." They handed me a bulletin that had a line drawing of a crucifix on it with the words "Sexagesima Sunday (Sixty Days Before Easter)" printed across the top. The bulletin detailed a 29-step liturgy. Everything from Prelude to Kyrie to Pax Domini, Nunc Dimittis, and Dismissal. Reverend Lawson, who greeted me at the door in a clerical collar, celebrated the liturgy dressed in a green chasuble. In a pure tenor, he celebrated the liturgy in plainsong. The entire service lasted about 70 minutes.

Which isn't to say he rushed. Many of the

traditional liturgy's 29 steps took only a minute or so, and almost all nudged the liturgy toward Holy Communion. The hymns, some of which were composed in the 16th Century, took the longest. St. Paul's folks belted them out as if they were contemporary evangelical anthems. Reverend Lawson based his sermon, "We Are Sorrowful, Yet We Are Always Rejoicing," on Luke 8:4–15.



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Escondido

Sermon

Music

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Very good ..

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"Christianity is a strange mix of joy and sorrow," he told us. "Where there's no sorrow, there can be no longing for redemption or for a savior. Where there's no sorrow, there's no joy over the forgiveness of sins or for the promise of eternal life.

"Many Christians who experience tragedy are tempted by despair. They experience a loss of faith. Or maybe it's something simpler. Maybe the very pro-

cess of aging confronts them with their own mortality, and the difficulties of old age cause them to despair. We all face different temptations. What many Christians find hard to accept is the reality of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Their salvation was paid in suffering and difficulty. Through suffering and weakness God is drawing us closer to

After the Benediction, Reverend Lawson's tiny son Sam burst from his pew and yelled, "Good morning, Daddy!" Reverend Lawson is 29 years old. His congregants grabbed me by the elbow and begged me to have a cup of coffee and try their coffee cake and Rice

'I'm fresh out of seminary," he said after the service. "When I got to St. Paul a year and half ago, it was pretty low-church. I have a deep respect for liturgical forms, so I'm trying to introduce a few things. Little by little, you know. That's how it goes.'

— Abe Opincar



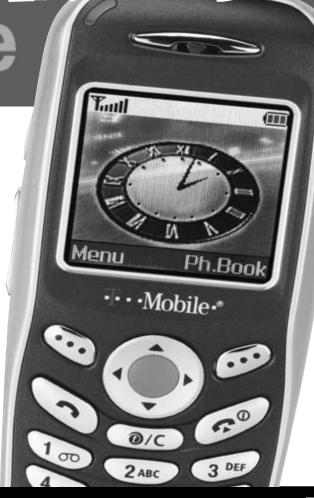
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#### **Dear Aunt Trudy,**

Please warn your older readers against taking the drug Viagra while drinking alcoholic beverages. I have several male friends who are in their late 60s and early 70s who use Viagra, and more than one of them has reported feeling dangerously lightheaded when combining the drug with alcohol. One man I know actually fainted after washing down Viagra with vodka. His wife was not able to wake him up for a few minutes, and so paramedics were called. He actually had to be taken to the hospital. Luckily, he only had a scare but has suffered no long-lasting ill effects. So many men seem to be taking this drug. I'm not sure they're all aware that booze and Viagra are sometimes apparently not compatible, and some of these Viagra enthusiasts seem to have gotten prescriptions over the Internet, so I doubt they were adequately informed about possible side effects of the drug. I'm not a doctor, but I think people should know about this so they can protect

CONCERNED CITIZEN IN EL CAJON

#### Dear Concerned,

What a shame! Thanks for the warning. I urge anyone taking any prescription drug to check with their prescribing physician to find out if it is safe to drink alcohol while taking their medication, if they have any doubt in their mind. I also think that your friends who have had bad reactions to mixing Viagra and alcohol should report that reaction to their doctors immediately.

#### Dear Aunt Trudy,

My father tells me over lunch last week that he got a notice from the IRS saying he owed additional taxes and penalties to the tune of \$12,000. I was shocked and kind of horrified to hear this because, while Dad's business does okay, he doesn't make that much money and doesn't really have \$12,000. He's been struggling off and on financially for years, partly because he has a poor head for money, and partly because his business is erratic much of the time. He's had the same accountant for years who prepares his taxes, and obviously the guy made a big-time mistake in calculating what Dad owed the government for the tax year in question. I started to get mad and asked my dad, "Hey, wait a minute. This guy who does your taxes obviously screwed up. if you owe this tremendous amount of additional money. What's up with that? Doesn't he take any responsibility here?" My dad said, "Oh my accountant's being great. He loaned me the money to pay the IRS what I owe at a very low interest rate. What

Aunt Trudy, this did not put my mind at ease at all but rather alarmed me even more. Is it just me or does this sound strange to you? Since when are tax accountants in the business of lending money to

clients, and collecting interest from them, especially when it's to cover additional whopping tax bills that their errors are responsible for incurring? Something seems wrong or fishy to me here. Doesn't this sound like a conflict-of-interest situation? Isn't this guy taking advantage of my gullible father in some underhanded way? A guy does my dad's taxes wrong and then profits by his mistake. My dad is telling me to calm down, that everything's fine. I don't like it. What do you say?

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#### Dear Steamed-Up,

I, too, was skeptical about this business, so I contacted the California Board of Accountancy. That's the entity that regulates Certified Public Accountants in our state. The gentleman I talked to on the phone provided the following information. Strange as it may sound, apparently the accountant's lending your dad money at interest to pay his additional IRS bill does not violate any part of the accountancy act. During our phone conversation the man I spoke to said that while he wouldn't recommend that accountants lend their clients money, or that clients borrow money from their accountants, such activity doesn't violate the official code of conduct. It doesn't constitute a breach of ethics under their rules. He also advised that if your father and his accountant are going to get involved in a lender/borrower relationship as described, then, "For God's sake, get all the particulars down in writing." This seemed like very sensible counsel that perhaps you will want to pass along to dear old Dad. If you have further questions about this matter, you can contact the California Board of Accountancy yourself. They have a website, and their telephone number is 916-263-3680. I found them personable and helpful and, wonder of wonders. when I phoned they didn't put me on hold for even one second.

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"Bees are smart; they will

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My eldest son's first bee sting landed him in the emergency room with a face that resembled a marshmallow. Even after a shot of cortisone, it took three days for the swelling to disappear. A subsequent sting left a lump on his calf the size of a golf ball. Bees make him understandably nervous, and when I saw him coming up from the back yard, I recognized the worried brow. "The bushes are buzzing, Mom."

While Grandma guarded the door and kept the kids corralled in the family room, I zipped down to Bee Best Bee Removal in Chula Vista (619-466-6961, www.beebestinc.com) to get the buzz on bee removal. There, I spoke with owners Jeff and Michele Lutz. "Honeybees make up the bulk of our work," Jeff told me. "We have done some bumblebee jobs, but they've diminished over the last seven years — there's a mite that's been killing them. Honeybees live in colonies; one colony can have 40,000 to 50,000 bees.

. That's 40,000 to 50,000 potential stings; what does a body do for protection? "They gear up before the ladders go up on a job," explained Michele. "The gear starts with a safari helmet with a veil attached. The veil zips down onto a cotton or polyester suit with elasticized openings. The gloves are heavy plastic, with an elastic band that grips the arm. And the guys wear combat boots." For added protection, "they wear heavy clothing underneath, and they run tape around the bottom of their pant legs. Bees are smart; they will burrow up and try to sting you." And still, she told me that on any given day during the season — March to September with a peak in April-May — the odds are that a bee is going to get a stinger into every guy on the job. Even the veils are fallible if enough bees press against the mesh, they can force it close against your head and go to

The majority of honeybees, said Jeff, make their home "around the roof. They enter through attic ventilation holes or cracks in the roofline. Second would be wall jobs.'

Bees are looking for warmth and comfort and a volume of space in which to build their hive," added Michele. The couple took me through a photo album of past jobs. "This hive is about three weeks old," noted Jeff, "and it's about a basketball and a half in dimension. And this hive is seven months old and about six feet tall."

"Sometimes," said Michele, "if you're in an old house with a hive that's five or ten years old, you can smell the honey through the drywall.

Bees arrive in a swarm, explained Michele. "When the queen lands on a wall and moves into a structure, the bees funnel in behind her in 15 to 20 minutes. But establishing a hive, getting a substantial amount of honeycomb and broodcomb — where they have the cells takes a couple of weeks. That's why we tell people to act right away when the bees move in." "Sometimes," said Jeff, "people will wait

months after seeing a swarm, because they think the bees will go away. We tell them, 'They're not going to leave.' Or if the bees swarm to a tree or a bush, people think it's not a problem. I tell them, Get the bees on the tree, rather than waiting until they move into your structure." (Swarm removals run between \$195 and \$395, depending on difficulty of access.)

Jeff described a typical job: "I remove swarms with a vacuum." Though the method removes the need for chemicals, it is still lethal." Jeff kills the bees because they might be Africanized. "Africanized bees produce more honey, but they are extremely aggressive. They've killed animals in the county. This year alone, I've had three calls where they've killed dogs or raccoons.

'If you need a hive removed from a structure, we work in the early morning or the evening, when the bees aren't as active. We use Skilsaws to open the structure. Then we remove the hive, with the bees and broodcomb, using a prybar. We put the

hive in a bag. After that, we extract all the honeycomb and the wax and scrape the area clean. Next we repair the structure and seal it up, which includes paint matching if necessary. Finally, we beeproof the structure by putting up screening and caulking in the holes and cracks where the bees came in. We do that

because bees love to come back where they've been before — there's still scent left in the structure. (Structural hive removals start at \$1200-\$1400 and go up depending on the difficulty of accessing the hive. "Typically," said Jeff, "we'll give a warranty up to one year." Bee Best also offers paper wasp or mud wasp removal; \$195 for a single-story structure, \$295 for a two-story.)

Jeff thinks removing the hive is the best way to go, but "sometimes, there are jobs that don't warrant opening the structure. It would involve too much destruction and cost. In that case, I tell them to have the hive sprayed by a pest control company. That way, at least the hive won't still be growing."

Mikki at Bee Gone Bee Removal in Kearny Mesa (858-560-1193) agreed that removal is best if possible. "If the honeycomb stays, it can reattract the bees," she said. "And pesticides don't always work." Bee Gone does live removal for all jobs. In the case of a swarm, "we get the swarm into a bucket or swarm box, and then relocate the bees. It's \$195 for swarm removal. For wasps or hornets, we remove the nest and go around the perimeter of the home to make sure we've gotten them all. That's also \$195." If they have to dig a nest out of a hill, the cost is around \$300. "When we open a structure on a roof job, that can run up to \$2000. But if we catch them within two weeks, and they're just up under the eaves where we can reach them by removing face board, the price is less — about \$575 for a two-story.

- 1. Bees on honeycomb
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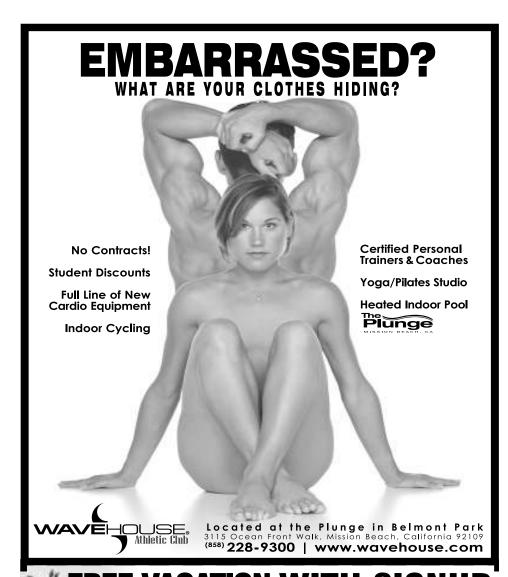
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### BACK WHEN

#### In the Reader

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

The Unicorn theater the past two weeks has brought three more first-run imports our way, one from Hungary and two from Switzerland, the latter allotment sufficient, I would think, to temporarily relieve all those with an aching curiosity about the contemporary Swiss cinema (all two of you). It would be less than polite of me to let them pass without grunting some sort of acknowledgement — although in these three cases, also a little less than honest.

"THANKS FOR COMING," Duncan Shepherd,
 February 22, 1979

#### Twenty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

Is there or is there not a street in Leucadia called Batstew Terrace? According to the latest Thomas Bros. map, page twenty-four, there is. I have always been amused by funny street names, but this one takes the cake. I drove over there to take a picture of the street sign but found none. In fact, the people in the area insist that there's no such street. One person who lived there informed me that the street in question (a small cul-de-sac at the north end of Urania Avenue) has no name, but they give their address as being in the 1300 block of Burgundy Road (a block north of, and with no access to, Batstew Terrace). What's going on here? — Liz Gillian, Solana Beach.

"STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP," Matthew Alice,
 February 23, 1984

#### Fifteen Years Ago

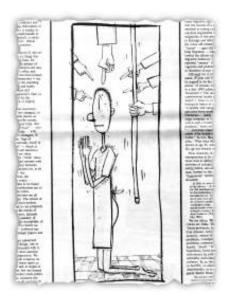
The advent of AIDS requires even the most modest, most reserved individual to cast propriety aside and boldly debate the merits of various prophylactic devices, intimate practices, the source and quantity of bodily excrescences (or the desirability of ingesting thereof). There is clearly no turning back the clock — *politesse* has gone the way of the passenger pigeon and jitterbug.

 "INTESTINAL RECTITUDE," Abe Opincar, February 23, 1989

#### Ten Years Ago

Upward I spiral into Balboa Park's California Tower. My shoes ring on the treads in a ghostly ping-pong cadence played with metal paddles. I pause to read the name "City Ornamental Iron Works" cast on one riser.

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in America — is to levitate above our relatively flat coastal plain of mesas and canyons and scratch at a bowl of sky. Strangely anachronistic, almost medieval, the experience is complete with ringing bells, a fortress courtyard beneath my feet, and true visual command of the surrounding fiefs. Then I'm back to the 20th century as a jetliner suddenly appears on final approach to Lindbergh Field, its windows level with the concrete casting done by the Piccirilli Brothers of New York City. To those encapsulated passengers, whose experience is about as spiritually uplifting as riding in a ballpoint pen, the tower is a fantastic lone stalagmite, its upper reaches encrusted with sensuous entablature and ornament, surmounted by a small dome 180 feet above the ground (480 feet above sea level). This is Xanadu by the sea.

— "TOWER ENVY," Peter Jensen, February 17, 1994

#### Five Years Ago

As a frequent visitor to Tijuana I read with interest Bill Manson's "Killers in the Neighborhood" (City Lights, February 4). However, it took me no further than the second paragraph to realize how nauseatingly ingermane and naïve a piece of reporting he was offering up by lamenting the woes of grossly overpaid, exploitive corporate executives. I quote: "Air Security International, which caters to privatejet-flying executives, has been compiling the list for its clients for the past two years." What the hell does this have to do with your readers anyway? Is your weekly aspiring to pander to the corporate class, or is this just more ignorant sensationalism? I was especially amused by the advice you give on how we (your readers) should conduct ourselves in Tijuana: "Don't take the same routes every day. Vary your schedule. Keep your schedule as confidential as possible..." In essence, we should go into paranoia.

LETTERS: "GROSSLY OVERPAID EXECUTIVES,"
 Don Peterson, February 18, 1999

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# FOOTBALL AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS

by Josh Board

being invited to a number of Super Bowl parties posed problems. I'm a football fan and don't want to miss any of the game going from party to party. I figured I could go to two and leave during half-time to hit the second party. I wouldn't miss anything during the halftime show. Hindsight is 20/20.

I got an e-vite to the first party. What's neat about that is you can see who's going, find out what food they're bringing, and read posts from the guests.

The party was at a house in Kearny Mesa and was thrown by Bryan and Victoria. They're members of a running club called the Hash House Harriers, which has chapters all over the U.S. Victoria said, "You might hear weird names. We call each other by our nicknames." Victoria mentions several of the members' nicknames, the cleanest one being "Diaper Rash" and the others...well, not suitable for this family newspaper. "They have the names on their license plates, too." Hmm. Can't figure out how some of those names would fit — or get past the DMV.

Victoria told me about a run they have called the "Red



Top: Super Bowl food; Bottom left: Dave the porn star, second from right;

Bottom right: Jeannie Lu (bottom left)

ing males, has to wear a red dress. Someone else told me later, "We have a run where at the different checkpoints they hand out beer instead of water. You wear a plastic mug around your neck, and it gets filled up at each stop." Victoria hears this and says, "We're a drinking club with a running problem." She tells me that on some runs they don't even know where they're going.

sized home. But the garage had a giant disco ball, a fully stocked bar, posters of women everywhere, an old-fashioned popcorn machine, a TV, and a projector screen — which

"We're a drinking club with a running problem."

People mark the areas with chalk and flour, and the pack follows, not knowing where they'll end up or if there's a shortcut they could've taken.

This house was perfect for a party. It was just a medium-

showed some crazy scenes from last year's party. I also saw they had plaster casts of a variety of breasts. I'm told those were made at one party where casts were made of different people's body parts. Bottom right: Jeannie Lu (bottom left)

The kitchen counter was filled with food. There was also a blackjack table and a craps table. Unfortunately, they were being used for chips and dips, not gambling. Victoria said, "We've had casino parties before" and showed me napkins they had made for the occasion. The kitchen also had the game being projected onto

I saw one couple wearing football jerseys; she was wearing the Cowboys, he was in a Steelers shirt. I asked her,

an entire wall. There were

neon beer signs all around.

One said, "Got Beer?"

"Does that create problems in the marriage?" She responded, "No, they're in different divisions so we're okay. Besides, I'm more of a fan. I'm the one that drags him out to the sports bar on Sundays." He said, "I think it's cool to find a woman that's so into football." He and I ended up talking about those great Super Bowls with the Steelers and Cowboys in the '70s.

The bathroom had a TV.

And with the Super Bowl, you can no longer go to the bathroom during commercials. In some games, the commercials are the best part. They had a soap dish shaped like a football as well as numerous bowls in the kitchen shaped like footballs, which were filled with chips.

There was a motor home out front with TVs and food. I was told that was in case there wasn't enough room in the house for the more than 100 invited guests. I can't imagine who would want to go there to watch the game. It would be like being at the kids' table during Thanksgiving dinner. You're away from all the action.

The back yard was the ultimate party setup. There was a refrigerator, a few cool-







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ers, two kegs, two grills, and a big Jacuzzi (the evite said "clothing optional"). There were six hammocks hanging from various locations, all within sight of a TV. And the most popular item was a large frozen margarita machine. One person asked, "Was this taken from a restaurant?" A friendly guy with an eye patch joked, "The only reason I get invited to parties is to bring my margarita machine." It was like getting a Slurpee at 7-Eleven. You pulled it, and your cup was filled. After two of these, I got pretty buzzed.

Brvan seemed a lot more quiet than his wife. We talked briefly. I told him I loved how the back yard was shaded by a giant parachute he used for a tarp. I asked if he got that from when he was in the Navy. He said. "Actually. no. I should've tried, but I never took anything. I bought this on eBay." Another guy overheard this and said, "Yeah, if you took one from the military, can you imagine that? Somebody parachutes and yells, 'Oh, shit! Where's my 'chute?'— not knowing it's shading a back yard party."

I saw one woman wearing a shirt that listed every imaginable term for breasts. She said, "I wore this on a run I did for breast cancer. Everyone loved it." A few guys who had been drinking would periodically come up and sav a different word. "Jugs. Is that on there? Oh yeah, there it is." I bet the woman with the Cowboys jersey wasn't bothered by as many drunk

To get the conversation back to football and away from breasts, I asked the Cowboys fan if she was from Dallas or if she just jumped on the bandwagon when the team was winning in the '90s. She lectured me for half an hour

on how she grew up in Arizona but had been a fan since she was a kid watching them on TV. "Even when they sucked, I stayed a fan." she said.

I overheard one guy saying, "I had a Jacuzzi like this put in my back yard, and my SDG&E bill

went up \$200."

I was told there was a camera hidden somewhere in the back vard and a website was carrying the party live. I wondered who would be watching a computer screen on Super Bowl Sunday. But I thought of some uses for

that camera when I met a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army. He was bald and looked to be in his late 40s. He said something about his wife leaving him for a guy with hair. As I downed my fifth margarita, somebody asked if I knew what he

did for a living. I asked him. He's a porn star who goes by the name Dave Cummings. He said. "I'm 63. The oldest guy in the porno industry." McCartney didn't have a guy like this in mind when he wrote "When I'm Sixty-Four." He continued. "I

know it's that novelty aspect that people like. But last week I had to do a scene with a 36-year-old. That's a little too old for me. I prefer them to be a little vounger."

Playboy did a story on him a few years back. He told me, "I've been in over

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700 movies." I told him I'd heard that women make so much more than men in that industry, and he said, "Yeah, that's true. They aren't buying these movies to see me and my fat belly [he's actually in great shape]. I still get \$500 a scene." Good work if you can get it.

"What do you do if you aren't attracted to the woman in the scene?"

"I'll concentrate on something they have that's attractive. Even if it's just their smile.'

As I was leaving, a six-foot-tall African-Ameri-

can woman showed up and hugged Dave. She looked like Vanessa Williams but prettier. I said — but I swear it was the alcohol talking — "Is she in any of your movies?" My date elbowed me, but, luckily, this lady laughed.

Halftime was starting, so we headed out. I felt too drunk to drive and gave my date the keys. Big mistake. I saw us pull into the parking lot of Fashion Valley. She says, "I just have to pick up this necklace at Tiffany's." Little did I know, as she picked up the necklace and ran into another store to try on an outfit, Justin Timberlake was ripping Janet

Jackson's top off.

We finally got to the second party. It was thrown by a beautiful Chinese woman named Jeannie Lu and her husband Steve. The invitation said, "Bring a bottle to help us stock our liquor cabinet." It listed a lot of things that would be going on at the party. At the bottom in small print it read, "Oh yeah, the game will be on."

I was smoking a cigar on the patio. One overdressed guy was out there talking into a cell phone about selling stocks. Steve was pouring everyone shots of tequila. After a few, my date wisely said,

"We better stop drinking or neither of us will he able to drive home." I reminded her we still had another half of football to go and lots of food to eat. Jeannie showed us all the food they had. It included wonton soup, hot wings, rolled tacos, lumpia, Asian lettuce wraps, rice, Asian pot stickers, chili, cookies, brownies, and cream puffs.

I joked to Steve that he kept missing me when passing out the shots of teguila. I told Jeannie I didn't think her husband knew I was joking, and she said, "Oh, he's so sweet, and he's a great host." She tells me he was the youngest guy to ever

become a helicopter pilot with the Border Patrol when he was 21 (he's in his early 30s now).

There was a diverse mix of people here. Not just racially. One girl drinking a beer looked young. I said, "Can I see your ID?" She admitted she was too young to drink. An older man came outside and she said, "That's my grandfather. And he doesn't mind."

I saw a few little kids come up from downstairs. They all had to stay down there, which was nice for us, and I presume they weren't allowed to drink.

There was a tall blonde woman who looked to be in her late 40s. She was so sweet and kept telling us to try the cream puffs she'd made. I noticed she was with a slightly younger guy who was wearing a Chargers jersey. He looked like a bigger version of Gregg Allman, I found out later that he was her son. She kept bringing him drinks, and he was getting plastered. He told me he worked in an auto body shop and that he had quit school in ninth grade. He said, "I was making close to \$15 an hour. Why go to school?" In my head, I'm doing the math, comparing \$15 an hour to \$500 a woman.

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Well, it didn't matter. New England came back and won. I handed him the money as he laughed. He said. "If I would've lost. I wouldn't have paid you!" The guy sitting next to me said. "I would've then had to knock out his other tooth." He had one missing.

I went back out onto the patio and talked for a while to a guy who was a lawyer. Somebody came out and asked him if he "wanted to smoke a doobie." He said, "No way, man. I'm too fucked up already."

He reminded me of Chuck Barris, the way he looked, and had a continuous smile on his face. He talked about how he swims miles each day and how that's better than getting high. And we ended up talking about past Super Bowls. I was surprised at how much he knew about football, going back to the first couple of Super Bowls. My date said, "Can we go? All this football is really getting boring."

We left. And didn't stop at any malls. ■

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# I COVER THE Waterfront

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crawl into the backyard. There I could sit tossing pebbles into the fountain until the hostess found me out. If she compelled me to come back into the house and join the conversation, my topics would have to be of swordfishing,

or of lobstering, or of hunting sardines in the dark of the moon, or of fleet gunnery practice, or of cotton shipments. The predicament has passed beyond my control. I am one of those creatures who remain permanent, who stay in one place, that successful men on returning home may see for the happiness of comparison. I am of the damned and the lost, and yet I do know more than I did six years ago when I first came here, a graduate in liberal arts.

I existed my first season on this waterfront buoyed by that common hope of mankind that by

next year I would write a book, a novel composed of the characters I met. Quite tidily, too, I would insert my own silent sufferings, such as eating at the lunch counter downstairs where the sugar bowl is always chucked with brown lumps. These fishermen will dip coffee spoons back into it for the third or fourth helping. But instead of writing of this, I learned instead to take the lazy man's course and drink my coffee without sugar.

The second year blended into the third. The characters I had picked out for my novel gradually became more blurred to my complete understanding. Nobody was definitely good, nobody was definitely bad. The more I knew of them, the less positive I became of which stand to take, and for a novel a writer does need a villain; a writer needs several of them. Even Evangeline, the brown-haired waitress, proved a disappointment to my plans. I had selected her to be the waterfront harlot. I had a drab death already prescribed for her, a death in which she would fling herself from the tugboat pier with only the silver moon as witness. The gentle bosom of the bay would cleanse her of her sorrow, would baptise her anew, and she would be carried by the tide to sea with a look of peace upon her world-wronged face. But unfortunately Evangeline does not need cleansing. In fact, she has a home and a husband, rather a nice chap. He is a quartermaster on a destroyer based here. And even now I can hardly forgive Evangeline for this trick on

Of course, if a writer were really desperate for harlots there are plenty of them around here. They



Tugboat pier along Embarcadero

follow the fleet from port to port as regularly as the wake of the vessels, but a person has to be an expert to distinguish them. I see the girls come down to the float where the shoreboats land, but often enough they turn out to be dutiful wives or high school daughters. And the sailors, especially, are wise enough to keep their mouths shut until they know for sure.

At any rate the original characters I selected for my book never did show up. I have yet to see them. I do not know what has happened to them, but I have

The original characters I selected for my book I have yet to see them. I do not know what has

waited six years. I can wait no longer; I am getting too old, so must go ahead with what I already have on hand.

My studio, by the way, is upstairs in the tugboat office. The room is not mine. It belongs to the publicity agent of the deep-sea fishing barge. Until this book he has been a critic of all I write. When my news stories concerned his fishing barge, he clipped them out. He keeps a scrapbook to show his employer at the end of the season. Some of my writings are being saved. I underestimated myself.

The walls of this room are decorated with pictures of bluefin, yellowfin, skipjack, barracuda, and mackerel. These are my inspiration. They are the leftover pictures he could not peddle to the papers. Men are holding the fish. The pictures where women are holding the fish are peddled. They were printed. He has none of them left but he keeps the others here.

The shingles of the roof show through the ceiling. The roof slopes so low on the south side that a person cannot stand up there. The room is quite small, and in summer stuffy with a sort of cobweb stuffiness.

Frequently the tugboat operators come up to see the publicity agent, my lone encouragement. They have questions to be answered, yet mostly they desire to read his library. The book in it is Rabelais, illustrated. He keeps it locked in the middle drawer to the right. The operators must not take the book downstairs to the pier, but must read it in the room, and first must see that their hands are wiped of grease. He keeps an eye secretly on them as they read; he is deathly afraid that one of them with a pencil might some day add insulting shadows to the naked ladies. And all this, then, is the ultimate of my literary environment. I who would have consented six years ago to have done book reviews while waiting for the job of the-

The two windows, small and unmovable, furnish a clear sweep of the harbor through their film of dirt. The sea gulls come and perch near the window ledges. The birds stare in at me and I stare out at them. During these interviews we both carry rather silly expressions, for neither of us seems to know what he is going to do next. They act as if they, too, have read up on the universe around us and are wise to the fact that in this jumble of orbits we are foolish to have ambitions, that we are foolish to do anything all day long except eat. In a million million years the whole show will be ended anyhow, and so why should they or I acquire wrinkles trying to amount to something? Whereupon, we merely stand and stare, passengers on the

The pelicans now are different, specially the old pelicans that perch on the pierheads beyond the windows. The pelicans have worried so much about life that the tops of their heads are gray. They have worried and worried, yet have arrived nowhere either. They do not even bother to look in the window at me. Each day has become as much a burden to them as their heavy bills. They are tired, so tired they have forgotten how to make a noise. They are so tired they no longer can be bothered scrambling for food.

At first they must have despised the sea gulls for all of their squawking and for all of their swooping for scraps and for their greedy habit of robbing the nests of the cormorants. They must have regarded sea gulls much as I regard committee people, and yet the pelicans in time must have grown up, which is more than I can do. They must have forced themselves to consider the sea gull in its better moments, when its stomach is stuffed to the limit, when it is content to sit by these windows staring in at me as though it, too, is filled with reasoning. All sea gulls, I think, would ultimately like to be pelicans, but so far are too earthy to overcome their appetites.

And so I do have my acquaintances, after all, in my studio upstairs on the tugboat pier.

#### **Elephant Seal Editor**

Each year we go after elephant seals for the Zoo. Sometimes we go in the Navy's tugboat, Koka, sometimes in the Navy's Eagle boat 34. We cruise to that Mexican

# never did show up. happened to them.

### Who Was Max Miller?

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the sun. However, to beat a deadline, "the story was written in advance of the eclipse," laughs Van Deerlin. (Today, that could lead to a disqualifica-

tion, perhaps ex post facto.)

All three papers had reporters covering the San Diego waterfront, and Max Miller of the Sun was the best by far, agree old-timers who can remember San Diego in the Depressionwracked 1930s.

Thus, to San Diegans, it was no surprise that in 1932, Miller authored a book named I Cover the Waterfront.

What was surprising is that this earthy book immediately became a runaway best seller, garnering rave reviews from publications and/or critics known for their stuffiness.



Max Miller, 1941

Said the then-insufferably haughty and Eastern-centric New Yorker, "It's a book you really ought to read."

The old gray lady, the New York Times, dubbed the book "distinctive, original, unusual, fresh in tone and manner, with a quaint whimsicality of feeling and expression."

Enthused Harry Carr of the Los Angeles Times, "This book has the touch of something dangerously like pure genius."

Wow. That was high praise for a book of vignettes about San Diego's waterfront — an area of seedy saloons, brothels, hard-toiling fishermen, hard-drinking dock workers, hard-bitten con men, and hard-up sailors that the preachers wanted to sanitize and city fathers wanted to keep hidden.

As those who devour the Reader's serialization of I Cover the Waterfront will quickly learn, the book is, indeed, a work of genius. Only Max Miller could have written so penetratingly and concisely of the demise of the henpecked Johnny Lafferty. Or of the gangly, publicity-loving Charles Lindbergh, before he gained world celebrity. Or of the hermit on the rattlesnakeinfested Mexican island who, on rare trips to the mainland, headed straight for Mrs. Morgan's Boarding House for Girls, which really wasn't a

island of Guadalupe.

There on the sands the monsters are awaiting us. They comprise the only herd of their kind in existence, and they are too contented with themselves to be angry at our intrusion.

They have basked in the sunlight of those islands for hundreds of years now, and who are we? We are a pestilence of germs to carry them away. Only they do not recognize germs. They fear nothing they cannot recognize.

From the vessel we float the sides of a cage ashore through the surf. The frames are covered with paddockfencing of the strongest. On the beach we put the cage together, leaving the shore-end open.

We walk through the herd selecting the member we want, although all look healthy enough. Their black eyes are as doorknobs, their seawashed hides catch the Mexican sun and radiate it back at us. Their long noses are like sawed-off elephant trunks, and they turn these noses up at us as we walk past. We do not belong here. They can tell this by sniffing.

We select the one we wish, not because of his size, but because of his convenience to the cage. We shoo him backwards into the cage. We threaten to hit him in the snout if he does not back up, yet he weighs a ton and a half; he weighs as much as all of us twice

over.

When he is in the cage, and the cage is secure, we wait for the tide to rise; then we float the cage out to the vessel. The ship's crane hoists the load aboard, and the ship's

back as many as we have room for, as the herd must number half a thousand. Sometimes we see them swimming far offshore long before we reach the island. They are so big that you imagine you

Their black eyes are as doorknobs, their seawashed hides catch the Mexican sun and radiate it back at us.

pumps are turned upon the captive to keep him wet. If he is not kept wet he moves about scratching himself and fretting.

Sometimes we bring back three at a time. We can bring

are looking at some sea-monster these many years extinct.

But 50 years ago there used to be lots of elephant seals around here, old fishermen say. The elephant seals used to come as far

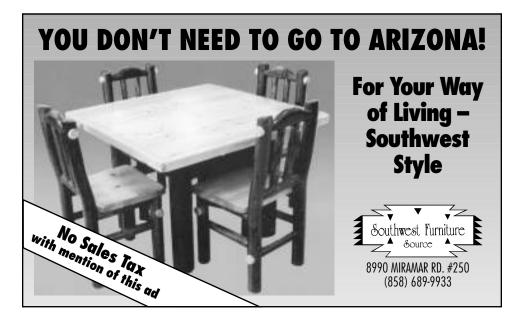
north as Southern California. Everybody thought the herd had all been killed off until these were found at Guadalupe. The Mexican Government does not permit them to be killed now, and the expedition has to get permission from Mexico City before making the capture. This always takes a long time.

The only syndicate stories I am ever sure of selling are about elephant seals. Nobody seems to be anxious to buy my short stories or my opinions, but I can always market copy on elephant seals. They are my lone entrée into literature. Nor are my words sufficient in themselves. My stories must be illustrated.

This fact used to humiliate me four or five years ago, but now I am hardened, and I am grateful for any outside check.

For other reasons, too, I consider myself quite an elephant-seal expert; I am the elephant-seal editor. I know that the only time the bulls are the least bit vicious is during May and June. This is mating season for them, and as each bull is fond of collecting a harem the fighting among the bulls is terrific. They bunt each other against the sharp rocks of Guadalupe until one or the other gives up and dies. They do not bite. Their mouths are not built for biting. They simply slam each other with-









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On these expeditions I like to pretend that I am far away on the other side of the earth and am really doing something for science. The desolate island with its bleak cliffs helps me play the secret little game. But the game is always short-lived, for in actuality we are only a night and a day away from the city, and we are back in port before we know it. Even our captures are no surprise to the city, for the success of the expedition had been radioed on ahead to the Zoo. Trucks and a crane are on the pier to meet us. The trucks parade the giants through the

streets to the Zoo tank, and always the creatures are so large that their tails drag along the cement, and persons stare.

The Zoo officials thank us in such a way that I always leave the grounds feeling a little silly. The officials know there is no danger connected with the capture, but I wish they didn't.

### **CHAPTER 3** Honest **Conversations**

Each two weeks a liner from New York arrives, and we three waterfront reporters go out in a shoreboat to meet her before she docks.

We are three agents of Heaven sent out ahead to inspect the latest shipload of souls before they land.

But, of course, our inspection is only secondhand, as the passengers have been graded and labeled before they left New York.



Their names have been sent overland by the line's publicity service, but we must make sure they are still aboard, that they did not get off at Panama, and besides, our papers want pictures of them.

I used to feel mortified at the task of meeting liners, but now I do not mind. I used to believe what I

read in books about all passengers considering ships' reporters a nuisance, but now I do not know for sure. Or perhaps habit has deadened my nerves. As a reporter I may have become what I most feared I would become, "typical."

Outside the channel we board the liner as soon as the quarantine flag goes down. We climb a Jacob's ladder, a camera-man with us, to the first hatch.

The passengers bend over the starboard railings to watch us. The three of us, or sometimes there are only two of us, are that "flock" of reporters which famous beings are always encountering in novels. We are the "flock" of reporters from whom famed beings are always hiding. When novelists get real mean, they have us entering rooms with our hats on, and they have us diving for the sandwich plate with both hands and a pocket. And they have us persisting with our questions until finally the hero hauls off and knocks us out.

We, then, are these reporters. We swing aboard, and the line's publicity agent swings aboard with us. The ship's purser says hello to us, and he calls us by name, and he tells us which stateroom belongs to us. Sometimes when he is not too busy, he comes with us to the stateroom, bringing a passenger list with him. He rings for a steward, who brings into the stateroom refreshments taken aboard during the vessel's stop at Havana. The steward

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"Not much," we say, "because we're working." Or sometimes if the liner has arrived too late for the day's edition, we do not say this. He tells us who is aboard who would make copy. If we have our doubts, the line's publicity agent goes on deck and finds out. The cameraman goes with him, and we three reporters stay and talk with the purser, and sometimes the chief engineer comes in and talks too. The chief engineer on one of the liners always wants to know if we can get him tickets to the fights held in the city each Friday night. Sometimes we can, and so we sit there talking

and sipping the fumes from Havana, and the purser and the engineer tell us about the women aboard. This always seems their duty, to take care of the women aboard who travel alone and after the first week get lonely. The purser and the engineer like to tell us about them. And after awhile, the line's publicity agent comes back into the stateroom.

"Well, I got a few items," he will say. "But a deader ship I've never seen. It's terrible."

He pours himself a bit, then recites the items and names to us, and we copy them on our copy paper. Or sometimes the office has told us to get a spe-

cial story on a special passenger. Then we talk with him ourselves, and the bigger he is, the easier he is to talk with. And often we find that we, and not the passenger, are the ones being interviewed. They ask us as many questions as we ask them, and sometimes they like to come along with us back to the stateroom for a bit of the bottle and to talk with us there about the city they are entering. The liner continues sliding through the channel toward the pier. This always takes at least an hour as the gangway is a slow thing to handle even after the lines are on the dock.

If I were given all New York to cover for a week, I doubt if I could run into as many honest conversations with as many honest big men as I have experienced in this little bay of sunlight. The days on the ocean coming up from Panama have rested their minds, I believe, and they are not so eager to be distrustful of all human faces. They tell us any number of secrets which we know they do not want printed, and so we do not print them. Nor do years blur the memory of these conversations.

I can recall as if yesterday the half-cloudy morning Jack Dempsey told us he came to town to get married, and would we hold off the story until he bought the license.

We went with him, and he introduced us reporters to Miss Taylor. Not one of us had the heart to violate such courtesy, but to the contrary we felt as if we were confederates with him in the plot for secrecy.

I remember the uncomfortably hot morning — and it must have been years and years ago — that Charlie Chaplin arrived on the Emma *Alexander* to film the fade-out scene of The Gold Rush. His cast was ordered to be ready for work at sunrise. The members were ready for work at sunrise, each weighed beneath Alaskan furs. They were still ready at 9:00 and they were still ready at 11:00, each

face a spectacle of discomfort as the sun struck at them. Chaplin had gone ashore somewhere, and at noon he appeared, walking up the pier with one foot in a gunnysack. Very well, he should apologize, should he, and he the man who was paying them.

I remember going out into the harbor to interview Laura LaPlante, waiting on shipboard for the filming of *The Midnight* Sun. She stood by the railing in all her makeup and sniffling most frightfully. She had a wretched cold but dare not use a handkerchief because her face would have to be re-made. I cannot look at one of her pictures now with-







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out remembering the hopelessness of this tragedy.

Nor how could I ever regret the months donated to Charles Lindbergh. "Slim," we called him. And all this was before he was vanked away from the earth-dwellers and sanctified into membership with the Deity. All this was while he was hanging around here waiting for his monoplane to be completed. All this was while the desk still considered him just another goof out to get publicity. He would

thank me each time I succeeded getting in a story on him. I think he wanted the clippings to send to his backers in St. Louis. He wanted to show them he was not sleeping.

His hat sat so stiffly on his head that sometimes it was embarrassing to walk into a restaurant with him. He was so gawky then; he was as a farmer boy still in the torturous throes of growth. Somebody later must have whispered to him about his hat, perhaps Ambassador Herrick. For it was changed immediately after his ascent into sainthood. We who know him around

know. We guided him about as we would a high school child on his first trip to the city.

[Lindbergh's] hat sat so stiffly on his head that sometimes it was embarrassing to walk into a restaurant with him.

the small plane factory felt it our duty to look out after him. There was so much about life he apparently did not

A tribe of beings have this God-given gift of seeming helplessness, and he was a member of the tribe. Of course, it was obvious to all of us that he knew planes almost to the point of fanaticism. Otherwise we would have had nothing to do with him. The editors, not being on the field or in the factory, had no way of seeing this fanatical knowledge of his at work, and so it is no wonder they doubted our copy about him. He was honest with a strange, big-eyed honesty, but even we, his friends, doubted if he would get across. He was too innocent to get anywhere.

"Slim, you ought

to go on an exciting party."

There were four of us in my room when this suggestion was made to him. We had come to my room after lunch for a smack of cognac. A French vessel had just been in port, and I had boarded her. We were sitting around, the four of us, Frank Mahoney, who owned the factory, and "Adolph" Edwards, the factory's chief salesman and its only one. We had long ago stopped offering a glass to "Slim," as his answer was always the same. It





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was simply a waste of time, and besides we did feel like his protectorates; we felt as though we were all his trainers and that he was the only member of the football team. Each of us had to look out after him.

"But Slim, you ought to go on at least one party," Edwards repeated.

"I'd like to," he confessed. "Honest, I'd like to." His tone had such a wistfulness about it, such a helpless desire to study the mechanics of sin, that

the three of us felt like conspirators of the blackest.

"I know..." Frank Mahoney saved the day. "I know, Slim. You just wait till you get to Paris. They have all kinds of parties there."

"I'll be broke, though."

Frank thought a moment: "You can sell your plane."

"I figured on that, but it will be just enough money to get me back. The thing will have had so many hours."

To be sure, this was

a problem.

Yet today, here I am, performing in a way I had vowed never to perform, writing reminiscences of Slim. Or at least one reminiscence. Yet perhaps I may be forgiven as the original point in mind was not to write of him, but to show how even reporters way out here, even waterfront reporters, frequently enough have experiences handed them in a bucket — experiences for which New York reporters would have waited in an anteroom.

Or again, there are statesmen and politicians. But everybody sooner or later gets to talk with them. Herbert Hoover, before he was nominated, slipped into town by train one morning. With his overcoat under his arm he hurried, almost ran, from the station to the waterfront, my

waterfront.

I was playing the slot machine in front of the pier's cigar store, and when I looked up there was Herbert Hoover. Nobody as far as I know had expected him. But there he stood. Of course, it was now up to me to get to work. Yet, strangely enough, I did not feel a bit excited in a reportorial way.

"Hello," I said, my hand still poised on the slot-machine lever. "What are you doing around here?"

For all I know I may have continued pulling down the lever. My nickel was in the machine, but I do not remember watching the fruit spin around, nor do I recall taking any chips from the

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Also I must have informed him I was from a newspaper, because he answered my question. He said he was waiting to go out on the *Albacore* for a fishing trip off Lower California. The Albacore is operated by the fish and game commission. He said he had not made up his mind to go until this morning. He thought he would have good weather for the trip, now that the wind had changed back to the northwest.

I thought so too. We gossiped on. Finally the little *Albacore* sped with a flourish alongside the boat landing. He boarded her, and departed.

And again, there was Gertrude Ederle, then a big name. She was on a theater run. For a feature story I swam with her across the bay channel. When I was still only three-fourths across, she had reached the opposite shore. She whispered an apology for having swum so fast, "But I couldn't help it, the water's so cold."

And there was Babe Ruth. Also on a

theatre tour. He wanted to catch a jewfish. I got a boat free for him from the tugboat company. We caught no jewfish. We caught five mackerel. The skipper brought along a bunch of new baseballs. On the way back to port, Ruth autographed them, asking each of us how we spelled our names. I was so secretly proud of my ball that in repentance as much as anything I mailed it to my young nephew.

But I have started a chapter I cannot finish; I have started a chapter

I am not entitled to finish. For it is absurd to imagine I know these magical beings. They are but shadows to me, shadows which arrive and disappear, shadows which would mean utterly nothing to me except for the aura of publicity given them elsewhere by others. Hoover would have been an oddly dressed man coming to the waterfront on a day off from his hardware store. Miss Ederle would have been a country cousin whom I took swimming on one of "my off-swimming days." Slim would have been an adolescent youngster with a bent for mechanics. And Ruth — a big-hearted bruiser whose humor was of a logging-camp crudity.

This week another liner will arrive. I shall board her and meet more shadows. In another two weeks another liner will arrive, and again I shall board her, and again I shall meet more shadows. Some of the shadows will impress me as "interesting" on their own;

in others I shall have to interpret "interest," having been warned it is there. But this I do know; we reporters, like the lost children of the wilderness, build our own gods. Then we stand around in awe of them. We feel grateful when they nod at us. And yet they are made from the tappings of our own typewriters. I wish a liner some day would bring a man into the harbor who would take me aside and in a fatherly way explain it all to me. ■

— Max Miller







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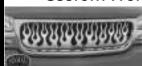
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# Who Was Max Miller?

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boarding house, "but the police do not interfere other than to visit [Mrs. Morgan] in a social way," Miller tells us. One of Mrs. Morgan's — er, uh boarders winds up with the hermit on the island, but I am not going to spoil your fun. Read it yourself.

Miller seldom came to the office, recalls Roberts. "He had an office at the waterfront, where he hung out." It was upstairs in the tugboat office, in a room belonging to a publicity agent. Today, such coziness with publicists would be ethically forbidden.

But like all Sun reporters, Miller had to come to the office for a weekly staff meeting, and his biting account of it will hit home with every journalist and most workers in corporations — but again, you have to read it yourself.

The book — and particularly its title inspired other artists.

no resemblance to the book, other than that a bordello was called a

"As the radio reporter plied him with booze, it got absolutely squashy. He [Miller] couldn't get out a straight word."

There was a movie by the name starring Claudette Colbert. The flick bore almost

boarding house and the male star was a cynical, hard-drinking waterfront reporter.

(More on that below.) The film originated the phrase "Not tonight, Josephine!" After it came out, *Variety* promptly labeled it a studio job that was unrelated to the book.

In 1933 came a wonderful song, "I Cover the Waterfront," by Johnny Green and Edward Heyman. It was an instant hit so electrifying that the producers of the movie reportedly dubbed its music into what may have been a

remake. It has been said that the movie originally had another name but picked up the Waterfront moniker after the song took off. (That rumor has been challenged.) The song has since become a staple of the jazz repertoire, performed by such stars as Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Artie Shaw, Charlie Parker, and Cannonball Adderley.

Miller "was eternally bitter because he didn't make any

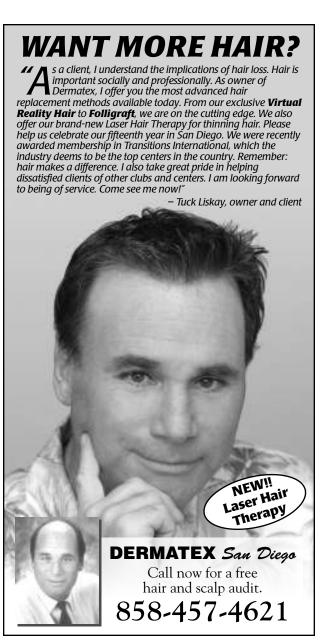












money out of the movie version," says Al JaCoby, who had several topside editor titles at the *Union* over many years. "I think what happened is that he sold the rights to the book to someone who then sold it to the movie producers." Unfortunately, from a financial perspective, that's show biz. That's Hollywood. 'Twas ever thus.

What was Max Miller like? He was about five ten, stocky, with short hair, with a decidedly ruddy complexion and a cigarette dangling from his lips or in his fingers.

Why the ruddy complexion? "He was a drunk. Just like me," said the self-effacing Joe Stone, a wit known for exaggerating his own perceived flaws. Stone wrote Miller's obituary for the *Union*, wrote a Milleresque column for the *Borrego Sun*, and, until he died in late November at age 90, believed he might have been able to match Miller snort for snort.

Miller "was a lush," says Van Deerlin.

Union-Tribune columnist Neil Morgan, a lifelong friend and onetime competitor of Miller's, puts it more gently: "It was rare that I ever went to that beautiful house on the cliffs without having some whiskey."

Morgan was in college when he first read *I Cover the* 



Lionel Van Deerlin

Waterfront. Almost immediately after publication, Miller had become a cult figure on college campuses. While he was in the Navy in San Diego, Morgan read that Miller had lost the rubber raft with which he had gone snorkeling off the coast of that La Jolla



Norman Rober

oceanfront house he had purchased after the book had become a smash and he had quit the *Sun*.

Morgan commandeered a surplus raft and went to the posh home and presented the replacement raft. Miller was thrilled. And treated Morgan to a drink of low-



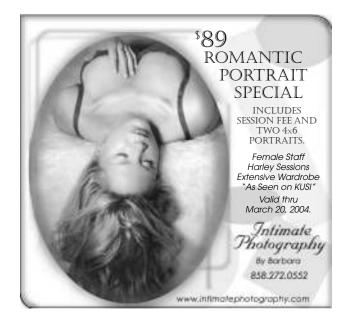
Al JaCoby

grade bourbon, which was just about all that was available in those days. (According to Roberts, it was probably Waterfill & Frazier, produced by a Kentucky distiller that had moved to Juárez in 1927, during Prohibition. It was widely, if dyspeptically, consumed in San Diego in

those days.)

After his initial success, Miller published a book every year up to the Korean War, some 28 in all. Some were on San Diego, such as a book on La Jolla, The Town with the Funny Name. He returned to the waterfront theme. He wrote extensively on Baja California. He wrote military books and some corporate vanity tomes that brought him some money. "His books were lovely, beautifully crafted essays, contemplative pieces, very soft in terms of outlook and view they just didn't have the zing of that first one," says Morgan.

Miller also returned to his







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After much correspondence on the topic of hookers and whorehouses, Mazzulla and Miller in the early 1960s coauthored *Holladay Street*, a history of 19th-century Denver prostitution. One section of that book engenders debate among Colorado his-

torians to this day.

The book reported that on August 25, 1877, history's only duel between two Colorado females took place. Mattie Silks and Katie Fulton were rival bordello madams. After a drinking bout, they decided to settle their dispute in a duel, according to the Miller/Mazzulla account. Each lady's boyfriend served as a second. Katie allegedly missed Mattie but hit Mattie's lover, who was standing beside her. It was only a flesh wound. Katie beat it out of town, but Mattie's boyfriend survived and eventually married her. A musical, Mattie Got Her

*Gun*, celebrates the alleged incident.

But other historians pooh-pooh the whole story, claiming that an earlier author had either invented the tale of the duel or had misinterpreted newspaper accounts of the ladies' disagreement. In any case, documents at UCSD's Mandeville Special Collections Library, where Miller's extensive papers repose, indicate that Miller and Mazzulla meticulously researched every twist and turn, every bump and grind they reported upon.

In one letter, Mazzulla told Miller of an interview he had had with a long-retired lady of the evening.

Mazzulla had asked her definitional questions, such as what "hustling" was all about. The former sportin' lady told Mazzulla, "All girls hustle or hustled such as hotels, cribs, working windows, streets, street walkers, chippies and even call girls — in other words, all sporting girls hustle."

But that book, too, garnered only a modest audience, despite its titillating subject.

Miller, however, remained a toast of San Diego society. "People whom you would describe as name-droppers would be the ones to mention Max Miller," says Van Deerlin. "Max Miller was everybody's darling."

He and his wife entertained the Beautiful People, particularly since social Tribute to Day In the Congress of the New York of the Congress of the Congress

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columnist Eileen Jackson was such a close friend. All played croquet on the lawn that sloped down to the ocean. But Miller sometimes dropped

out in midgame. "We would go there. He would be barbecuing chicken. He would go in the house for 30 or 40 minutes or an hour, and he would





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slide out of his chair because of his drinking," says JaCoby.

One of Miller's drinking buddies was the famed columnist Ernie Pyle, also a Scripps-Howard writer. Before becoming a household word for his World War II columns, Pyle, along with his wife, traveled the U.S. writing columns and when in San Diego visited Sun staffers, particularly Miller. "Max knew Ernie for many years," says JaCoby. "Max had quite a good library of books and had several Pyle books, all very affectionately inscribed — 'Max, here is my latest, just wish it was as good as yours."

Miller was a naval officer in World War II. Friends say he squired Pyle around. There is a yarn that Pyle wanted to go to a small island in the Pacific. But Miller begged off that day; he had a hideous hangover. Pyle went to the island and was killed. Others suggest, however, that the story may be apocryphal. (People may be shocked to learn that on occasion, a few journalists — dedicated to truth as they may be — relate stories that stray somewhat from verisimilitude. Miller, it is said, sometimes fell into that category, especially when he was under the influence of the firewater that people erroneously call "truth serum.")

But there was one activity in which Miller never strayed from his announced intentions. In the annual La Jolla Rough Water Swim, Miller always made sure he finished last, said Stone, and local media would regularly point that out.

And Miller was

the expert whom the media consulted on San Diego and environs matters. Van Deerlin remembers a time when there was a raid on a Rosarito Beach hotel, and Americans were locked up for a week. Mexican relations became strained. A local radio station sent a reporter to interview Miller about the neighbors to the south. The reporter knew Miller's fondness for the sauce. "It's the funniest take," says Van Deerlin. "It starts out as a serious interview. As the reporter plied him with booze, it got absolutely squashy. He [Miller] couldn't get out a straight word."

Following World War II, there was suddenly a strange presence in San Diego: a Democratic newspaper. After the Copley newspapers purchased the Sun at the time of its demise in the late '30s, the Tribune and

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columnist who was, very successfully, trying to write a Herb Caen-type column about San Diego.



He was Neil Morgan. To counter him, the Tribune brought back Max Miller as a regular columnist.

Morgan and Miller could not have been more different. Morgan portrayed a postwar community beginning to experience big-city life. Miller wanted to keep San Diego small. He railed against tourism and tract homes.

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"Come one and all, oh ye aged from Ohio and Iowa, come one and all and live free off the taxes in California," Miller griped.

El Cajon, then as now, sponsored community events whose attendance figures were invariably exaggerated by the press. "Its parades and pageants have become — week by week — parade-ier and pageant-ier," harrumphed Miller.

He wrote a book on what he perceived as the California inmigration problem, And Bring All Your Folks, which hypothesized that with all the outsiders streaming in, Californians would be forced to move to islands off the coast. Then, in his unique prose, he explored those islands.

He complained that before the people had poured in, "San Diego harbor itself used to be a breeding water for whales and by the hundreds."

In retrospect, Miller was prematurely prescient about San Diego. Also, then as now, pro-environment and anti-developer views were taboo within the Copley organization.

In the columniz-

ing contest of the time, Morgan was resonating with the pubMorgan. At the time, the Copley papers were headed by Bill

"It was like seeing someone going downhill," says Van Deerlin. "He never matched the brilliance of the first book."

lic and Miller was not. So Copley bought the *Journal* too — mainly, it was said, to get Shea, who, by all reports, could match Miller swig for swig. They arranged a meeting, and Miller's departure was handled with aplomb — plum brandy, perhaps.

For a while, Miller was book editor of the Union, says JaCoby. It didn't last. As Sunday editor, JaCoby gave some writing assignments to Miller. "He wrote me a piece that was just awful," recalls JaCoby. "Even so, this was Max Miller. I did a heavy job of editing and turned it into a good piece. I sent it out to him, said I had made changes, and

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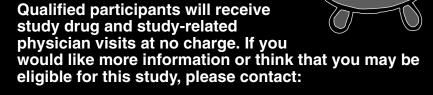
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Later, Shea's assistant came to JaCoby and suggested that the Millers were short on funds. "He said I should pay Max double what I normally paid. He asked me what I usually paid. I said \$1000 — five times what I normally paid," recalls JaCoby.

"Double it," ordered Shea's assistant. La Jolla's Beautiful People took care of each other then, as they do now.

That was in the 1960s. Max Miller, who died in 1967, had peaked in 1932 with I *Cover the Waterfront.* Like opera composers Mascagni, Leoncavallo, and Humperdinck (Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, and Hänsel und Gretel, respectively) and French impressionist Caillebotte (Paris Street; Rainy Day), Miller could come up with only one masterpiece in his lifetime. Indeed, he seemed to have foretold it in the last paragraph of *I Cover* the Waterfront, when he wrote, "I have written as much of a book as I can write."

What happened? "It was like seeing someone going downhill," says Van Deerlin. "He never matched the brilliance of the first book."

But Morgan has a different interpretation. "I Cover the Waterfront was widely said among publishers to have been rewritten by a very beautiful literary agent in New York who was in love with Max at the time," says Morgan. "It was a nasty allegation, but it was a better book than any he wrote subsequently. I tend to believe the rumor of the publishing trade." ■

— Don Bauder

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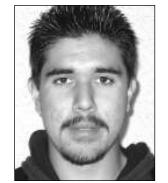
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orse High School senior Mario Arellano wants to become a professional soccer player or a lawyer. He admires Kobe Bryant "because of his work ethic. He used to go to a basketball court at five in the morning and just practice to improve his game even if he was the number-one player in the nation."

What sports have you taken part in since beginning high school? "The only sport that I have taken part in in high school is soccer. I've been playing on the varsity team since I was a freshman."

Have you ever been injured? "I got injured about December of

2002, but I didn't tell anyone till around four months ago. I was playing basketball in my back yard, and I went up for a jump shot and I felt a sharp pain in my knee. I didn't tell anyone that I was hurt because my club soccer team, from El Cajon, was in the middle of going to a college showcase in Orlando, Florida. I really wanted to show off some of my talent to the scouts so I kept it a secret. After a few months, the pain got so strong that I decided to go to the doctor. They told me that I had



Mario Arellano

tendinitis in my knee and I had to stop playing soccer for a while and needed to go to physical therapy."

How long did you have to sit out? "I had to sit out for two months without doing anything. Not even touching a soccer ball."

What did you do instead of your sport? "Instead of my sport, I sat around and watched television."

Did you do anything unhealthy? "I did not do anything unhealthy while I sat out; I just went to physical therapy."

Do you recall being impatient to become active again? "While I sat out, I became very impatient; I wanted to start playing again so bad. A couple of times I tried to play, but the pain was too much when I started to run so I stopped. Then I started to feel uncertain if I ever was going to get any better."

Did you accelerate your recovery time somehow? "I accelerated my recovery time by taking some pills and doing a lot of stretching."

How did your teammates support you while you were unable to participate? "My teammates motivated me by supporting me and telling me that everything will be all right."

orse sophomore Mohammad Mohammad wants to have a business career. The professional athlete he most admires is Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss.

What sports have you taken part in since beginning high school? "I've been playing football ever since I was a

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Chula Vista.

Mohammad Mohammad
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and I was going to pass the ball to my wide receiver, but the D-line hit me and my ankle twisted.... First I went to ER at University City, then I went to Children's Hospital."

. How long did you have to sit out? "I couldn't practice, and worst of all, I couldn't play any games for four weeks."

What did you do instead of your sport? "When my team was practicing, I would have to do my homework."

Did you do anything unhealthy? "Yes; I ate a lot of junk food."

Do you recall being impatient to become active again? "Yes. When someone would miss a tackle, I would get mad and start yelling at them to tackle the player next time."

Did you accelerate your recovery time somehow? "I tried to stay busy. Most of the time I played PlayStation at home to make time fly."

oemi Herrera, a Morse sophomore, wants to be a professional athlete or an actress.

What sports have you taken part in since beginning high school? "Soccer and softball."

Have you ever been injured? "Yes, I've been injured in soccer. I hurt my gastrocnemius [calf]. It got pulled, so I couldn't practice anymore."

How long did you have to sit out? "I had to sit out a few days."



Noemi Herrer

What did you do instead of your sport? "I showed up to practice and supported the team."

Did you do anything unhealthy? "No, I didn't."

*Do you* 

recall being impatient to become active again? "Yeah, because I wanted to practice, but I couldn't run on it anymore."

Did you accelerate your recovery time somehow? "I stretched it a lot and I tried to walk it off."

RESEARCH STUDIES

# **BIPOLAR?**



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How did your teammates support you while you were unable to participate? "They supported me by giving me encouragement."

Morse junior, wants to be a forensic scientist or a professional athlete. "Whichever one comes first," she says.

What professional athlete do you admire



Veronica Cras

most? "Ila Borders. She played baseball." What sports have you taken part in since beginning high school? "Varsity softball, varsity field hockey, varsity soccer, and baseball. Now I'm going to try out for basketball."

Have you ever been injured? "Yeah; I tore my rotator cuff. I did it from playing softball and field hockey at the same time. I went to the emergency room."

How long did you have to sit out? "Well, I'm still out of activities, but I

can play basketball because it's a different muscle."

Did you do anything unhealthy while sitting out? "I had to wear a splint, but I took it off every once in a while because it hurt my elbow."

Do you recall being impatient to become active again? "I wanted to play sports, but my mom would always tell me no, but I wanted to play anyway. If I did, it would

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Did you accelerate your recovery time somehow? "Well, I had to go to physical therapy, so it helped my muscle get stronger. You just have to basically listen to your physical therapist."

How did your teammates support you while you were unable to participate? "They didn't support me; they were mad at me, but my coach said that it was because they needed me back on the field, so they were trying to make me feel bad so that I would play. They would always try to put me down by calling me a

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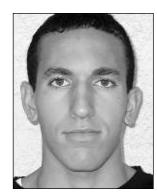
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Brandon Taylor
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school. Michael Jordan is
the professional athlete he
looks up to the most.

What sports have you taken part in since beginning high school? "Soccer and swimming. I've played soccer for about 12 years, and I've been swimming since I was alive."

Have you ever been injured? "It was during a Morse water polo season; I had been mixing weightlifting and practice, two things that really push your upper-body strength, and I pulled the tendon in my right shoulder. I didn't have to go to the hospital, though I did have my doctor check it out."

How long did you have to sit out? "It was about two weeks before I was released back to full activity."

What did you do instead of your sport? "I did physical therapy and, well, I went to the chiropractor for what they called 'adjustments.'"

Did you do anything unhealthy while sitting out? "I did actually return and played a game before they released me; lucky for me, it did no damage to

me.

Do you recall being impatient to become active again? "I was very impatient in waiting to go back to playing, though I really conserved my energy for getting healthy again and didn't take my frustration out on anybody."

Did you accelerate your recovery time somehow? "Yeah, they released me a little early because I had healed quicker than they suspected I would; probably because I was always active and doing well in physical therapy."

How did your teammates support you while you were unable to participate? "While I was unable to play, they all stepped it up in the games and always gave me support in getting healthy."

— Brian Lawless, Morse H.S.

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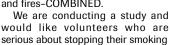
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# FAMILY CIRCUS

CRAIG MET LISA ON MATCH.COM, WHEN THE WEBSITE (AND THE IDEA OF INTERNET PERSONALS IN GENERAL) WAS STILL RELATIVELY NEW. Lisa —

mother to two girls, Wendy and Shelby — was several years out of an 11-year marriage; Craig — who had two sons and a daughter — was recently separated after close to 20 years with his wife. "When you hit it off," says Lisa of the timing.

"Lisa was the only one who would answer my letters," jokes Craig before adding, "You go through all these profiles and you get pretty good at reading between the lines. You only get about 2000 characters, but in just that one paragraph, Lisa was able to pack a lot in. This was a literate person who was well-spoken, well-educated, and so forth. I wrote her an e-mail, and I guess she felt the same way."

"I have to tell you, sweetheart," says Lisa with a grin, "I bought that little blurb off a website called matchdotcomwinningprofiles.com."

They married in April of 2000 at Escondido's Felicita Park. I spent a day with them and their combined broods shortly before the wedding. We paid a visit to the wedding grounds. Craig's children, Chadd, Ariel, and Leo, practiced acrobatics, forming human towers and exe-

cuting choreographed drops — all three were then involved with the Fern Street Circus. Lisa's children were by comparison silent and watchful, an audience for their future stepsiblings' antics. Afterward, we had lunch at Pat & Oscar's and visited North County Fair in search of a dress for Ariel's upcoming high school formal.

Then, there were two dogs in the family — Shasta, a white Pomeranian, and Rocky, a black

Jack Russell terrier. Now, there is a third: Skittles, "The world's fattest dog,"



in Lisa's estimation. "And she has no shame about it either." Skittles is happy to attest to this, rolling over onto her back and lolling her enormous, black-and-pink-and-white belly into scratching position. "We think she was crossed with a pig," says Leo, and from her shape and coloring, it is easy to see why.

The dogs have their run of the back yard: a patio, a strip of grass, and a fair-sized square of trimmed evergreen bushes separated by crisscrossing kitchen, the dining room beyond, and the slope-ceiling living room beyond that.

paths. They can enter the

house through a doggie

door cut into the glass slider, but once through,

they find themselves fenced

into a pillow-strewn hold-

ing pen. Only Shasta has

enough leap in her to clear

the fence and roam the

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Skittles arrived last year on Shelby's birthday. "I never had the opportunity to get my own real pet," she explains. "All the other pets" — the dogs, Leo's iguana, Ariel's snake — "were adopted by somebody else. But Skittles is my dog, though now she's Mom's more than anybody's. Mom takes her around everywhere, but that's all right, because I have a cat now."

Shelby is 16, still quiet in comparison to Craig's children, but (small surprise) more poised than I remember her 13-year-old self. When I first visited, Craig was living in Escondido and Lisa in Valley Center. But Valley Center, says Shelby, "was a very small little farm town, and I got tired of it. I decided to go to a private Jewish school, because we are Jew-

"Chadd is like a Neanderthal. He'd eat 36 ounces of red meat if he had the choice."

ish — well, at least Mom and I are." She enrolled in the San Diego Jewish Academy in Carmel Valley, and that helped bring about the family's move to Valley Center. But after a year, she found the Jewish Academy small as well — "There were, like, 60 kids in the whole school." Now she's enrolled in the local public high school and has resolved to stay put. (Lisa tells me that the move was also supposed to reduce Craig's commute to Sorrento Valley, but he was downsized "right after we made arrangements to come here." But the third reason — to bring Craig closer to his children, who were

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living with his ex-wife at the time — held up.)

Lisa and Shelby are cooking dinner this evening, but their efforts are not collaborative. Each is working solo from her own cookbook: Shelby is making Lasagna alla Zucchini from Favorite Brand-Name Country Italian; Lisa is working on Stuart Anderson's Famous Whiskey Pepper Steak, taken from Top Secret Recipes, a collection of restaurant preparations. (The steak recipe is followed by T.G.I. Friday's Potato Skins.) Both books hail from Costco. Shelby bought hers because she likes Italian food and wasn't getting it at home. "I was always a very bland eater and a worse cook," says Lisa. "What I normally prepare is just kind of plain and blasé. It's the same thing all the time: steak and potatoes, hamburgers and potatoes, chicken and potatoes, pork chops and potatoes. With the chicken and pork chops, I like to coat it in breadcrumbs or flour and just bake it in the oven — it comes out really good. Steak or hamburgers I barbecue. If it's a pork roast or a rib roast or a chicken, I put it on the electric rotisserie." She also had a deep fryer, "for making French fries or real fried chicken. Iust once in a while, when you feel like having some-

thing greasy. 'So one day," Lisa continues, "Shelby decided she wanted something more exotic," and so began her career in the kitchen. "But I'll tell you the secret of Shelby: she has exotic taste, but ask what her favorite kind of potato is, what kind of potatoes she has to have just about every night? Mashed potatoes made from a mix. It's fine with me, because it's very easy; five minutes and it's done."

Tonight's disparate culinary paths are also an attempt to please everybody — it's not every night that all the children are gathered 'round the table. Leo still lives with his mother, and Ariel has settled with her boyfriend in Pacific Beach. Ariel is, according to Lisa, "not officially a vegetarian but is just naturally not inter-

ested in meat." Opines Shelby, "She's just kind of grossed out by Chadd."

Chadd, explains Lisa, "is like a Neanderthal. He'd eat 36 ounces of red meat raw if he had the choice." (Just now, the Neanderthal

is hunkered down in his homemade loft amid the rafters in the garage.)

Shelby sets to work dicing a couple of zucchini and an onion. Using a fork to keep her fingers away from the knife, Lisa starts

in on an onion of her own. along with a couple of cloves of garlic — a favorite of hers, the great exception to her fondness for bland. A shared cluster of ingredients huddles together on the white tile counter: Contadina tomato paste, horseradish, beef broth, S&W stewed tomatoes, sliced mushrooms, cracked black pepper, and a miniature bottle of Jack Daniel's. "When I came home, Chadd looked at

the bottle and said, 'Why didn't you tell me you needed that? I have it!'

"Yeah, he has a nice collection of liquor in his room," chimes in Leo, who is hovering over a computer with Craig. "The

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Lisa calls out for help: "How many tablespoons in a quarter cup?"

"I'll ask Google that," Craig calls back and starts typing.

"He takes great joy in doing these conversions on Google," says Lisa.

The mystery solved, Lisa measures out her butter and gets on with her whiskey sauce. Craig and Leo return to their project, printing out Craig's arrangement of a Dave

Grusin song. "I think he's one of the greatest jazz composers of our age," says Craig, "but he's widely unappreciated because he plays mandolin. I wanted to change this song" which has four parts, originally scored for guitars and mandolins — "to be for instruments that we play: woodwinds, primarily, and piano." The computer was a great help in this effort. The song moves very quickly, and Craig would have been hardpressed to pick out the individual lines if he had to listen to it at full speed. But simply playing the track more slowly would

alter the frequency of the notes. Happily, "I have a program that cuts the speed in half — you've got some note at a particular frequency, and you can go

which then places the notes She soldiers on with the sauce, losing count of the teaspoons of Jack Daniel's as she adds them to the sauce and pausing to slip a flat loaf of frozen garlic bread —

also from Costco — into the oven.

back to the time domain and choose to make it a longer time at that frequency." Double the time for each note, and presto -

on the staff. "They're still pretty hard to sort out, but it doesn't matter if you get them exactly right, as long as it sounds the same."

your song is half as fast.

After that, it's just a tedious

matter of plunking out

notes on a keyboard

hooked to the computer,

The phone rings; it's Ariel, calling her father. She's late, and there are bets as to when she'll arrive. "I'm betting 5:45," says Craig. "Lisa's at 6:00. Leo?"

"I'm on 5:40; I'm being nice. But it's not fair when you start calling and giving her directions — you're influencing the time."

"Are you accusing me of trying to influence the outcome of this wager?" asks Craig, mock-shocked.

"When we were up visiting Grandpa, you started calling and making sure she had the right directions, because she wasn't going to make your time. Chadd and I were declaring shenanigans."

Craig and Leo disappear into the living room, where Leo begins picking out bits of the melody on the piano, an upright baby grand built in 1896 that's been in the family since 1929, when it was purchased by Craig's grandfather. Together with the mahogany-stained entertainment center — new and gleaming in contrast to the piano's timeworn finish — it is the room's dominant fact, dark and hulking against the pale walls and carpet. It testifies that this is a musical family; further evidence is provided by the stash

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under the open staircase: saxophones, clarinets, guitars, a banjo, an autoharp, a flute, a violin, a ukulele, and a rolled-up marimba. Craig plugs in a bass guitar and begins noodling around. Leo plays a piece he has composed on the piano.

Back in the kitchen, Shelby is cooking down the mushrooms, tomatoes, zucchini, and onions in a skillet. She has already put the water on to boil for

the pasta and measured the noodles to make sure they are the correct (twoinch) width. She mixes eggs and cottage cheese in a bowl. "I was supposed to lightly beat the eggs," she says, jabbing their yolks with a fork, "but it's all right." She begins stirring them into the cottage cheese. "They're lightly beaten now."

Lisa lets out a cry of dismay, peering at the recipe in the cookbook

that she carries about the kitchen. "It said green onion, and I thought it meant green pepper! Well, now I can't be sued," she shrugs — her recipe is no longer Stuart Anderson's. "What can we use? Is there anything growing outside? Grass? I have something growing out there, but I forgot what it was I planted." She heads out to a collection of starter pots on the patio. "Yes! Oh, look — it was going to be green onion," she says of the tiny shoots she finds there. "Oh, and one of them died." She soldiers on with the sauce, losing count of the teaspoons of Jack Daniel's as she adds them to the sauce and pausing to slip a flat loaf of frozen garlic bread also from Costco — into the oven.

Ariel arrives at 5:43; Craig wins the bet. A buzz attends her entrance she moved to San Francisco with her boyfriend for a year after she graduated from high school, and even after her return, she doesn't get to the house for dinner often because of her job as a restaurant hostess. But besides the rarity of her presence, there is her presence itself; she is a long, tall woman with broad shoulders and a voice full of emotional dips and swells. She has had people trouble at the circus. and when Leo asks her

about it, the story comes tumbling forth. Leo provides a sympathetic ear even as he insists that his status as brother "may influence me in a negative way" toward her plight.

Craig gets Ariel seated at the piano, where she starts playing Für Elise. Craig accompanies her on bass, hitting the bottom note of each chord. "She can sight read," marvels Leo. "She learns songs; I make them. She can be the

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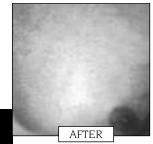
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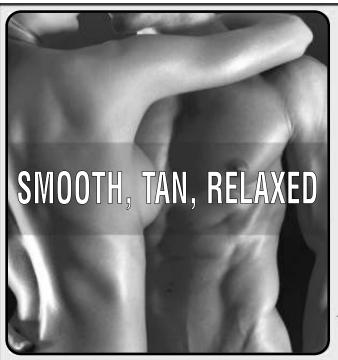
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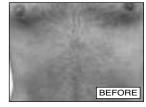
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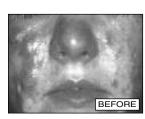
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starving studio musician, and I'll be the starving composer. But we'll both be starving circus performers." The circus is what took Ariel to San Francisco — there was a school for it up there. She specializes in rope work spinning, twirling, winding, and unwinding herself in a long ribbon suspended from the ceiling. Leo, who juggled throughout my last visit, has become a young master. He took a

bronze medal at the world junior championships and is, he says, "one of the top ten in the world when it comes to three-ball."

Lisa melts butter into a pan in preparation for searing the slim slabs of sirloin. She summons Chadd to transfer them to the grill on the patio for finishing, and he makes his way down the ladder and out of the garage. Once upon a time, Chadd had long hair — very long hair

that came down in a silky wave to his waist. Now, his head is near-shaven; his long hair hangs on the wall in his loft in the garage, more like a pelt than a scalp. "I got tired of taking 45-minute showers. Admittedly, shaving my entire head takes about 30 minutes, but I only have to do that every third week."

Lisa slips in a mild objection. "When I wash my hair, which is just a little shorter than yours was,

it doesn't take me 45 minutes. It takes more like 5. What did you do to your

"I was pretty vain about it," admits Chadd. "No one else had that kind of hair." Lisa begins reading to Chadd from the recipe.

"Oh, man. I have to follow directions?" he complains. "I rebuilt my entire suspension without directions!"

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one step. 'Grill the steaks for three to five minutes or until they are done to your liking, and salt the steaks lightly as you grill."

"Salt," says Chadd, in the manner of a surgeon requesting a scalpel. Lisa hands him a prodigious salt mill; it seems nearly a foot high.

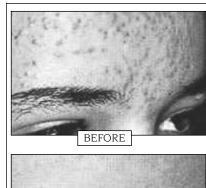
"Hey, hey, hey, you salt your own!" warns Shelby.

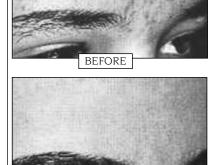
"Don't worry; I know how much salt normal people like." Chadd takes the steaks out to the grill, and I follow. "I am a salt addict, if you will. I probably consume three to four times the salt you do. It allows me to taste food better. If there's no salt on my food, that's all I can think about."

Chadd is 21. He moved in because "my mom kicked me out. Basically, I just didn't listen to her when she said, 'Get off your ass and get a job,'

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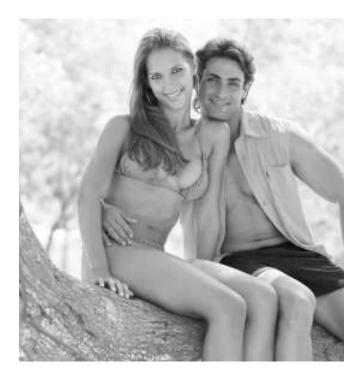
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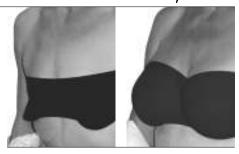
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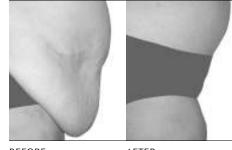


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which I should have done. She had every right to kick me out. I moved in with my dad, and a few weeks later, I had a job — so I guess she won, oddly enough." He works at Subway. "I'm going to be managing it all on my own come February; my boss is opening a second store." He'd like to buy a franchise one day. "It would be nice to be 22 and have a real good chunk of something. And I seem to be pretty good at it, so why not?" All he needs is the money to buy.

He built the loft in the garage himself. "I love it. I probably prefer it to living on my own. I can keep close to my family, but I have privacy." (That is easy to believe. It is not a large space; it is almost as cluttered as Leo said it was, and it requires a steep climb up a ladder to get in.) "It does get pretty damn hot in the summer" up near the uninsulated ceiling, "but I just live with it." Speakers and stereo equipment occupy a prominent place against one wall; Chadd stores his music on a computer. A hammock hangs out over the empty

The liquor collection Leo referred to is partly the result of his newfound fondness for tequila. "I got turned over on my 21st birthday by an old friend of mine. He gave me a shot of Patron silver, and I was hooked on good tequila right there. I try to stay away from the cheap stuff, and I try to keep it down there's nothing worse than realizing you can't get along without it. Recently, I've been cutting back. I try to do a month of abstinence once in a while, just to make sure I still can."

Chadd turns his attention to the steaks. "Lisa, I believe, likes it pretty well cooked. My dad likes it right in the middle. I like it pretty much kicking."

Inside, Shelby is folding back a layer of noodles and slipping in a layer of cheese she forgot to add. Lisa is helping Wendy set the table. Craig is cueing up a bootleg video he made of Leo's performance at the World Junior Championships. While he works, Ariel tells him that while she was doing her act for

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the Fern Street Circus, a photographer took some pictures of her "in some really cool poses. Apparently, they blew them up and auctioned them off for a whole lot of money. He's going to make me copies of them. I was, like, 'Whoo! Go, me!' "

Leo's show, performed before an audience of judges and fellow jugglers, begins to the music of "Bad to the Bone." He enters the

the balls behind his back. "I'm pretty consistent between three and five drops," says Leo. "There are usually between one and five in a show." Adds Craig, "If you don't drop, you're not working hard

He juggles five balls to the music of the Stray Cats, pulling off a move in which he catches a ball on the back of his neck and hefts it back into play.

"Don't you love it when the other person sucks?" asks Leo. "It's the most cruel thing in the world, but you look way better when the other person sucks."

stage on a miniature bicycle and begins his three-ball work, at one point juggling them behind his head. He uses white balls that reflect the spotlight and practically glow against the black curtain behind him. The audience begins clapping; they like him. His four-ball work is set to Lou Bega's "Mambo #5."

Everybody taps their feet to that song," he attests. He has a couple of drops but finishes by catching

For six balls, he stands on a board that sits atop a cylinder. "That's never been done in competition by anyone." Then it's on to Michael Jackson's "Beat It" and clubs. He misses a catch after a somersault but then tries it again and nails it, much to the audience's delight. "They see how hard it is, so when you do it again, they love it." He finishes by juggling while standing on a giant ball, another trademark

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The tape then skips to Ariel's performance on the ropes, but not before we get a shot of Lisa from behind, walking on a treadmill. Craig, quickly forwarding, explains that the shot was designed as a

motivator in Lisa's efforts to lose weight. Ariel is working one of the side ropes in a show held at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. The girl opposite her is having trouble; her safety line has snapped and tangled itself in her

rope so that she is unable to stop spinning. Ariel's spin, however, looks good.

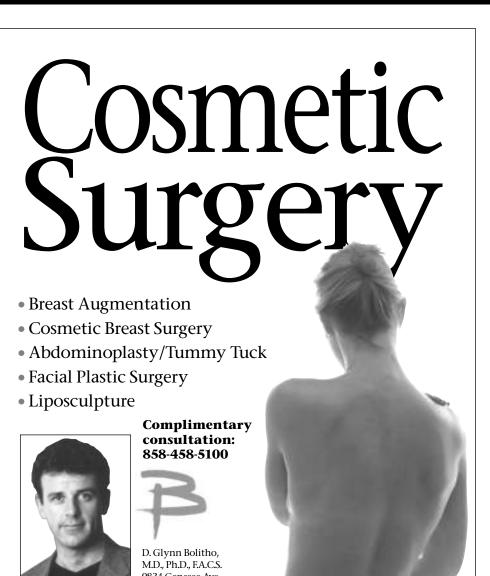
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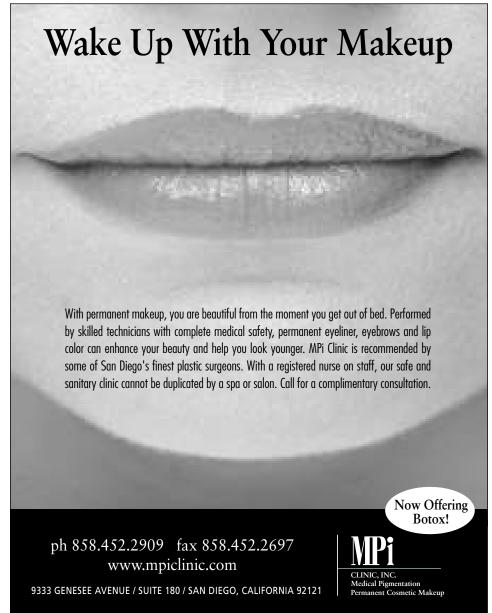
Chadd observes, "I really like it when Ariel does those moves versus shorter people; it just looks so much better to have a big body — you know, so much more grand." When Ariel wheels down the rope with her legs split, I can see what he means. (Chadd was with the circus once he did yo-yo creditably well — but no more.)

Dinner is served; the clan crowds in around the dining room table and the card-table extension.

Chadd has lost track of his super-salty sirloin somewhere in the pile of steaks and issues a general warning and request for immediate return. Lisa has had some trouble getting the peppercorn sauce to thicken just so but man-

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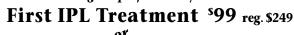
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ages to pull it out just in time. Dinner talk covers an ordinary range of topics — work troubles, tolls on bridges, the unbearability of living in San Francisco — before Craig tells Lisa, "We had a little trouble with the film today. I went to show Ariel the

"Ohhhhhhh," moans Lisa.

"You know what was on the end of the tape?"

"Ohhhhh. Ohhhh."

"It was the treadmill tape from behind," Leo tells Shelby.

"Ohhh. Ohhh." Lisa is mournful.

"I'm sorry, Lisa," says

"Ohh."

"It was pretty early on, too," says Leo.

"It was pretty scary, huh?" asks Lisa.

"Yeah. It was, like,

"Okay, stop while you're ahead, Leo," warns

"No, it was refreshing. It was, like, 'Wow, she's different now.'

"Oh, you suck up."

Chadd jumps in. "Was it zoomed way in so the butt took up the entire screen?"

His remark — all their remarks — is not nasty; the talk is banter. There is a sense of comedic performance.

"You've lost 15 pounds, right?" asks Craig, leaping to her defense.

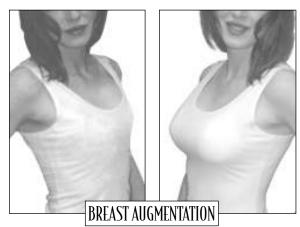
"You did put the camera in the same place?" asks Chadd when Lisa complains that she can't see any difference between the before-and-after footage. "The same zoom and everything?"

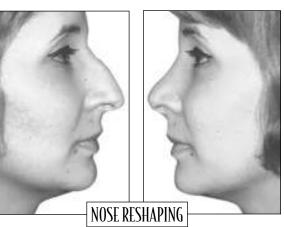
"I'm not filming it!" exclaims Lisa. "We need to do another shot. I don't think we've done it in four to six weeks. We have to have some sort of continuity, otherwise it's going to be 'Big butt, big butt, big butt...' "She smiles at herself. "...'Big butt, big butt, big butt!'

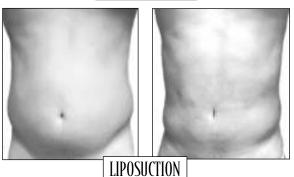
Shelby asks Chadd if he wants one slice or two of his lasagna, and the weight talk shifts targets. "One please. I'm trying to get not so fat."

"Chadd had to lie about his weight on his driver's license," Craig tells

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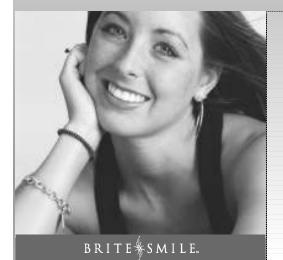
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"It helps if you eat better when you bicycle," advises Craig.

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my downfall right there."

Chadd's diet has become the stuff of family legend: the time he wrote down everything he ate in one day and racked up 7900 calories, the time he ate a can of undiluted clam chowder. "I have a new life goal," announces Craig. "For the rest of my life, I'm going to weigh less than Chadd. If I ever weigh more than him, it's

I'm content to sit in my chair all day. I went from 185 to about 205."

Some of that all-day chair-sitting was less than voluntary; after he was downsized, the family got into a bit of a hole while he searched for a new job. Two months of sending out résumés produced nothing. "I have a master's degree in computer science from Stanford. Not a

"It's kind of sad," continues Craig.

"It's leeches who take people's money and don't do anything useful and screw it up for everybody."

going to be an utter failure on my part."

Lisa is moved to pity. "Oh, Chadd, you're the standard for failure!"

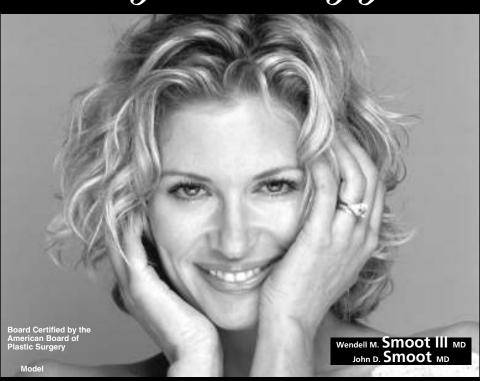
"I'm like Skittles to everyone else."

Even Craig tries to commiserate. "When I turned 40, the metabolism really started to slow down. Before I was 40, I had all this nervous energy. Now

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Lisa, meanwhile, has seen her niche business writing e-mail query letters to agents and producers on behalf of screenwriters — ravaged by clumsy competitors. "A common question for a screenwriter is, 'How do I market my work?' " She developed a list of contacts via e-mail and got to be known as someone who knew what people would read what sort of scripts. "The average screenplay got five or six requests to be read, which is really unusual," boasts Craig. But after a couple of years, he laments, "three or four other companies started doing it, and they were total spammers. They were basically paid by the name, and they just sent out a query to every single email address in The Hollywood Creative Directory."

"Now," says Lisa, "they open their mailbox and there are 10 or 12 queries, and they just hit 'delete, delete, delete.'

"It's kind of sad," continues Craig. "It's leeches who take people's money and don't do anything useful and screw it up for everybody." She still has some contacts, however, and her own screenwriting efforts have drawn some notice — one project made it as far as being optioned.

Leo, Chadd, and Ariel fall into a lengthy discussion of lizards — Ariel's iguana has been ill of late. After a while, Craig coaxes them over to the piano to take a crack at the Dave Grusin song. Chadd fetches his alto saxophone; Ariel and Craig assemble their clarinets. Leo sits at the piano. It is pleasant to listen to the song emerge from the jumbled first runs; out of the false notes and missed unison, the four find their parts and their timing. The session does not quite achieve polish, and some of the playing shows the scrape of rust, but it is still live music.

While they play, Lisa fetches out the awards Shelby won during her

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year at the Jewish academy. "You get a medal for being in the top five; she pulled out more awards than anyone else. This was for science; this one is Principal's Honor Roll, humanities; this one is for math, and this one for Hebrew.

I was really proud. What I have to do is get a frame to put these up." She also tells a story, one that adds a new chapter (if not a full volume) to the family saga. Lisa was adopted as a child and has spent years looking for her birth mother.

By the time Lisa found out who she was, her mom had died, but the search revealed the existence of several half-siblings, none of whom had ever heard about her. "They were alive when their mother was pregnant with me, but she had divorced their father, and they stayed with the father. Apparently, she met someone and had me, and no one knew," not even her mom's brother, who is still alive. Last August, Lisa traveled east with Craig, Leo, and Shelby and met them all. "As soon as I walked in the door, they all looked at me and said, 'Oh, you look like Mom.' They showed me pictures of her, and I thought, 'Oh, I look like her — more than they do.' I was happy to look like the mom I

never knew. And I consider myself lucky, because of the chances of them all accepting me." She told her father the story — her adoptive mother has also died — "and he was, like, 'Wow, I want to meet them.' So this Christmas, we're

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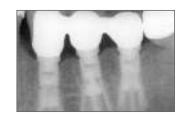
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going to go."

Melding her own nuclear family has proved similarly smooth. "The kids really get along and listen to each other, which is really cool. There were never any problems." And now that Leo is over 14 and can choose which parent he wants to live with, Craig has asked him to move in. "I think it's good for boys to spend time with their fathers," says Lisa, who is delighted by the prospect. (Though she and Craig both get along with her ex-husband — "I've

known him since I was 17 years old, and I still consider him one of my closest friends," she says relations are not nearly as sunny with Craig's exwife.) Later, after Chadd and Ariel have left to hang out at Ariel's apartment, and Shelby has gone upstairs to write an essay in which she conveys an emotion, Lisa asks Leo, "So, when are you moving in?"

"Well, I don't know." He switches to a John Wayne drawl: "I haven't figgered that part out yet."

"We were talking about next weekend that was the plan," says

'Something like that." "Is that going to work for you?"

"I guess. I thought this weekend was going to work for me, and then I went to Utah. So until Friday, it works for me. But I'm sure something will come

"Well, let's make a plan of it. Try not to make other plans, okay?"

"All right." "What do you want to bring over?"

"The wax desk and all the accoutrements that go with it. I've got to figure out where to put that." (The wax desk is for the carving of wax jewelry molds. Leo admired his mother's wedding ring and afterward "started hanging out in random waxcarving places. One of them, though I didn't know it at the time, was a really famous jewelry maker he made the America's Cup. He's here in town.")

"Have you talked to your mom about all this?"

asks Craig.

"Mostly."

"Good; that's good. So we've got to make room in your bedroom."

"The wax desk can replace the bookcase; I don't have any of my books

"That's good, because Ariel was just asking if we had a bookcase she could use." He grabs a phone and dials Ariel on her cell. "Hi, Ariel. You were asking about a bookshelf? Leo is getting rid of the one in his room — it's three shelves, under-the-window size. You want that one? Okay — when you come up again. We were just talking about it because he's going to be moving in next week."

Lisa brings out some

leftover birthday cake though Shelby's birthday is not until tomorrow, she celebrated it yesterday with her grandparents in Temecula. Conversation meanders from the process of selecting the new Dalai Lama to Craig's memory of L. Ron Hubbard's claim, back when he was just a novelist, that if you really want to make money, you should start a religion. I excuse myself for a moment, and when I return, Craig and Lisa are smiling. "What we've decided," says Lisa, "is that we want you to come back, and we're going to restage this whole dinner and we're going to be drunk. It's going to be like Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"■

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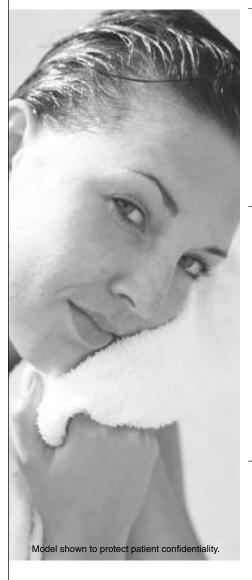
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Number three: And as far as "try walking in another man's shoes," hey, Einstein, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that jumping off a cliff or getting addicted to

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both on her column and her family. Over the years, I've read countless ugly letters attacking Anne simply for having children and devoting her life to them, and I've always been a little bit ashamed for not supporting her in print. At first I wondered why this housewife in San Marcos causes people to get so angry and write things like "Get your tubes tied, Anne," "Dump your husband, Anne," "Get an abortion, Anne," "Shut up about Catholicism, Anne." After a while, I came to realize that Anne represents the last true counterculture in America, namely those who have kept their faith and have rejected the selfish culture of contraception and abortion (a.k.a. the culture of death). How else could one explain such vitriolic letters? I've come to believe that these anti-Albright letter writers are wallowing in a modern mentality that says, "It's all about you and your career and your money and your cars and your consumer electronics and your consequence-free sex life. God and kids get in the way of that. One or two children is okay, but even then you shouldn't let them 'ruin your life.' Just pay someone else to raise them." Deep down, I think people who have bought this lie are miserable and they resent the fulfillment that Anne Albright has found in her husband and her five kids. In fact, they seem to find her very existence threatening. God bless Anne for rejecting the lie and showing us all the real path of happiness.

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# **Dig Natives**

Oak Planting

e had a memorial service in the Vista area last May," says Diane Nygaard, president of Preserve Calavera. It was for one of the oak trees that had fallen over — one of the 200-year-olds. That's the generation we're concerned about. We're losing them in our riparian corridors.

Mourning dead trees is a poetic exercise. There's also physical work that needs to be done, and the four-year-old environmental group has committed itself to it. Volunteers were out a couple of weekends ago in Oceanside, planting

#### LOCAL **EVENTS**

60 new coast live oaks Quercus agrifolia. They'll be planting more this

weekend in Vista, and everyone is welcome to join them.

Jerry Rockwell, a retired oilcompany executive who is one of the group's most active members, says the seedlings to be planted are between 6 and 18 inches tall. "The height varies according to the individual tree. It depends on how the acorn sprouts, where it was situated in the pot." Each tree, all of which are being donated by RECON Native Plants, Inc., is one to one and a half years old at that point. 'They're slow growers. There are a lot of other native plants that need to go into these disturbed areas, but these live oaks are the ones to go in first, because they take the longest to reach any sort of maturity."

The Oceanside planting took place at Oak Riparian Park on February 7; Vista's planting will be in Buena Vista Park. The politicians turned out in Oceanside, and so did the TV camera crews. Rockwell reports seeing "all the





Oceanside city council member Jack Feller (left) and Rocky Chavez (right) planting first oak

councilors and the manager, too." The most important municipal contribution in Oceanside came beforehand, when city workers augered holes with motorized posthole diggers. Bill Fortmueller, parks superintendent for Vista's Parks and Community Services department, says his workers will prep the Buena Vista Park area.

'We're going to mark the spots where the trees are going," Fortmueller says, "and then we'll use a gas-powered auger and pre-dig the holes. Right now the soil is pretty compacted and hard. The augers will loosen the soil but leave it in place. On the day of the event, the volunteers will dig out the soil and get the trees planted.

In Oceanside, says Rockwell, local students helped, too. "A lot of high school kids were there, and none were acting as if they'd been dragged there by their parents. One, named Julie, planted 13 or 14 trees by herself."

The work won't be over when the planting is, however. "Native plants like this need a lot of TLC for their first few years of life," says Nygaard. "Once they're well established, they don't need any care. They can live off our natural low water levels and in our native heavy soil. But until then, we're asking volunteers to adopt individual trees. They'll go out and hand-water them

every couple of weeks during dry periods. In some areas, where water is not easily accessible, we're going to have to fill gallon containers and hike it in.' These adopters will also report on their tree's condition and replant, if necessary. "Our organization is prepared to take on the whole task, but the more people we have, of course, the easier it will be to do it."

In the end, what you get isn't just the isolated trees. Under the huge canopy of foliage that each one makes, a lot of other biological activity goes on. "An oak tree can have 130 different associated species," says Nygaard. 'Some of these trees have a 90-footdiameter drip line, so a whole host of plants, insects, and animals relies on the oak trees for life. They're critical to a healthy ecosystem.'

Among the most threatened species that live in riparian corridors is the California gnatcatcher. According to the Preserve Calavera website, 85 percent of the bird's natural habitat, the Diegan coastal sage scrub, has been destroyed by development.

We're starting with the oak trees," Nygaard adds, "and then we expect over time, when they're a little bit larger and wouldn't be shaded by other plants, that we'll plant some of the understory plants. We're working toward a longterm effort to restore three of our key riparian areas, including the Buena Vista Creek Valley, Calavera Creek, and Agua Hedionda.

Nygaard suggests that volunteers who come out this weekend wear sturdy shoes, along with long-sleeved shirts and long pants if sensitivity to poison oak is a problem. They should also bring heavy work gloves and water, and, if on hand, a watering can or empty gallon water jugs, a small spade, trowel, and hammer.

Other materials were donated by Home Depot, apparently not one to hold a grudge against Nygaard, who wrote a letter to the city council last November stating reasons against building a new 149,000-square-foot store in south Vista, close to the Carlsbad border. The council okayed the construction, with 29 pages of conditions, on January 27.

Ieanne Schinto

**Preserve Calavera:** Oak Tree Planting Saturday, February 21 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Buena Vista Park, Vista Meet in the cleared area by South Melrose at Green Oaks 760-724-3887 or www.preservecalavera.org

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side gullies where water temporarily collects. Coastal lupines may be in full flower by March, Higherelevation lupines will be blooming in the mountain areas in May and early June.

The generic name *Lupinus*, meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the reverse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

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scent of these plants. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine by March, and the higher mountains of San Diego County by April or May.

A Thin-Grinned Crescent

Moon returns to the evening sky on Saturday, February 21, hovering prominently over the last lingering glow of twilight. Two days later, the much thicker crescent moon stands only three degrees to the left of brilliant Venus. This moon-Venus conjunction is best viewed during the last stages of evening twilight.

Willows and Brush in Riverbed along Sweetwater River are home to a variety of bird species, several species of ducks occur further along the route, and common snipe can be found in adjacent areas. Join Audubon Society birders to explore Bonita/Sweetwater River area, Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring drinking water. Free. Directions: 619-692-3246. (BONITA)

The Souths of Ghost Mountain provide the topic when Diana

Lindsay leads hike to their abandoned home in Blair Valley for Anza-Borrego Institute Field Program, Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space availability, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Help Remove Exotic Weeds and plant native vegetation during the Black Mountain trail restoration work party, Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes, hiking boots. Directions: 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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**Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours** offered Saturdays (10 a.m.) and Tuesdays (6 p.m.). Tour guide

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Raptor-Spotting Hikes led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, through February 28. Hawk Watch walks are led by biologist, along with a trained falconer. The Ramona grasslands are prime raptor territory; 19 species of raptors have been recorded at the spot.

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

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on February 21 (and on third Saturday of each month), at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road), 858-581-9961, Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Birding at the Salt Works on South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULAVISTA)

Help Plant Some Coast Live Oak Trees to replace dving vegetation at Buena Vista Park, Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m. Reservations: 760-724-3887. (VISTA)

**Hike to Ruins of Pierre Boyet Adobe.** site of first vineyard in San Diego, when Will Bowen leads outing in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m. Meet at intersection of Carroll Canyon Road and Scranton Road, Free, 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Hike Boulder Loop in Daley Ranch with Canyoneers on Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join group in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Free. 619-255-0203. (ESCONDIDO)

**Observe Nature Restoring** Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned during recent fires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation only (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five

miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Celebrate Washington's 272nd Birthday with a Walkabout outing on Sunday, February 22. Casual walk starts at 1 p.m. at Tenth Avenue and University (in Ralphs parking lot). Participants will cross to Washington Avenue, walk through Mission Hills and Hillcrest looking for cherry trees, silver dollars, more. Free. 619-231-7463. (SAN DIEGO)

Nature Walk and Native Planting Demonstration planned by Greg Rubin, John Noble on Sunday, February 22, 9 a.m., at Point Loma Native Plant Reserve (off Voltaire Street, at end of Mendocino Street). Free. 619-297-7380. (OCEAN BEACH)

Beginning Tracker and Naturalist Class hosted by San Diego Tracking Team starts with lecture on Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., continues on Saturday, February 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in



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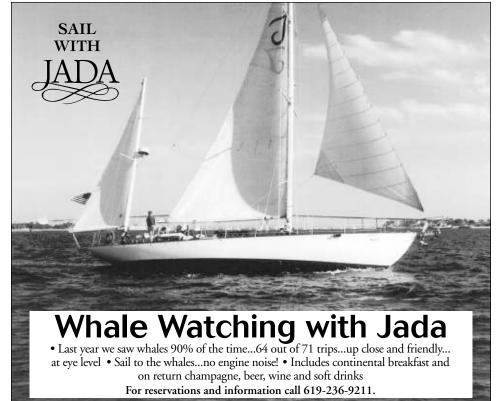
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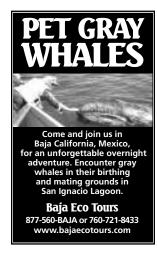
#### DANCE

Bellydance Gala, Markos, Janeena, Shanti, Vina, Lucia perform Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at Club Cleopatra in Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Bellydance Showcase, dancers Julia, Nadege, Gypsy Duende entertain to live music by Middle-Earth, Thursday, February 19, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"BodyLENScape," premiere performances of contemporary dance choreographed by Jean Isaacs and Patricia Rincon, Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program offers Song of Nyumbani, accompanied by Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir; Rush-Stop. \$22. 858-534-8497, 619-220-TIXS. (IA JOLLA)

Rumba Dance Workshop: Yambu, Guaguanco, Columbia,





hailing from Havana, Cuba, Juan Carlos Blanco teaches workshops 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, February 20, 27, March 5, 12, at Stage 7 School of Dance (3980 30th Street). Fee: \$40 for all four, \$12 per class. 619-516-3366. (NORTH PARK)

**Cobblestone** makes the music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Friday, February 20, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Spring Dance Concerts by SDSU Dance Company, February 20-22 in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Program includes Big Apple, Proving Ground, They Say the Lizard Is a Cold-Blooded Animal, Times Gone By, Three Lines on Human Behavior (Beside/Inside/Outside), Born and Raised. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10.619-594-6824. (SDSU)

Theater Dance Master Class taught by Broadway performer and recording artist Kelli Severson, Saturday, February 21, 2:30 p.m., for Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, suite 200). \$15.619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

"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 at Jackson Theatre (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard) on February 21 and 22. Dancing at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$25. 858-272-8663. (POINT LOMA)

**"A Compilation of Repertoire,"** offered by modern dance company Xdrop, Saturday, February 21, 7:30 and 9 p.m., at Joshua Yoga (4651 Mission Boulevard). See *Spiral*, *Absence*, others. \$10. 619-253-6130. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Hip-Hop Dance Workshop** led by Urban FX to help dancers pre-





pare for professional auditions with tips and techniques, Saturday, February 21, 5 p.m., at Mission Valley YMCA (5505 Friars Road). Free. 619-254-7854. (MISSION VALLEY)

"NightClub" presented by Ballet Hispanico, Sunday, February 22, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). It is a full-length dance-theater event in three acts: Cada Noche, Dejame Soñar, Hoy Como Ayer. Tickets: \$39 to \$449

Salsa dance class led by cast, 4 p.m.; \$15, followed by "Behind the Scenes" dinner and lecture, 5 p.m.; \$40. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Swing and Jitterbug Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells Dancetime Center hosts party Sunday, February 22, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:10 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

**Zydeco Dances** with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including February 24, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 6:30 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

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

"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. (DOWNTOWN)

**Shake Ya Booty,** says Prince, who teaches latest dance moves to hip-hop and rhythm and blues music for beginning-intermediates, Thursdays, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). \$10. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

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 Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Each night promises a distinct program, with pieces including *The Winter in Lisbon, Revelations*,



Smothers Brothers at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, February 25 (see In Person)

Heart Song, Rainbow Round My Shoulder. Tickets: \$46-\$56. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

#### FILM

Cary Grant's Centennial is celebrated in series hosted by Museum of Photographic Arts continuing with *Monkey Business* and *People Will Talk* on Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20. See *Like Water for Chocolate* Sunday, February 22. The Lumière Brothers' film *Actualities* screens Thursday, February 26. Tickets: \$7.619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

History Through Film, series features *The Mark of Zorro* (1940), starring Tyrone Power, Basil Rathbone, Linda Darnell, Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., in Little Theatre at SDSU. Discussion led by Steven Colston. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

**The French Film** My Life in Pink (1997) screens for Spring 2004 International Film Series at Mira-Costa College, Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles.

Cecil B. DeMille's 1927 Silent Film King of Kings screens Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Theater organist Christian

Elliott accompanies flick. Donation. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH) **The Politically Tinged Fairy Tale** *Hop* by Dominique Standaert screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. In

Flemish and French with English

subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Smoochie Movies II, Carlsbad Library film series continues with *Foreign Affairs* (1993) on Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Controversial German film-maker Leni Riefenstahl, who died recently at age 101, has films featured at San Diego Museum of Art. See *Olympia* on Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m.; film producer and Riefenstahl friend Cyrus Bhachura introduces film and moderates following discussion. \$10, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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

#### **LECTURES**

"Research Diving, Scripps, and Other Tales of the Sea" told by Jim Stewart of Scripps Institution of Oceanography when Marine Technology Society meets, Thursday, February 19, 6 p.m., at Giovanni's Restaurant (9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). \$18 fee for nonmembers includes food. 858-454-4044. (KEARNY MESA)

"A Bug's Life: Ants in Coastal Habitats" are the topic when UC Riverside insect researcher Eileen Paine speaks Friday, February 20, noon, at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free, 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Specializing in Mexican Species and Hybrids,** Jerry
Boyd of the Orchid Connection
speaks for Palomar Orchid Society
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(3320 Monroe Street). 760-7358494 x104. (CARLSBAD)

"Baja Sur Expedition — Groundbreaking Discoveries in Baja Biodiversity" discussed during slide-illustrated lecture by Bob Vinton for Sierra Club, Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). 619-299-1744 x1040. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Make Your Life One You Want to Live," learn the eight steps toward this goal after Linda Pynaker speaks Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., at Soul Scape Books (765 South Coast Highway). Pynaker is author of *Time to Heal*. 760-753-2345. (ENCINITAS)

"The Development of Beads, Ethnic Beads, and New Bead Trends" considered by Robert Liu, editor and publisher of *Ornament Magazine*, when Bead Society of San Diego gathers Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m., Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"California Natives for the Landscape" subject for tour and lecture by Pamela Homfelt, Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

"Using a Personal Data Assistant for Genealogy" examined when Judy Jiru speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, February 21, 9 a.m., at Tierrasanta Christian Church (11445 Tierrasanta Boulevard). Free. 858-278-4519.

"The Story of Harriet Tubman" presented by Teresa Jones — a descendent of the famous abolitionist, whose birth name was Araminta Ross — Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). She'll discuss her research on the Ross family, show pictures, share computer tips on African-American genealogy. Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

"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)

**"A 24-Hour Design Team"** is subject for slide-illustrated lecture by architects Hector and Pamela Magnus, Saturday, February 21, 9:30 a.m., for Friends of San Diego Architecture (New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street). 619-287-0050. Requested donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

**Taste Tea,** learn history and sample teas from all over the world when tea specialist Michael Figgins hosts tea tasting, Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

"Continuing Plant Dormancy Until Spring" is subject when Southern California Plumeria Society meets on Sunday, February 22, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 102. Lecture by "Mr. Fertilizer." Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

"Habitat Restoration Work," including fire restoration issues, discussed by Bruce Hanson of Regional Environmental Consultants for Lake Hodges Native Plant Club, Monday, February 23, 2 p.m., in upstairs seminar room of Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"The Argentina Journal" is Peter Zvi Malkin's art journal chronicling his experiences capturing Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichman in Argentina in 1960. Exhibition of "Journal" opens with lecture by and reception for Malkin, Monday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., in Gotthelf Art Gallery. Malkin served 27 years in the Mossad and secret service. \$16. The Gotthelf is found in Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

"The Meaning of Food: Contrasting Slow and Fast Food" is intriguing topic for SDSU professor Audrey Spindler for 12 O'-Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, February 23. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Madagascar's Ecology, History, and Politics" provide topic for Richard Stevens when North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council meets Monday, February 23, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Resources Rarer Than Gold: California State Parks as Stewards of Our Archaeological Heritage" is topic when four state park archaeologists speak Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe. Free. 858-538-0935. (MIRA MESA)



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Laws Affecting Atheist Citizens' Rights in several states examined when Ed Duliba speaks for Atheist Coalition, Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 858-459-8273. (NORTH PARK)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m. Essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjust-

ment, more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY

Birding Around the Salton **Sea** is subject for slide-illustrated lecture by Bob Miller of Southwest Birders for Buena Vista Audubon Society, Wednesday, February 25. Program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Flower Power Ikenobo School flower arrangements showcased when Sadako Oehler demonstrates for Ikebana International, Wednesday, February 25, 10 a.m., room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-232-5762. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Resident Alien in Secondary Inspection," UCSD visual arts associate professor Ruben Ortiz Torres for "Intuition and Understanding: Creativity, Research, and the Arts at UCSD" series, Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Institute of the Americas, Copley Auditorium, UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Human Rights — Definitions and Interpretations Throughout History" is subject Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

#### POEMS BY JAMES SCHUYLER

Faure's Second Piano Ouartet

On a day like this the rain comes down in fat and random drops among the ailanthus leaves—-"the tree of Heaven"—the leaves that on moon-lit nights shimmer black and bladeshaped at this third-floor window. And there are bunches of small green knobs, buds, crowded together. The rapid music fills in the spaces of the leaves. And the piano comes in, like an extra heartbeat, dangerous and lovely. Slower now, less like the leaves, more like the rain which almost isn't rain, more like thawedout hail. All this beauty in the mess of this small apartment on West 20th in Chelsea, New York. Slowly the notes pour out, slowly, more slowly still, fat rain falls.

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A nothing day full of wild beauty and the timer pings. Roll up the silver off the bay take down the clouds sort the spruce and send to laundry marked, more starch. Goodbye

golden- and silverrod, asters, bayberry crisp in elegance. Little fish stream by, a river in water.

**February** 

A chimney, breathing a little smoke. The sun, I can't see making a bit of pink I can't quite see in the blue. The pink of five tulips at five P.M. on the day before March first. The green of the tulip stems and leaves like something I can't remember, finding a jack-in-the-pulpit a long time ago and far away. Why it was December then and the sun was on the sea by the temples we'd gone to see. One green wave moved in the violet sea like the UN building on big evenings, green and wet while the sky turns violet. A few almond trees had a few flowers, like a few snowflakes out of the blue looking pink in the light. A gray hush in which the boxy trucks roll up Second

into the sky. They're just going over the hill The green leaves of the tulips on my desk like grass light on and a green-

copper steeple and streaks of cloud beginning to glow I can't get over how it all works in together like a woman who just came to her window and stands there filling it jogging her baby in her arms. She's so far off. Is it the light that makes the baby pink? I can see the little fists and the rocking-horse motion of her

breasts. It's getting grayer and gold and chilly. Two dog-sized lions face each other at corners of a roof.

It's the yellow dust inside the tulips. It's the shape of a tulip.

It's the water in the drinking glass the tulips

It's a day like any other.

– James Schuyler (1923–1991)

Using Traditional and Digital Methods for producing his fine art images, Peter Gorwin is founder of Photographic Artists Group. He'll speak Wednesday,

February 25, 6:30 p.m., for North County Photographic Society, in Ecke Building at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail

Gardens Drive). \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

**Ballot Propositions Clarified** during forum examining March 2 ballot hosted by League of Women Voters, Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036







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"Securing Gallery Representation for Your Artwork" is subject for series hosted by San Diego Art Institute — The Museum of the Living Artist. "Make It So You Make It" presented by artist and art marketing coach Patricia Frisher, Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m. \$6. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Singing for Songwriters Workshop led by Grammy-nominated singer Penny Nichols, Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Piano Press Studio (1425 Ocean Avenue #6). \$40. Registration: 619-884-1401. (DEL MAR)

Propagating Desirable Fruit Tree Varieties by grafting and budding is subject when local experts speak and demonstrate the skill, Thursday, February 26, for California Rare Fruit Growers. Program: 7 p.m. in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

"Baja to Vancouver" gallery walk-through led by curator Toby Kamps, Thursday, February 26, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Lensman Stephen Berkman discusses his photographic work and influences, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$9. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Protect Our Home, introduction meeting for San Diego Earth-Fair 2004 volunteer opportunities, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 858-272-7370. (BALBOA PARK)

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Washington Post managing editor Steve Coll speaks for Revelle Forum, Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Booksigning of Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA. Afghanistan, and Bin Laden follows. \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

#### IN PERSON

Author David Gottfried signs Greed to Green: The Transformation of an Industry and a Life at Environmental Library (9601 Ridge-Court), Thursday, February 19, 5 p.m. 858-573-1213. (KEARNY MESA)

The Mickey Finn Show hits stage for Dixieland fun at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 19, with performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Find resort at 5469 Casino Way. Tickets: \$25. 619-445-6002 x1139. (DEHESA)

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)

"A Bug's Life: Ants in Coastal **Habitats"** are the topic when UC Riverside insect researcher Eileen Paine speaks Friday, February 20, noon, at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free, 619-575-3613, (IMPERIAL BEACH)



Ballet Hispanico at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, February 22 (see Dance)

Busy Week for AcousticMusic-SanDiego.com, concerts planned by the Kennedys, Friday, February 20; Jack Williams, Sunday, February 22; Grammy-nominated songwriter Chris Wall, Wednesday, February 25. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets are \$15 per concert. 619-303-8176. (NOR-MAL HEIGHTS)

"Cabaret in the Park," Maureen McGovern presents new cabaret show, February 20-22, at San Diego Museum of Art. Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$25. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Military Science-Fiction Novelist Walter Hunt signs *The* Dark Path and The Dark Wing, Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051

Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Hunt will also appear on Thursday, February 26, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760.

The Importance of Love and relationships highlighted when author Shannon Peck signs Love Heals: How to Heal Everything, Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Delivering Zingers, comedian Don Rickles performs Friday, February 20, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). \$25. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Disappeared in the USA," third national "Day of Solidarity" with Muslim, Arab, South Asian immigrants, Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Music by the Prince Myshkins, art by Claudia Ferneti, spoken word by Al Howard, Able Minded Poets, open mike. Free. 619-497-1035. (HILLCREST)

"Mainstream" Comedy show Friday, February 20, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). "Latin Comedy" on Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343.

Fifth Annual Darwin's Birthday **Concert** presented by Dr. Stephen Baird and the Opossums of Truth, Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$15 general. 858-481-0765. (CARLSBAD)

Author Kaylie Jones, daughter of From Here to Eternity writer James Jones, signs her new novel, *Speak Now*, Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Audience Interactive performances by Late Bloomers Comedy Improv Troupe planned Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

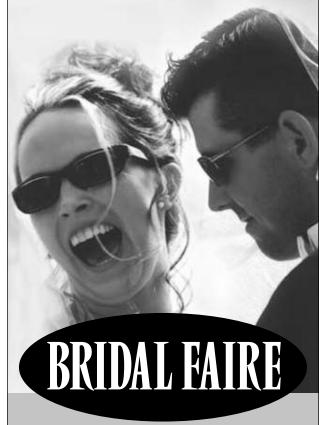
**Open Reading by Local Authors** including tarot reader/dream interpreter Jordan Schaffner (Skydiving Naked), Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m., at Ducky Waddle's Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)

"Put the Old on Hold," author Barbara Morris signs and discusses her new book, Saturday, February 21, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400.

Olympic and World Champion **Snowboarder** — and Encinitas resident — Todd Richards signs P3: Pipes, Parks, Powder, Saturday, February 21, 11:30 a.m., at Hansen's Surf Shop (1105 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-753-6595. (ENCINITAS)

"Politics of Ethnic and Racial Inequality" signed by J. Owens Smith, Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Author Cy Tymony signs Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things, Saturday, February 21, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore





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Singer and Songwriter Steve Tyrell performs Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$22, \$32. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Gypsy Spirit: Journey of the Roma" presented by Budapest Dance Ensemble, Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Show promises nearly 30 dancer/musicians onstage. Tickets: \$32, \$35 for adults; \$18 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505.

Sunset Poets gather for reading by Ghana native and featured poet Nii Avikwei Parkes, followed by open reading, Sunday, February 22, 3 p.m., at Flying Bridge (1105 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-758-2410. (OCEANSIDE)

The Renowned Virginia-Based **Duo** of Robin and Linda Williams perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Winter Jazz Series 2004 continues with performance by Yavaz, Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5 donation. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

**Jov of Sax** saxophone quartet performs for San Diego Mini-Concert, Monday, February 23, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Read Your Poetry or selections by someone else or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, February 23, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY Love Letters to Clarinda will be read when Robert Burns Club meets Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m., at Imperial House Restaurant (505 Kalmia Street). Scottish folk songs, tunes, recitations. Free. 619-421-7337. (HILLCREST)

"Adventures in San Diego" signed and discussed during Dave Kennedy's slide-illustrated lecture. Tuesday, February 24, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

The First 22 Years in life of TedGeisel examined in Kathleen Krull's Boy on Fairfield Street, which she'll sign and discuss, Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Author Seminar and Signing** of It's More Than Money - It's Your Life, by Candace Bahr, Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

Author B.J. Dohrmann signs and discusses Perfection Can Be Had, Wednesday, February 25, 4:30 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)



Akayaa Atule and Abaa Koma at San Diego Museum of Man, February 26 (see In Person)

Folk Singer and Songwriter Aengus Finnan performs Wednes-

day, February 25, 7 p.m., at the Abbey (2825 Fifth Avenue). Tickets: \$25, benefiting San Diego Children's Museum. 619-BUILD-IT. (HILLCREST)

Mystery Authors William Kent Krueger (*Blood Hollow*) and Libby Fischer Hellmann (Image of Death) sign their books, Wednesday, February 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

**Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers** Series continues when writer Richard Katrovas reads from his

work, Wednesday, February 25, p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Katrovas, an SDSU graduate, is author of five books of poetry. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

The Smothers Brothers and Yo Yo Man take stage Wednesday, February 25, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$40. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

**Proving What It Really Means** to Be Cool, UCSD Jazz Improvisation class performs Wednesday, February 25, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Challenges of Life as a **Refugee** in City Heights explored in multimedia presentation and public forum, Wednesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619 - 223 - 7001. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Writing Workshop planned by author Lee Silber, Thursday, February 26, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). He'll also sign his book Career Management for the Creative Person. Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"The Forest Lover" signed by author Susan Vreeland, Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Rant Revival," this event commemorating tenth anniversary of death of Bill Hicks is Thursday, February 26, 8 p.m., at the Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Live performances, "rant off," archival footage of Hicks. Rants will be judged by audience. Proceeds benefit Bill Hicks Foundation for Wildlife, Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. 858-454-9176 or 512-635-6933. (LA JOLLA)

Comic and Former California **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)

**Comedienne** Joan Rivers takes the stage on Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). \$25. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

Comedian and Actor Paul Rodriguez and guests perform Saturdav, March 13, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$47, \$57, available at 619-231-4343 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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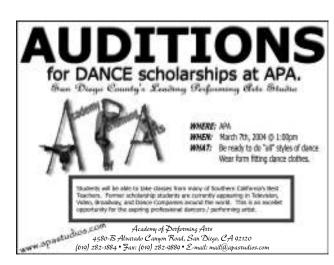
Gulls Hockey, San Diego Gulls host Las Vegas Wranglers on Thursday, February 19, at San Diego Sports Arena. Fresno Falcons arrive for match-up on Saturday, February 21. Games at 7:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130).

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)

Triple Header, Australian rules football matches between San Diego Cougars and San Diego, Cheetahs Huntington Beach and Inland Empire, and Valley Vandals versus Orange County, Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Dusty Rhodes Park. New players welcome. 858-558-2239. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

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#### Surf Ride/CSUS Contest

**Season** continues with competition at south harbor jetty, Saturday, February 21, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 760-722-6363. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

East County Crest/Alpine Express Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, February 22, boasting steep grade, peppy pace. Forty-five-mile backcountry loop starts at 8:30 a.m. at Denny's on Navajo and Fletcher Parkway. 619-465-1638. Free. (EAST COUNTY)

"Race for Knowledge," the Pardee Torrey Pines 5k run/walk and children's one-mile, half-mile, quarter-mile, toddler trot, diaper dash races, Sunday, February 22. Racing starts:/ 8 to 10 a.m., at Torrey Pines High School (3710 Del Mar Heights Road). 858-450-6510. (DEL MAR)

**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 valley 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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"Wines of the World," Chula Vista Kiwanis host tasting event, Friday, February 20, 6 p.m., at Chula Vista Women's Club (357 G Street). Tickets: \$18 per person, \$30 for two. 619-425-1343. (CHULA VISTA)

**"Bert Williams — The Minstrel,"** UCSD professor Camille Forbes shares her research on the black comedian who rose to popularity in late 19th and early 20th Centuries, Saturday, February 21, noon, at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). The short silent film *A Natural Born Gambler* (1916) will also be screened. Free. 619-527-3405 (ENCANTO)

**Poetry by Lao-Tzu** provides fodder when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Pampered Pooches, Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's AKC All-Breed Dog Shows, Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 2200 dogs are expected to compete *each day*. It's terrific fun to watch. No unentered dogs are allowed on the show grounds. Free. 619-588-0507. (DEL MAR)

Dried Codfish Soaked in Lye! Sons of Norway annual *lutefisk* dinner, Saturday, February 21, 4 to 7 p.m., at Masonic Temple (7849 Tommy Drive). Norwegian meatballs served to those who decline the *lutefisk*. \$17.50.619-444-9077. (SAN CARLOS)

The San Diego Mycological Society hosts seventh annual mushroom festival, Sunday, February 22, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Introductory slide show (10:30 a.m.), with exhibits open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Displays of local

## Roam-O-Rama

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dangerous for casual use.

Dozens of elephant trees cling to the walls of Torote Canyon, a tributary of Indian Gorge in the southern reaches of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. In Mexico, this tree is called *torote*, which means "twisted," in reference to the haphazard way the limbs twine upward. On the California side of the border, elephant trees are relatively rare, confined to a few spots scattered throughout the park.

With a short, stubby trunk, puffy limbs, reddish twigs and sap, tiny green leaves, and purplish fruit, elephant trees are definitely weird. Indians believed the plant was associated with a great power capable of

f the lie one to two miles up Torote Canyon. A broad expanse of sand, a few sparse shrubs, cobbled walls in the distance, and the blue vault of sky overhead: an hour spent in the warm February sunshine quietly contemplating such purity and simplicity can bring on a feeling of profound peace.

All but low-clearance passenger cars should be capable of negotiating the sandy

curing many diseases, especially skin ail-

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plant hidden away, as it was considered too

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A series of secluded valleys, each

road (turnoff at mile 46.1 on Highway S-2, about 2 miles north of Bow Willow) leading into Indian Gorge. Drive 1.8 miles to where a small post indicates the mouth of Torote Canyon on the right (north). On foot, scramble up the rockstrewn bed of the canyon, passing elephant trees tenaciously clinging to the steep walls.

Torote (elephant tree)

ing nearly half a mile. Within this valley the canyon divides, with the main branch (Torote Canyon) climbing sharply up a bouldered crease on the left (northwest). Keep right, if you prefer, toward the far end of the valley, and proceed north into a small, narrow canvon, a tributary of Torote Canvon. Within 200 yards this broadens into a second valley, similar to the first. Continue northwest to the second valley's end, and climb to the low pass appearing straight ahead. By contouring over rocks to the left (west), you can reach the east end of still another sand-drowned valley — this one richly endowed with desert vegetation and madly dashing jackrabbits.

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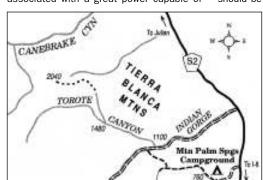
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**Windmill Bridal Faire,** Sunday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at

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master Ghanian drummer Akayaa Atule and her Abaa Koma dance and percussion ensemble. Expect tribute to music, dance, food, and drink of Ghana, Thursday, February 26, 6 p.m. \$20 fee includes food and drink, live entertainment. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

The 16th Annual International Folk Alliance Conference takes place Thursday through Sunday, February 26-29, at Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center (500 Hotel Circle North). Concerts, educational seminars, "all folk" exhibit hall, more. Information: 619-426-4048. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"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. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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)

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

**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)

Grunion Greeter Workshop, help researchers while experiencing a grunion run. Volunteers monitor San Diego beaches for spawning activity and collect basic information for about two hours during each run from April through June. Volunteers pick nights and beaches to monitor.

nights and beaches to monitor. Required "Grunion Greeter" workshop, Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Necessary reservations: 619-733-0725 by March 11. (LA JOLLA)

#### FOR KIDS

**Open Up** *The Princess's Birthday Present* when Big Joe Productions

perform through February 22 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Sleeping Beauty presented by Weaver's Tales, February 25-29. 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)

"Guitar," this theater piece "written with children of San Diego in mind" by La Jolla Playhouse's Performance Outreach Project may be seen Friday, February 20, 7 p.m., in Julian's Main Street Town Hall. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 for children. For those eight and older. (JULIAN)

The piece will also be presented Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m., at Seaport Village (849 West Harbor Drive). Free. Information on either performance: 858-550-1070 x118. (DOWNTOWN)

Animal Tales presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, February 21, 1:30 p.m., Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

"It's Instrumental: The Battle of the Instruments!" Harpist Cathy Litaker, soloists from Devine Guitar School, Helix High School Bagpipe Band, and Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band join San Diego Chamber Orchestra for Carnival Concert on Saturday, February 21. Musicians will explain how their instruments are built and sound. Children also learn in "Let's Build an Orchestra."

Performances: 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Reservations: 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

**The Cat in the Hat** visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760) for story time, Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m. Listen to *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*, other classic Seuss stories. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Amazing Tidepools," discover importance of slime to tidepool animals during family program at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, February 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tidepool talks, activities, stories, make and take home slime samples. Find Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. Included in regular museum admission. 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

**Air** is subject when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, February 21, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

**Kids' Fest** hosted by SDSU's Kappa Delta Sorority benefiting Julian's Anchorage, Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Henry Clay Park (next to 6506 Solita Avenue). Crafts, games, live entertainment. Tickets for activities: approximately 25 cents. 619-549-3527. (COLLEGE GROVE)

**Animal Stories for Preschoolers** told by Mary Ellen Marquand, Monday, February 23, 10 a.m., at

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North County & Downtown Locations

### **Queer Street:** The Rise and Fall of an American Culture, 1947–1985, **Excursions in the Mind of a Life**



James McCourt

W.W. Norton & Co.; 2004; 577 pages; \$29.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: A seminal work that may prove unrivaled in its ability to capture the voices of a mad, bygone era, Queer Street is a voluptuous, anecdotal history of New York's gay life in the 20th Century — a literary ode, a swan song - that barrels through four decades of crisis and triumph up to the era of the floodtide of AIDS.

Beginning with the influx of liberated veterans into down-

town New York in the now-mythical golden age before the McCarthy witch hunts, Queer Street tells the extraordinary story of the flowering, fruition, and falling-to-seed of Americangenerated gay culture in the latter half of the 20th Century.

Coming out himself in the late "buttoned up/buttoned down" 1950s, James McCourt positions his own experience against the history of the era, summoning a pageant of characters that includes Harry Hay, Judy Garland, Tennessee Williams, Gore Vidal, Leo Lerman, and Truman Capote. He lauds the men and women who challenged the attitudes of baby-boom triumphalism concerning the realities of homosexual experience, both as acted out in self-ordained "gay life" and as shot through the fabric of the ostentatiously and aggressively post-World War II American dream.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: The Miami Herald: James McCourt kicks off this "nonfiction roman fleuve" — French for "novel that's all over the place" — by christening himself "Queer Temperament" and describing the book as a stroll down an imaginary thoroughfare called Queer Street, "our [gay men's] Broadway." In the several pages he devotes to this introductory conceit, the word "queer" appears so often that one's heart sinks: Are we in for 577 pages of dreary identity politics?

Happily, no. Queer Street, it turns out, is no exercise in dated groupthink but a lively, engaging hodgepodge in which glimpses of McCourt's life at the tony end of the gay scene in Cold Warera New York (and, later, L.A.) are mingled with musings on the period's opera, ballet, theater, film, and literature.

The New York Times: Part bildungsroman, part intergenerational epic, Queer Street tells that echt American story, of an ambitious, talented young man from the provinces — in this case, Jackson Heights, Queens - who makes it to the apex of Manhattan cafe society, or at least to the same salons as the editors of The New York Review of Books. Our hero is initiated into the ways and means of queer life. We follow Q.T. as he makes the rounds of "the circuit: opera, ballet, theater, Carnegie Hall. The Metropolitan. The Frick" — his sentimental education fostered by his own avid study and by any number of savvy older

Queer Street is a sustained argument against the contempt of the newly, self-satisfiedly liberated, those who dismissed their elders as a pathetic, self-hating, closeted crew. At times McCourt sounds like nothing so much as an exasperated parent, vexed by the children's flagrant disregard for their elders' wisdom.

I. D. McClatchy: "Not since Truman Capote's Black and White Ball has there been such a gala collection of sacred monsters, feathered masks, icy pearls, chiseled remarks, and bitchy mots all in one glamorous setting.... An astonishing book, at once hilarious and touching."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: James McCourt was born July 4, 1941, into an Irish Catholic family. He was the second of the family's three boys. His mother taught school and his father worked on the docks as a timekeeper. Mr. McCourt attended Manhattan College, NYU, the Yale School of Drama, and the Old Met. He is the author of three novels and two short story collections and has published stories in The New Yorker, The Paris Review, Grand Street, and The Yale Review. He lives in New York City and Washington, D.C. Since 1965 he has made homes with his partner, picture editor Vincent Virga.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "Gay society," I said, "in the era about which you write is different than gay society is now.'

"Yes. By 1985, it was kind of gone, those guys who were dressy and sophisticated and part of the bath scene," Mr. McCourt said. "Everyone was in the street, evidently queer, after Stonewall. The culture changed into something else, something more marketable. The generally well-to-do homosexuals had a particular style, but the whole culture in this book, you'll notice, includes the working-class homosexual population. I knew both very (continued on page 84)

South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Boxes of Love, decorate heartshaped boxes with paints, shells, creative vision at Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle), Tuesday through Thursday, February 24-26. 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.

The U.S. Premiere of Alan Ayckbourn's Play The Boy Who Fell into a Book is presented by Lamb's Players Theatre, February 26-March 21, at Playhouse on Plaza (500 Plaza Boulevard). Performances start at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, Tickets: \$13-\$16 for children, \$26-\$32 for adults. 619-437-0600. (NATIONAL CITY)

Lord Cucuface Ousts Courageous Canine Genevieve from the old house in Paris covered with vines in musical version of Madeline's Rescue, the next production by San Diego Junior Theatre, running February 27 through March 14.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in Casa del Prado Theater. March 13 performance is American sign language interpreted. Tickets: \$10 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$9 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

#### MUSEUMS

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

**Antique Gas and Steam Engine** Museum, the museum locates,

collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steamoperated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

**Bonita Museum and Cultural** Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the Chula Vista Star News. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141(BONITA)

#### Campo Railroad Museum,

showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in

Bette Midler February 18

**Dream Theater** March 7

Jackson Browne March 9

Sarah Brightman March 10

Paul Rodriquez March 13

Rod Stewart March 26

Damien Rice March 26

David Crosbv March 28

The Strokes March 30 A Perfect Circle April 2

Luis Miguel March 7

**DMX** February 27

Lisa Marie Presley

1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in 'All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals, on view through April. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April.

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

Yes April 18

Dido May 29

Chayanne April 24

Alejandro Sanz May 20

Kenny Chesney June 13

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# METALLICA



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well because of the two meeting places particularly at the Opera Line and the Everard Baths (in Manhattan). And the days in which the Baths were about, as I put it, the experience was not about taking drugs and listening to wild music and having sex. It was about conversation and sex.'

"And charm."

"Charm was essential. That is the point. It wasn't mechanical. It was a very interesting kind of routine of seduction after seduction after seduction, if you like. But, ves, charm was essential. I must say that that's a very interesting word, because the charms of the upper crust, if you like, were one kind of charm and then there was also the rough charm of the middle-lower classes, and they met kind of in the middle. There was a camaraderie of need. I thought that the people in the upper-middle classes whom I encountered were truly interested in me; in a working-class man. There's a myth around this called 'rough trade.'

"Now the thing is, for me as a teenager, a transgressive and young adult, before I myself moved into what is essentially a middle-class situation, living with one man for all these years, what I was very taken by was that you were very impressed if you met or saw somebody famous at the baths, right?'

"Tony Perkins sat next to me at the movies. That kind of

"Yes. And also the parties were matinees. I stress the fact esting the picture that Gore Vidal paints in The City and the Pillar is more of an evening picture in that he was older. He was...not more sophisticated than the people I knew, certainly; in fact, he was provincial. He came from Washington. And also from a home in which it was a lot of displacement — divorces and all. But he was glamour personified. He was handsome, he was talented, he had a play running at the time I'm thinking of, on Broad-which was a play that he now no longer talks about —

which was called A Visit to a Small Planet. It was charming.

"And Arthur Laurents [gay playwright who wrote the West Side Story libretto] was charming. Arthur Laurents has just recently reacted by writing a letter to the New York Times book reviewer about the allegation in the book that West Side Story was a queer-encoded musical. But I realized he didn't know what encoding meant. He thought that I was saying that he meant to do this, that, or the other. And I thought it was a little disingenuous and said so.

'Actually, what happened was that 'Page Six' of the New York Post, a place that you don't expect to end up writing about a book, grabbed it and ran with it and made it the lead item. And so I was given a half an hour to prepare. And it wasn't an attack. It really wasn't. It was an observation. He seemed to be bewildered. I said I thought it was a little disingenuous but I explained what I meant. And so that was kind of it.

"You wrote the same thing about Carlisle Floyd's opera, Susannah."

"Susannah," Mr. McCourt writes, "was the encoded story of all the hundreds (later thousands) of boys who ran away from religion and preachers with hot hands that were not just layin' on the Holy Spirit. Particularly, they were Catholic boys from dioceses of Brooklyn, New York, Newark, and Philadelphia, bearing the secret of having been raised up to more than sanctifying grace in the sacristy and through the confessional

Mr. McCourt recalled Susannah, which had its New York premiere in 1958, with Phyllis Curtin as Susannah. "Yes, indeed. At the City Opera on 55th Street, it was played by Phyllis Curtin. She was a big star. See, the stars of the City Opera were a very special breed. Phyllis Curtin did eventually sing at the Metropolitan. I think she sang Salome at the Metropolitan. But yes, she was absolutely wonderful."

Mr. McCourt returned to the subject of gay encoding. "Susannah because, the man she loved, the preacher who seduced her, this hypocrisy is what I had in mind or what we had in mind. And particularly the way preachers, for example, and clergymen — sometimes quite high-ranking clergymen — you know, Catholics certainly, but also in the Episcopal church and elsewhere — would look upon us unchastely...if you want to put it that way. You see what I mean? From their point of view.

I suggested that at least in the case of Carlisle Floyd, whom I have known for many years, that his historical "inspiration" for Susannah was McCarthyism. "I seem to remember," I said, "that in thinking about the libretto for Susannah he was somewhat influenced by Arthur Miller's The Crucible. This business of encodedness about which you write seems to come later."

"Sometimes quite highranking clergymen — Catholics, certainly, but also in the Episcopal church — would look upon us unchastely."

"That's right. It comes with the deconstruction theory.

"And it comes to a later generation than that group who saw the first performances of works like Susannah?"

"Well, no, the identification there was what the later generations called encoded. We wouldn't have used the word encoded in those days.

We would have used the word, 'resonance,' I think. It had a resonance for, a meaning for gay people, for gay men.'

"But I have such difficulty imagining gay men hearing Susannah in the way you describe."

"We did, as young people, yes, we did. I'll give you an example. I was very attached to this priest in my parish and played golf with him and stuff like that. And there wasn't anyever, not remotely — anything untoward in his behavior toward me. And when I was at the Opera Line, and only about maybe 15 or 16 years old, I would hear these stories of boys who went on retreats, with Jesuits particularly. The utter hypocrisy of the

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, func-

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

tion, and natural materials. The

museum is located at 3525 Seventh

Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just

inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents: From the Kumeyaay to the Lee House' traces community history from the late Stone Age (12,000 B.C.) when the Kumeyaay first inhabited the area, to 1928 and the building of the H. Lee House. Exhibit includes murals, century-old woven baskets and pottery, fossils, pictographs, more. Continues through June.

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

"Busytown" is a hands-on, bilingual exhibit based on Richard Scarry's books and TV series. Exhibit includes a grocery store, factory, shipyard, power plant, and construction area for visitors aged 2 through 6 to explore, play, and learn, through Sunday, May 9. Tips and strategies offered on parentchild interaction to encourage children's learning.

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of handson exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in

the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on view through April, features artifacts from the area. The center — located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road — is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public.' 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, 'Motorcycles in the Park," 12th annual exhibit showcasing "vintage beauties, racing champs, wildly modified street bikes," on view through Monday, February 23.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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



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# READING

whole thing. I was frankly shocked. I was sexually active in a not-very-confused teenage way, but bold. The way some children can be very bold and precocious. But I was shocked."

"You were very precocious."

"Yes, not singularly however. I may have been the only kid on the block, but there were other precocious boys."

You were precocious with

"Oh, yes, yes. Yes. But that's what I mean by how Susannah at the City Opera was the hypocrisy thing. See, now, there they're talking about the power the adolescents feel they have over the men who come on to them; this is part of the discussion, the discourse nowadays. I don't think we felt powerful. Being a bad boy was just fulfilling. I can't explain it any other way. And it had something to do with the movies, with film noir. It had something to do with that and being a bad boy or a bad girl, you know, was thrilling, you see. And we couldn't get pregnant. And we couldn't be — we couldn't make somebody pregnant either. So we were sort of carte blanche. And there were police who were protecting us to a certain extent. Which was kind of like social hypocrisy but good social hypocrisy. For

us, I mean. "I'm trying to remember now exactly, or I tried to in the book, I had an older brother who was a heterosexual but ten years older than I. The book is dedicated to him. He knew club life in New York. It's funny; he dated showgirls from the Latin Quarter. And when I got older, I was out in East Hampton, and I became friendly with a woman who had married an important art dealer in New York who had been actually a showgirl at the Latin Quarter. A very intelligent woman. And I said, 'Helen, my brother used to say that he used to date Latin Quarter showgirls,' I said. 'Is that possible?' She said, 'Oh please, of course.' She said, 'We loved those college boys. They were so innocent and sweet, and they made no demands on us.' She said, 'They were innocent; they were lovely.' She said, 'It was a better time.' So I sort of wanted to be a Stage Door Johnny or whatever. I would be frightened of certain sinister aspects or of what I thought to be sinister aspects of the men who were particularly terribly lonely and old and bitter. You know. And drank too much. Everybody did, didn't they though?"

When did you get introduced into gay society?"

'Let me see now, there was always a kind of awareness. In grammar school. Boy play. Then the McCarthy hearings were being televised, and I went to Washington with my mother and my younger brother. And we were on the Senate Visitor's Gallery. And

we heard Senator McCarthy live. What he was screaming. "He was so sinister."

"And drunk. I knew that one of the things that he was talking about were spies, and I recognized all that stuff, all together, that in that there was a strong thread of there being queers in the State Department. So that got me started.

And then I saw the magazine One, and I didn't know what it was. I thought, 'One. What does that mean, One? And it was a small magazine, and I bought it.

'I was maybe 12, 13. And I bought it. I was in the subway in Manhattan. I used to ride the subways just to ride the subways and get off and go walking around the streets of Manhattan. I wanted to be back as soon as possible. And I'd walk through Shubert Alley in the daytime. So I bought this thing, and I started to read it, and it was a very safe publication. And I thought, 'Oh yeah, yeah.' because there was just an awareness of it, you know. In the family and in the neighborhood. And I wasn't this faggy kid. I was kind of hyperactive.

"So that was my awareness. That these people were being portrayed as these people that we were supposed to look out for because we had also been warned about 'don't speak to strangers.' It was never a woman you weren't supposed to speak to, you know.

"Did you ever feel really bad about being homosexual?"

"I thought if I was caught and exposed that it would bring shame on the family.

"And it would have."

'Yes, probably. But no, not about it itself. No, interestingly enough, I got very sophisticated from reading about the possibilities of being both — being bisexual, in other words. And I was always popular and dating girls. It didn't seem to be a real problem, especially since you were supposed to be very chaste with girls. It was a real safety valve there. Only the Italian kids did anything. So I was safe. But I know what you mean, and no, that hadn't become imprinted that I was rotten inside for some reason. Which is what I hear from lots of people.

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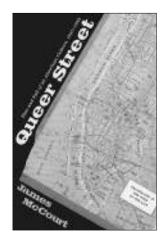
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"But I knew I had to be very careful. I had all this in the book about the successful negotiation with the straight boy who was wildly affectionate and wrestling and pillow fights and all this kind of stuff and swimming. And then that kind of petered out. Of course, I was blue over those things. I was kind of blue. But it was sweet. I was very lucky. The only time I ever got into trouble was a few times when I would unwisely go with some man to a movie theater. Then I would feel claustrophobic and because he was so — the one I have in mind anyway - so basically, I suppose, unhappy about himself. He wasn't violent or anything. It was just nasty. It was nasty.

I offered this: "Sometimes I think that gay men now in their 30s and 40s, married and with children, are not as happy as my gay Uncle Carl's friends were in the 1950s. Because Uncle Carl's friends always seemed to me, but remember that I was young, like 'The Land of Lost Boys' happy.'

"Well, there was that aspect, you know. But I'll tell you; it's interesting about that, because that brings up the whole Peter Pan issue. I went to see Peter Pan with Jean Arthur, and it broke my heart. I thought it was the way she played it; she was great. But I remember it kept breaking me up, the sorrow of it. I wanted to be really grown-up, and I also - I don't know what this means, but I liked quite older men when I was a teenager. They were kind, and they were sexy, too — 60s, you know. Like skipping a generation in the middle. And I read about all this kind of stuff. But then when I got older, of

course, there was a magazine, that has come and gone, called Chiron Rising. It was actually from California. Perhaps even San Diego. But it was older men with younger men. And I read it with great interest because I read lots of things from great sociological interest. It disappeared. I think the Internet took care of publishing like that. But I've never been remotely interested in much younger men. The thing is that when I meet them and they're very intelligent, they put on

their best. "I had two of them just today. They were just terrific. They put on their best bib and tucker to talk to the old guy, which is hilarious. Because somebody said, 'Don't you feel like, you know, 26 at 62?' I said, 'No, no, no. I feel 62, all right.' I can account for it all. I don't feel that young. I'm blessed; I don't have too many physical problems. I have arthritis, which Î deal with well. My mother just died, a year ago today, at the age of 95.

'I was with her the last three nights of her life. We had a lot of stormy stuff in our lives. But as she got older and incapacitated from a stroke, which she fought and taught herself to read again, at one point she said, 'I really should have been more understanding all along.' She said, 'My favorite Uncle Jimmy, Jimmy O'Keefe,' which would put him back in the late 19th Century, she said, 'He must have been that way.

"I said, 'Well, you know.' I remember somebody once asked her about a priest; she was a teacher in the archdiocese, and they said, 'Do you think he's...?' And my mother said, 'I don't know if he's gay or sad; he's a good priest; that's all I know.' So she was witty about

things by then."
I asked, "What did you mean this book to be when you started it?'

Several people said I should collect my essays. Initially, I thought it was going to be published by Knopf, and it was essays and connecting remarks. That's all. It would have been half the length it is now. And the editor, Vicky Wilson, was very fired up, and we were all excited. She brought it to Sonny Mehta, who runs the place, and he shocked her by saying, 'No, why don't we just stick to his fiction?' "

The manuscript then was given to Norton executive editor Bob Weil. "And it was he who said, 'I've got to have you

Mr. McCourt then set about writing an account of his growing up. "And then Bob said, 'I want more.' I said, 'You want more?'

"This was at the very end. He said, 'You're not finished yet. Another two pages will do it.' I thought, 'I don't know what he's talking about.' And then he would say, 'Think of something transcendent.' And it was odd the way he said it. I would come up with something that fit, that was the proper ending. And so we did that. He was a great editor in that way.'

"Why did you end it at 1985?

"Well, the book would have been enormously unwieldy. And I said, 'You know, Bob, since 1985, since the whole AIDS activism business, that's a whole other book. I'm not equipped; I haven't the inclination to do the years 1985 to the present in depth of any kind. We've been out of the loop. I've been out of the

loop.'
"My friends who didn't die are my age and younger. I have to be the oldest now among the people I know, I think. Not by that many years, but I used to say that I felt at the tail end of the other generation. Being born just before Pearl Harbor, I think, 'Oh well, that's the absolute end.'

"I think generally, about this era, there are many fortunate things going on in terms of opportunities and lessening feelings of persecution and not losing your job, all that. Also, the friendship between straight young men and gay young men seems to me to be real these days. There seems to be less fear among straight people of gay people. Somebody asked me about that in relation to AIDS, and I said, 'I just think that it has to do with some kind of surfacing dignity or decency in Americans.

- Judith Moore



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# Not the Way to Get Into Heaven

One can see why the American songbooks appealed to singers whose main musical concern has been the High Middle Ages.

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or almost two decades, the all-female vocal ensemble Anonymous 4 has been among the most admired of early music groups. Performing without accompaniment, the four singers (there has been only one replacement)

have delighted their enthusiastic audiences with lovely voices of great sweetness and purity, absolutely flawless intonation, perfect unanimity, the most sensitive mu-

sicianship, and a brilliant understanding of various medieval styles. They have sung chant and polyphony, Latin motets, English carols, Italian *canzoni*, French *chansons*. Their interest has been focused on the period from Hildegard of Bingen in the 12th Century to Francesco Landini in the 14th; but their repertoire also extends to modern works by Richard Einhorn, John Tavener, and Steve Reich. I have heard them several times in concert and have collected all their numerous recordings. I am one of their many fans. But so far as this listener is concerned, their recent Sunday-afternoon program at St. James by-the-Sea, "American Angels," was a complete bust.

The program, unlike any Anonymous 4 had previously done, was devoted to the tradition of American religious partsinging, also occasionally referred to as "white spirituals." The sources were chiefly 19th-century partsong collections such as The Southern Harmony, Christian Harmony, The Kentucky Harmony, and (probably the most widely disseminated one) The Sacred Harp. Such books were intended for nonprofessionals who had received some training in the system of shape-note singing: the various notes of the scale are represented on the staves by specific shapes (triangle, diamond, etc.), to facilitate the reading of the tunes. The Anonymous 4 singers obviously did not need help in reading music, but - in this respect, at least — they tried to maintain something of the original mode of performance, beginning several of their numbers with a runthrough on the syllables that conventionally stand

for the notes (only fa, sol, la, and mi are used in the early shape-note system, unlike the traditional medieval do-re-mi *solfeggio*), before then going on to sing the words of the texts.

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pealed to singers whose main musical concern has been the High Middle Ages. The songs are in four parts, which suits these four women just right. The har-

monies, whether in block chords or in simple polyphony (the so-called fuguing tunes), tend to emphasize open fourths and fifths, giving the sound an archaic flavor in some ways very like that of 13th-century motets. Occasional parallel fifths conjure up the *organum* chant of 12th-century Paris — although the 12th-century composers dared to use parallel fifths because the musical rule banning them had not yet been invented, and the 19th-century composers used them because they followed their instincts rather than a rule many of them had never heard of.

The mistake Anonymous 4 made — and it was a big one — was to assume that the performance practices that had served them so well for the refined musical art of the Middle Ages — a matter of courts, cathedrals, and monasteries would be just as suitable to the rough, popular musical art of 19th-century rural America. They sang with their usual sweet, tender voices, their polished phrasing, their extreme emotional restraint, their air of angelic, blissful impassivity. Maybe nuns in French convents sounded like that when they sang motets in praise of the Virgin Mary (although I'm not so sure). But the real people who sang the folk hymns and psalm tunes of The Sacred Harp and similar songbooks, the people for whom the music was printed, the people who lived this musical tradition and gave it its vitality — they had a style no more like that of Anonymous 4 than the Atlantic Ocean is like

We know this because the American rural

partsong tradition is alive and well today. It has existed continuously since its origin more than two centuries ago. The hymns of The Sacred Harp are still sung by Protestant congregations in the American South, and there are still conventions that bring hundreds of singers together to perform the repertoire, not only in Alabama or Georgia, but in Chicago, and even in England. If you want to get a sense of how stupendous this music can be, listen to the performances Alan Lomax recorded in volumes 4, 9, and 10 (especially the latter two) of his indispensable folk music collection Southern Journey (Rounder CDs). Lomax's singers are not polished and restrained. Their voices are rough and intense. They bellow and whine. They sing as loudly as they can, all the time. They sing their hearts out. And when they sing about Sin and Suffering and Jesus and Angels and Grace and Heaven, they really mean it! It may not be pretty, it may not be polite, but I challenge anyone to listen to this music — sung as it should be sung — and not to be carried away by its grandeur, its passion, its stark power.

Anonymous 4's performances, in contrast, reduced this magnificent music to something small, decorous, and exceedingly boring. You can admire exquisitely artful singing only so long: after a while, you need something more, something that makes you feel that your life — before you heard this — was incomplete. The songs are all strophic, with the same music (in the same musical setting) repeated over and over. When singers in the living tradition sing them, they make no effort to differentiate the stanzas or to give interpretive nuances to any words or phrases. They just go on slamming away, as though they were besieging the gates of heaven and were going to keep at it until they were let in. The monotony this style produces is itself an essential part of the musical

experience. The story they are telling is a simple one, without equivocations. It mows down any listeners' resistance like an earthquake. Neither the singers nor the listeners are given the opportunity to feel that things are going on too long. This is music of ecstatic conviction, in which ordinary notions of time and duration are irrelevant.

Anonymous 4, too, sang every stanza of a given song identically. There were no climaxes, no contrasts, no differentiations. But what they were displaying over and over was not the armor of unshakable faith but a delicate fabric of salon entertainment. Here and there, they did introduce little bits of expression, but with such gentility that their well-bred interpretative nu-



Anonymous 4

Anonymous 4: "American Angels" St. James by-the-Sea

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# Calendar CLASSICAL MUSIC

ances made the performances even weaker and more tedious.

In deference to the atmosphere of the rural South that much of this music carries with it, they also embellished the vocal lines with a device I have never heard them use in their singing of medieval music. In "American Angels," virtually every accented note was preceded with a little acciaccatura (grace note) from below. It is a device that has long been characteristic of country-western singers and that now is heard relentlessly in popular music of all kinds. The real singers of shape-note hymns employ it rarely if at all, and when they do so its purpose is to give an extra emotional impetus to a key word. To use it all the time, here, there, and wherever, as the Anonymous 4 singers did at St. James, is to deprive it of all expressive significance and to convert it into a meaningless cliché. By the end of the afternoon, I found myself utterly acciaccatura-ed out.

Actually, I had one good moment during this unendurable exhibition of a good group gone bad. The program, which consisted of 21 numbers, was performed without intermission. When the singers came to "Wayfaring Stranger," my heart leapt up with joy —

not because I enjoyed the singing, and not because the Spirit had entered into me, but because that was number 11, and when it was finished more of the concert lay behind than before.

#### CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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**Two Scenes from** *The Magic Flute,* a scene from *Cosi 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: \$58-350-0290 x7. (DOWNTOWN, 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.

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 East-Lake 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)

"Cutting Edge" Piano Music by young American composers performed by Christopher Adler during faculty recital, Friday, February 20, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8 general. 619-260-4171.

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, February 20. Recorder basics at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor leads the group, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 760-726-8699. First visit free.

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 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)

**Pipe Organ Concert Series,** former civic organist Jared Jacobsen performs for pipe organ concert se-

ries, Friday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

"It's Instrumental: The Battle of the Instruments!" Harpist Cathy Litaker, soloists from Devine Guitar School, Helix High School Bagpipe Band, and Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band join San Diego Chamber Orchestra for Carnival Concert on Saturday, February 21. Musicians will explain how their instruments are built and sound. Children also learn in "Let's Build an Orchestra."

Performances: 1 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club, preceded by activities at 12:15 p.m.; and at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Middle School Performing Arts Center (3800 Mykonos Lane), with preconcert activities at 3:15 p.m. Tickets in Carmel Valley are \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; with attendees in Balboa Park paying \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults. Reservations: 888-848-7326 x7. (BALBOA PARK, CARMEL VALLEY)

**The San Diego County Alumnae Scholarship** fund benefits from concert by Gennaro Trio, Saturday, February 21, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. \$12.619-442-6215. (SDSU)

**"Flamenco: Sound, Dance, Passion!"** Light Bulb concert hosted by San Diego Symphony features conductor Murry Sidlin, guitarist Roberto Limón, mezzo-soprano Ava Baker Liss, and Olé Flamenco, Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$10 to \$55. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

**Music on Jewish Themes** by Bruch, Ravel, M. Takeda, Bloch,

Prokofiev, Messiaen may be heard when Saturday Night Concert series continues, Saturday, February 21, 8 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Performers include Pepron Pilibossian, Yulia Atoyan (piano), Ruslan Biryukov (cello), Roman Fukshansky (clarinet), Whittney Thomas (viola), Irina Tseitlin, Tiffany Modell, Limor Toren (violin). Donation: \$12 general. Reservations: 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

The Newly Enlarged Casavant/ Phoenix Organ is played by former civic organist Robert Plimpton during organ dedication recital, Sunday, February 22, 4 p.m., at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). "Music to suit all tastes." Donations accepted. 760-729-8901. (CARLSBAD)

**Civic Organist** Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Artistry of Luciano Berio (1925-2003) is celebrated in concert by UCSD music faculty and graduate students, Thursday, February 26, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Pieces by Berio, Monteverdi, Luigi Dallapiccola, and others. \$8, 858-534-4830. (IA IOLIA)

**SONOR Concert,** Thursday, February 26, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Music of Paris" on tap when Parisii Quartet performs all-French program featuring Debussy, Roussel, Ravel for Strings in the Galleries series, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. 619-696-9169. \$20. (BALBOA PARK)







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#### GALLERIES

on the events section.

Intuitive Lead Pencil Compositions on illustration board by Santa Fe artist Valdez Abeyta y Valdez on display in "Strands of Time," at Burton Gallery (307 South Cedros Avenue) through Saturday, March 20. Reception: Thursday, February 19, 5:30 p.m. 858-794-7204. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Organic Visions," a new collection by Vista sculptor Charles Bronson, is on view through March in loft at Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). Collection features series of colorful hanging metal sculptures. Reception for artist: Thursday, Febru-

ary 19, 5:30 p.m. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Happy Birthday! A Celebration of Seuss" opens with reception, Friday, February 20, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Exhibit includes original drawings for children's books, original children's books in different languages (including Braille), photographs, fan mail. 858-454-5872. Closes Saturday, March 27. (LA JOLLA)

**District 3** opens with exhibition by six artists, Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, 7 to 11 p.m. Show continues through Sunday, March 14, at 1135 25th Street. 619-255-7695. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Water Worlds" explored by six photographers in exhibit on display through Sunday, April 4, at North County Camera's Photographer's Gallery (945 West Valley Parkway). Meet the artists during reception, Friday, February 20, 6:30 a.m. 760-737-6002. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Pipe Dreams,"** recent works by Jeremie Zulaski on view through Friday, March 12, at Playa Gallery (2940 Adams Avenue). Reception for artist: Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. 619-339-1136. (NORTH PARK)

"Breathe," exhibit by Meghan Nichols opens with reception, Friday, February 20, 9 p.m., at Seth Sabal Studio (1156 Seventh Avenue). Closes Friday, March 19. 619-232-5154. (DOWNTOWN)

"Still Life: Painting Form and Light" — exhibit of still-life paintings by Catherine Grawin, Pat Kelly, Jori Owens opens with reception Saturday, February 21,

4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). "Still-life painting is a celebration of the commonplace and the ordinary." Enjoy paintings through Sunday, March 28. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"Passing Through Fire: Impressions of Paradise Firestorm 2003," an exhibit of paintings by Richard K. Bacon, is on display through Tuesday, March 2, at Grand Galleria (413 West Grand Avenue). Meet Bacon during reception, Saturday, February 21, 3 p.m. 760-489-1898. (ESCONDIDO)

"Instar" — an exhibit of new paper sculpture, collage, and installation by Cheryl Sorg — is on view through Saturday, March 6, at Lucid Gallery (466 North Coast Highway 101, suite 5). Artist's reception: Saturday, February 21, 6 p.m. 760-634-3677. (ENCINITAS)

"The Argentina Journal" is Peter Zvi Malkin's art journal chronicling his experiences capturing Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichman in Argentina in 1960. Exhibition of "Journal" opens with lecture by and reception for Malkin, Monday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., in Gotthelf Art Gallery. Malkin served 27 years in the Mossad and secret service. \$16. The Gotthelf is found in Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

**Feminity** and conceptions surrounding it are explored in art by Christin Turner. Closing reception for exhibit of her work, Monday, February 23, 7 p.m., in UCSD

Price Center Gallery B. 858-349-6955. (LA JOLLA)

#### 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,

rioress—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 up-close 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.

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 land-scapes 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.

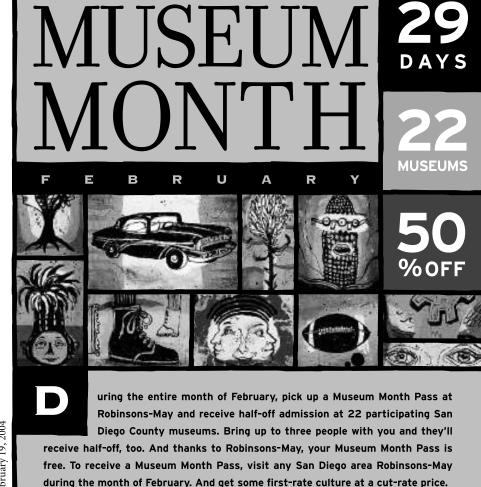
"Sultans and Sufis: Paintings from the Deccan," continuing through Sunday, August 15, includes approximately 20 works from the Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of South Asian art. Painting styles are described as "visionary, poetic, and richly colored."

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,** permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)





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by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

#### Antigone

The South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sophocles' tragedy of individual 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.

#### **Bash: Latterday Plays**

David Kelso directs Neil LaBute's trio of one-acts — "A Gaggle of Saints," "Medea Redux," and "Iphigenia in Orem." ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRU-ARY 22; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

#### Berlin's Best/Porter's Picks

The La Jolla Stage Company presents a tribute to Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Songs include "Begin the Beguine," "Night and Day," and "Alexander's Ragtime Band." LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THE FIRE-HOUSE, 7877 HERSCHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, 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 par-ody 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.











# Calendar THEATER

#### **Bus Stop**

William Inge's 1955 comedydrama 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 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 few more notches and you would have Eugene O'Neill." At the Old 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'

range from a virgin to a pedophile.

should be. Acting ranges from authentic to imitative. Jonathan Mc-Murtry shines as Dr. Lyman, self-loathing 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

demeanors.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON
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#### 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.

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#### 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
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THROUGH MARCH 14; TUESDAY
THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-4972787.

#### 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!"

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KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPENENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT
8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664.

#### Eurydice

UCSD Theatre presents a "sassy, sensual retelling of the Orpheus and Eurydice Greek myth, told this time from Eurydice's point of view." Daniel Fish directed.

MANDELL WEISS THEATRE FORUM, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, LA JOLLA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574

#### **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 you 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 personal 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. (Note: Cygnet has extended the run of Fully Committed.)

#### 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. 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: *The Suppliants* by Aeschylus, February 23.

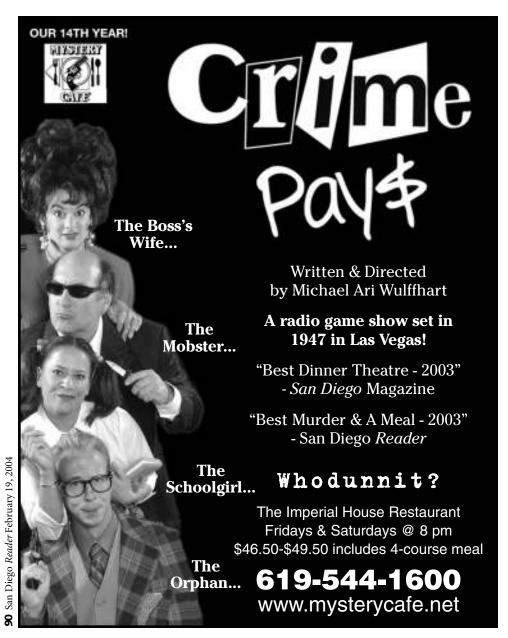
#### Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Hamlet

The Lamb's Players Hamlet is bound and determined to be clear. Director Robert Smyth has cut the script, including Fortinbras's brusque cameo, and the actors create straightforward, easily read characters. But though it often feels like a guided tour, dramaturged by Strunk and White, the plot-pointed staging moves inexorably toward the castle floor strewn with chalices, poison-tipped rapiers, and royal corpses. As the Man in Black, Nick Cordileone tends to "saw the air" and relies on intensity rather than nuance. The result is a usually competent, though largely external portrait — an ensemble Hamlet. But this looks by design. Smyth has stressed *Hamlet*, not Hamlet. The play's the thing. The design work







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follows this choice. Mike Buckley's unit set, four flights of stairs, has few details. Nathan Peirson's lighting provides these, as does Deborah Gilmour Smyth's music and Jeanne Reith's 19th Centurygeneric costumes (with an autumnal palate, which suggests that the four-month party at Elsinore Castle is over: the revelers just don't know it yet). The ensemble emphasis sheds more light on other characters, especially David Cochran Heath's King, whose pangs of conscience, given enough time, could drive him mad. (Note: Lamb's has extended the run of Hamlet.) Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 13: 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.

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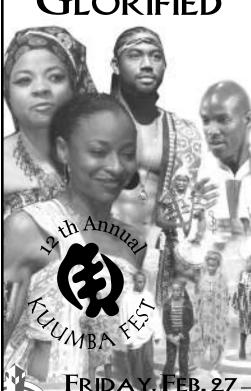
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#### Henry IV, Part I

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 Barfly's Comedy." Richard Baird directed.

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#### I Ain't Yo Uncle

UCSD Theatre and 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, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 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. 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. 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

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#### 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 Lindsey-Abaire's crazy-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it merely an antiquated concept? In 6th @ Penn's staging, which ranks among its finest, the characters 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

#### Critic's pick.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE. THROUGH FEBRUARY 22:

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, THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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#### 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, THROUGH FEBRU-ARY 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-594-6884

#### **National Comedy Theatre**

Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. It makes for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-

#### Richard III

As bombs burst above, and parts of the walls shake loose, actors from the state theater of an unnamed 20th-Century country perform Shakespeare's history play in underground bunker #237. Their soiled hodgepodge do actual and "found" props. Chalk drawings of the characters



king, after, shows why). The performances, at UCSD, are well spoken — though some speech more than speak. Jim Winker's direction/adaptation of the text is clear and concise. Like the Hamlet currently at Lamb's, this is an ensemble piece, focusing on the other characters (and enriched by questions about who the state actors are and why they got cast in these roles). Richard III aligns himself with Vice, the devil's accomplice in morality plays, and encourages the audience to follow his deft wordplay, argumentative daring, and diabolical schemes. He's a showboating ham, or should be. David Ari, however, makes Richard more weaselprankster than mega-villain. Is he imitating the "state's" ruler rather than Shakespeare's? Either way, there are layers missing in the role, Alex Cranmer's Buckingham and Amy Stewart's grimy, mystical Margaret fortify the production as Richard's evil and good angels.

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#### Worth a try.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UNI-VERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 21: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, AT 2:00 P M 858-534-4574

#### **San Diego Theatresports**

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#### Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

#### She Loves Me

Lamplighters presents Joe Masteroff, Jerry Bock, and Sheldon Harnick's popular musical about feuding clerks who become anonymous pen pals. D. Larry Steckling directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE LA MESA THROUGH MARCH 14; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P M 619-464-4598

#### Sideways Stories From Wayside School

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents John Olive's adaptation of Louis Sachar's Wayside School novels ("the funniest school in the

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#### Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

#### Worth a try.

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

#### 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.

#### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN THROUGH FEBRUARY 22-TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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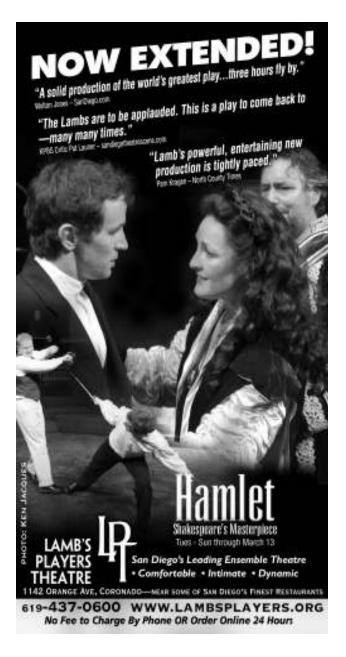
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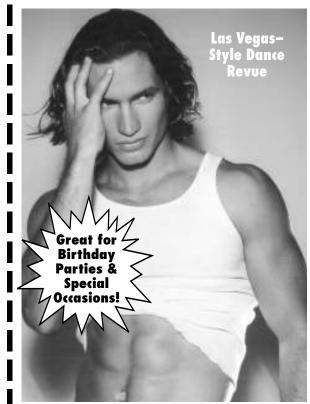
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**Guitar tech Larry Palm helped blink-182** — his employer between 1999 and 2001 — by coming up with the name of their 2001 CD become the title of the million-selling CD.

"I took the winter [2000-2001] off to go skiing. We were sitting around [in the ski lodge]. It was a wet day. Some kid came in and he was soaked head to toe. A woman who must have been his mother screamed, 'You need to take off your pants and

based manager Rick DeVoe]. Mark and Tom asked me a couple times if I had gotten anything, and I told them no. We never talked money [amount] or anything. I finally get a letter [from DeVoe] that said sign this letter and agree to accept this piddly amount. I can't tell you how piddly it was, but it was



LARRY KEEPS HIS PANTS AND JACKET ON

very piddly."

Palm said he was told he was going to be hired to go out with the band to tour Europe in support of *Jacket*.

"Then 9/11 happened. The way we [the road crew] found out that we weren't going out on tour was on the Internet. They didn't even bother to tell us. So I went out [on tour] with Blondie."

Palm said the title name issue was unresolved. "They stopped communicating with me. I got an attorney and let him handle the rest of it."

Palm, who has also toured with the Black Crowes, Beck, the Go-Go's, and Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam tour, admits guitar techs like himself aren't usually involved in the creative process. He said his attorney told him there was never a legal case involving intellectual property protection of an album's title.

"My lawyer was concerned because there was no precedent. But there are firms that you can hire that will come up with a concept, a name and artwork for an album. We negotiated back and forth. We settled on what I believe was a fair price."

Palm said the settlement came at the end of July of last year. He has "no idea" why it never made the press. "Plenty was said about it when it [the lawsuit] first came out [in June 2003]. It was on MTV, and [in] *Rolling Stone*."

Palm would not divulge what the settlement was or what a rock star guitar tech makes.

"Crew guys don't make a lot of money. Some guys make a lot. Keith Richards's tech makes six figures, but he is on call 24/7. With a band like blink, I would go out for

maybe six months a year. You have to sustain yourself the other months."

Palm says he has been a guitar tech for 20 years.

He said some bands treat their road crew better than others.

"Black Crowes really took care of me.... I was treated like a king on Tony Hawk's tour."

Rick DeVoe Management had no comment.

- Ken Leighton

The Take Off Your Pants

title origins get more murky with another band that has come forward with claims to have provided Palm with the inspiration for the blink-182 title.

"In 1996, we released an album called *Cream Gun*, on the Trash Fish label," according to bassist Jake

Rutherford of the Arkansas band Reagan's Polyp. He says his group has released "around 30 albums since 1992. There's a song on *Cream Gun* called 'Take Off



REAGAN'S POLYP — NUTS OR CANNY PR PROS?

Your Pants.' The song's not much, just a sampler and two voices, but it's a killer title, right? Now Larry Palm crossed paths with us.... We work the same circuit.... I'm pretty sure he's had a copy [of *Cream Gun*] for years. So, really, it was our title he stole, and blink ripped us all off."

In an e-mail, Rutherford says that Reagan's Polyp might sue either blink or Palm for their fair share of proceeds from the album's platinum sales.

"Obviously blink's album went platinum because of the great title alone. There's sure as shit not \$14 worth of music on there. So we're thinking about half their [album's]

# the inside track

Take Off Your Pants and Jacket. He says the band finally paid him for the name after months of legal wrangling.

Palm toured Europe and the U.S. with blink, tuning the guitars for Tom DeLonge and Mark Hoppus on blink's 1999-2000 "Enema of the State" tour. But in the spring of 2001, Palm knew blink was looking for a name for its album. It was recorded but not named when Palm, who lives in Big Bear, came up with the phrase that would

jacket.' Everybody looked at each other and started laughing and said, 'Did you hear what she just said?' I told myself, 'That's their title right there.' I called Tom and told him. He thought it was funny, and he said he was going to call Mark right then."

Palm said the band liked it. "Tom said, 'We're going to hook you up.' The record comes out and goes straight to number one on the charts."

But the "hookup" was not forthcoming. "I don't hear anything [from Encinitas-

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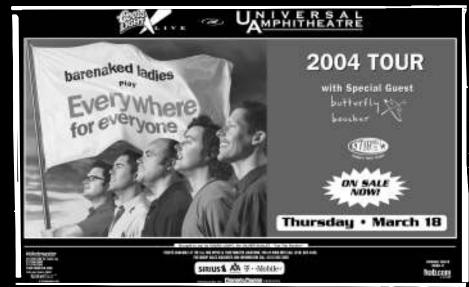
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proceeds would be fair. Probably around five million. We'd be happy with that."

Larry Palm says he has never had any contact with Reagan's Polyp.

As of this writing, a lawsuit has not been filed. — Jay Allen Sanford

Bryan Schock, who worked at 91X when it flipped to an alternative format 21 years ago, walked out of the Clear Channel complex for good last Friday.

Without acknowledging 91X's drop in ratings, Clear Channel announced last September that Schock would be leaving 91X to work at KGB. After four months at KGB, Schock is now leaving the corporation entirely.

A 1979 graduate of Torrey Pines High School, Schock said, "Plenty of people in this building are perfectly happy with the way things are going. I'm just not one of them."

— Ken Leighton

"Someone broke in and stole our speakers."

Ubaldo Salvador, singer/guitarist of Bumbklaat, said he and the other members of Bumbklaat who run the all-age Tijuana club El Guano discovered they had lost \$600 in speakers and speaker cords.

"We don't know how they broke in. There were no signs of a break-in or anything broken.

Wouldn't that mean someone else had to have a key?



COULD UBALDO'S LANDLORD BE A GOOD ACTOR?

"I wondered about that, but the landlord was surprised too. I don't think he was involved, or he was a good

He said two El Guano shows, one in January and one in February, were canceled.

"The reason we have a

permanent place there is so we wouldn't have to haul our stuff down there. There goes that idea."

Salvador said El Guano was also plagued by an outside robbery. "Someone stole our electric meter. It's a pain in the ass to get electricity in Mexico.... They show up when they show up.

Bumbklaat leaves today for a five-day, four-city tour of Mexico.

— Ken Leighton

"Pork is not part of the Rastafarian

religion. It's an insult to the Rastafarian," says an owner of a local reggae store (who doesn't want to be identified) about the new reggae show, Brunch with Bob and Friends, that airs 10 a.m. to noon on FM 94.9.

"At the introduction of the show [host Tommy Hough] says things that completely don't relate to the music. Like the show is for people who are running on the beach and making pancakes and bacon. That doesn't relate at all to Rastafarians. Bacon has nothing to do with that whole culture.

Hough responds, "I'm not programming the show exclusively for Rastafarians. I'm programming it for everyone.... Many people on Sunday morning eat bacon. The very fact that they are eating bacon while enjoying

Bob Marley is not an insult to the Rastafarian culture."

Ruben Selah, manager of Trade Roots, San Diego's largest music-and-culture reggae store, says he thinks



HOUGH'S BRUNCH WITH BOR AND BACON

the overall approach of Brunch with Bob and Friends is "very positive," but he also says the show is too narrowly focused on just one artist.

"You're going to run out of music. There may be five versions of 'Get Up Stand Up,' but it's still the same

song."
"Brunch with Bob and Friends is not a reggae show, otherwise we would have used 'reggae' in the name," says Hough. "It's a Bob Marley

Who are the "friends" then?

"[The title] gives me the latitude to expand. Our

listeners are really excited about the idea of an all-Bob Marley show at this point." — Ken Leighton

When I heard the rumor that Michael

**Jackson** was staying at billionaire supermarket tycoon Ron Burkle's \$30 million, five-acre villa in La Jolla overlooking Black's Beach, I was up in the La Jolla Farms community the next morning hoping to find a story or catch a glimpse of Jackson.

So were a lot of other news folk with their vans and

satellite hookups; flashy, sassy, and well-dressed correspondents were making sure, every two minutes, that their hair was in place, in case a sighting happened and they were on.

"Access

Hollywood," a photographer with the Associated Press said, pointing them out with a laugh. "What a circus,

"But here you are," I said. "And here you are," he

I shrugged, he shrugged; I said, "Look, isn't that crew from Japan?"

"They're from everywhere," the wire service guy said. "Germany, Canada.... I wouldn't be surprised if an Al Jazeera crew showed up."

— Michael Hemmingson

**Last week Jefferson** 

**Jay** "retired" as open-mike MC from Twiggs to launch a new open-mike night Mondays at Tomfoolery's in Point Loma.

"It's five times larger than Twiggs, it's by the beach, and they sell alcohol."

Jay said he is looking for rock and jazz bands, as well as acoustic performers. "I'm open to anything.... If there is



**JEFFERSON JAY** - A MAN UNAFRAID OF MALE DANCERS

a ballet guy who wants to dance around onstage the whole time, that's fine with

Jay said no matter how successful his night may get (at Twiggs the record was \$63 for one night), he will never have a pay-for-play arrangement.

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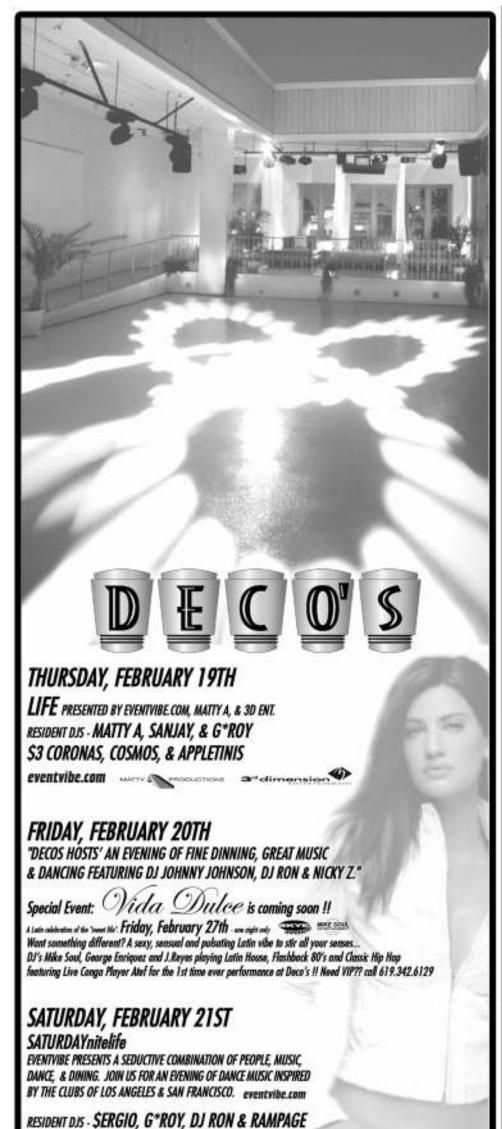












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— Ken Leighton

Recognize, a new live

music venue that replaces the Playhouse on El Cajon Boulevard, opened two months ago.

Hal Abbas, 23, sings and plays guitar in Mealticket. He used to sing in the funk band Grooveyard.

Abbas and a partner recently took over the bar from firefighter Joe Vasquez, who bought the bar two years ago with hopes that it would become a watering hole for firemen and policemen.

Abbas said the fireman bar concept never flew. "There was a fireman's hat hanging up on the wall, but there weren't a lot of firemen

coming in talking about

Abbas says Recognize will fill a major void in the local music scene. The club has acoustic shows on Tuesday, hip-hop bands and DJs on Wednesday, reggae bands on Thursday, and a band or DJ on weekends.

"We are in the process of building our own recording studio. We plan to launch Recognize Records in six months."

Lights of Zion appear tonight (\$3); D-Styles (hiphop DJ) tomorrow (\$10); Search Crew (drum 'n' bass DIs) on Saturday (\$5); Guess



ABBAS STOKES THE VIRTUES OF RECOGNIZE

Who (drum 'n' bass DJs) on Sunday (\$5). Barry Weaver (House DJ) is set for February 27 (\$5).

— Ken Leighton

"She must have liked us," said the guy next to me after the hour-and-a-half

Rickie Lee Jones concert at the

Belly Up February 11. "Another guy told me that he went to her concert last year, and it was only 40 minutes.

The 49-year-old Jones had a sold-out, \$32-a-ticket show at the 600-capacity tavern. She commented on how noisy and rude the back of the crowd was for talking while she performed, and the rest of the crowd roared in agreement.

The wife of the guy next to me was outside selling their extra two tickets before the show. "I sent an e-mail around the office," he explained. Few of his coworkers knew who Rickie Lee Jones was.

Jones still has her bratty, breathy sound — a precursor to Sheryl Crow — and can take her chest voice up to soaring pitches, but her songs were languid and repetitive.

However, the crowd loved her, and as they walked out happy, it was clear they felt that they had watched a legend.

**OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO:** MAGNOLIA MULVANEY'S

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One fan said, "She's such a mom," about letting all her sidemen perform. "She lets them shine." They played a variety of instruments: baritone, flugelhorn, accordion, flute, soprano sax, and they all played well.

"That's why I'm laying down on the kitchen floor because I tapped into the secret code." This lyric elicited whoops from the audience. In the middle of the show, Jones stopped the music and got political, something about Bush. I agreed with her completely, but I wanted the message in the music. Everyone in the room seemed

to agree that we shouldn't be in Iraq, but I wasn't sure that anyone was going to do much more than whoop about it.

HEY, YOU LOOK LIKE

THAT GIRL ON THE

BACHELORETTE.

One woman said, after getting her wine, "They've got all that great wine next door [at the Wild Note Café, also owned by the Belly Up], but here all you have is three choices: Merlot, Chardonnay, and white Zin.

It was an older crowd. — Jennifer Ball

Makeda Dread hosts "First Annual Tijuana Bob Marley Day Festival" tomorrow at Tijuana Tillie's, an 18-and-up bar next door to the Jai Alai palace on Avenida Revolución. Puerto Rican reggae band Cultura Perfectica, Tijuana bands Esencia, Yumanos, and De

Raiz, and San Diego bands Stranger and Ithaniah will play the 4 p.m.-2 a.m. show.

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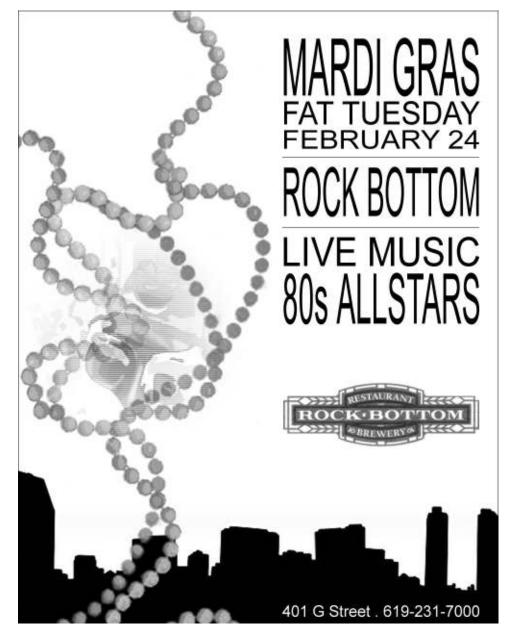
As the first American promoter to book an American pop act at the 3000seat El Foro, the remodeled concert venue that occupies the Jai Alai palace, Dread says, "We're doing Eek-A-Mouse [there] on March 20."

Tickets for Eek-A-Mouse are available at Trade Roots, Reggae World, and Lou's Records, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call 619-230-1190.

– Ken Leighton

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Steve Tyrell: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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Daryl Hall & John Oates [483]:

Pechanga Theater Show Room Sunday, February 22, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

"Cajun Fais Do Do" featuring BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet & the Savoy-Doucet Band: Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Sandro Alberto: Dizzy's, Sunday, February 22, 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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#### UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### **FEBRUARY**

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

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**DMX:** San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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 and John Eddie [870]: 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.

Aceyalone, the Visionaries, and **Bus Driver:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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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.

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Paco de Lucia [827]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 7, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, scondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Mose Allison: Dizzy's, Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., 344 Seventh Avenue (between J 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.

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The Rugburns [263]: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Marcia Ball [953]: Belly Up Tayern. 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 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago [600]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Thursday, March 18, and Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.

The Dropkick Murphys [481], Blood for Blood, and Ducky Boys: SOMA, Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego, 619-226-7662 or

Musiq: 4th & B, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Wrens' Meadowlands is the kind of album that makes me hope the techno-pundits are wrong — that downloading won't really kill off the album format. It starts off slow and quiet, with the sound of crickets chirping, sparse instrumentation, and understated vocals. The next song raises the volume and increases the tempo. The next song builds from there — and the next, and the next — bringing the album up to a kind of crescendo before mellowing again. Each song is good or even great in its own way, but the combined effect is more than the sum of its parts. A second listening reveals subtleties missed the first time. A third listening reveals some of the strikingly honest, mature lyrics. A fourth listen seals the deal.

The Meadowlands is a treasure, but it probably wouldn't win over many people if it were cut up into 30-second free samples on iTunes Music Store. And it won't be fully appreciated if its track order is shuffled in an iPod.

The Wrens just weren't made for these times. They've been around since the early '90s when they got fired from their gig as the house band on the Cape May/Delaware ferry for playing a cover of the Pixies' "Debaser" to an audience of senior citi-

zens. Three of the four members live together. like some kind of near-middle-aged indie-rock New Jersey Monkees. But troubles with record labels and the demands of family and day jobs were such that The Meadowlands, released last year, was the band's first album in seven years.



Let's hope there's a place for a band like the Wrens in the new world order

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WRENS, The Casbah, Tuesday, February 24, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$7.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Michael Feinstein with the San **Diego Symphony:** California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido

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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] and Ten Pound Brown: 4th & B, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Little Anthony & the Imperials:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002,

Rod Stewart [604]: Cox Arena, 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.





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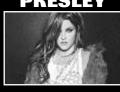
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David Crosby [854]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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 [175] and the Sounds: 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 [533]: '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** [608]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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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.

**John Hiatt** [830]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 8, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Soulive [677]: 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.

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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 [674]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

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Yes [541]: 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 McCoy:** 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.

Phil Vassar: Vieias Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400 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**

Belle & Sebastian: Spreckels Theatre, Monday, May 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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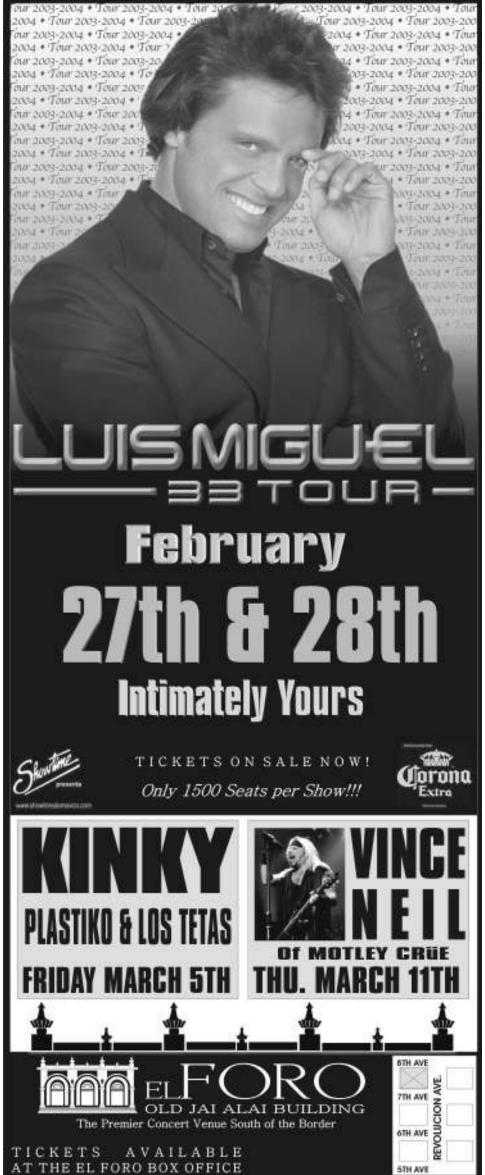
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#### **ALTERNATIVE**

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Maiden Taiwan [181]: The Casbah

Merci Road: The Kraken

Mercy Vox: The Kensington Club Misty & the Mobys: Pounder's

Momma: Java Joe's

Mother Mae I: 'Canes Bar and Grill

No Way Out: Epicentre

Out Brief Candle: California Club Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod

The Parker Theory: Soma Angela Patua: Dream Street

The Perils of Being: 'Canes Bar and

The Phuzz: The Kensington Club Pistolita: Epicentre

Point Loma: The Casbah Private Idea: Squid Joe's

Quetzaldo: Dream Street The Republic of Letters: The

Roosevelt: Soma

San Diego Syndicate: Blind

Sandjacket: Hennessey's Tavern

The Scotch Greens: Brick By Brick Semidero: Brick By Brick

Serpant Underground: Dream

Shepard Fairey: The Casbah Short Leash: Pounder's

Shotgun Vegas: Epicentre The Shrines: The Kensington Club

The Silence: Soma

The Silver Wizard: The Casbah Six Foot Deathtrap: 'Canes Skipjack: The Kraken

Slew Foot: 'Canes A Static Lullaby: Soma

Step: Dream Street Stolen: 'Canes

Straight No Chaser: Epicentre The Supersuckers [367]: The

Swan Dive: The Kensington Club Sweetness: California Club

Taken: Soma Toreback: California Club The Turing Test: The Casbah

21 Rest: Squid Joe's, Soma Twenty Year Fix: Brick By Brick John Vanderslice: The Casbah

Vena Cava [160]: The Kensington

The Vexors: Brick By Brick

Wither: 'Canes

The Wrens: The Casbah Your Enemies Friends: Epicentre

The Wrangler Brutes: Epicentre

#### **EXTENSION 4003**

#### **ROCK**

The Abuse [441]: 'Canes

AC/DSHE: 'Canes Across the Room: Tiki House

The After Party: 'Canes

Agave: Tiki House

The Attacks: Second Wind (Navajo)

Barrel House: Dream Street

The Bay City Rollers: Cannibal Bar

Big Back Yard: Tiki House

Blackout Pass: Second Wind

Jeff Bloom & the Spider Monkeys: Blind Melons

Brain Bucket: Tiki House

BTO: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

ChChCh HaHaHa: The Casbah

Cold Fire: Second Wind (Santee) Cov: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Criminal Funk: Cannibal Bar

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#### ROCK

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**Dubeats:** Dream Street The Electric Waste Band:

The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's

Nightclub

Faded Chroniclez: Neimans Bar

Cleaver Restaurant

The Free Range Chickens: Surf

Gasoline Please: The Casbah Gizzard: Blind Melons **Groundation:** Winstons

Wayne "the Train" Hancock: Brick By Brick

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Jiggawatt: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Kitty Hip Kiss: Hennessey's Tavern

Laguna: Carvers

Little Effort: Blarney Stone Pub (El Cajon)

Los Lobos [521]: Viejas Casino

Danielle LoPresti [452]: Humphrey's

Lunatiks: Soma

Married by Elvis: Surf N'Saddle Moonshine Junkies: Dream Street

No Value: Second Wind (Navajo)

The Noise Boys: O'Connell's Pub

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

145th Street: The Kraken Pink Froyd: Winstons Pointless: The Kraken

Pounding Beers: Second Wind (Navajo)

**Gary Primich:** Winstons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Q: 'Canes

The Rhythm Dragons: Tio Leo's

Riot House: Pounder's

The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Rockola: Cannibal Bar

Rolling Blackouts: Blind Melons The Royal Tones: Hard Rock Cafe

The Footloose Band: The Cask and



BY DAVE GOOD

No need to apologize for being white or for growing up in middle-class comfort rather than sharecropper destitution. The blues doesn't care about any of that these days, and fans and performers who do are courting musical tedium and common thuggery. The blues wants to be played by anyone afflicted by it - by black and white and rich and poor so that it can ask one simple timeworn question: Why is it all that important to be happy?

Gary Primich is not another white guy in funny clothes rehashing Little Walter sides. He has a root-bound harmonica sound of his own by now, having come out of that great blues nursery that is Austin, Texas, by way of his hometown of Chicago. Although it's not

all it's cracked up to be, Austin at the very least supports dozens of blues clubs where a performer can get his skills together and not go broke in the process. Primich has tailored his sound over seven albums, going from a raw  $\,$ hot-rodded blues tone to more of a lean sound with plenty of grit and rumble. Clean, no nonsense, and with a kick like a ten-dollar mule. Naturally, a good harp man's got to sing; Primich lets his voice glide right over the top, leaving his harmonica to blow out

Sharing the bill is a local blues-rock outfit with promise and talent. I once saw DA and the Hitmen play outdoors at Sonny Angel's in National City, and what they lost in presentation they made up for in musicianship. The guitar-harmonica band has chops culled from the '70s, and note for note, the Hitmen have got a solid feel. The harp man can hold his own, and guitarist Paul



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The Stilettos: Henry's Pub Synopsis: On The Rocks

Tapwater: Winstons The Lee Taylor Band: The

Metaphor Coffeehouse The 3rd Coast: Neimans Bar and

**34 Below** [437]: Java Joe's

Triple X: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub Undercover: Dirk's Niteclub The Walkmen: The Casbah

Weird War: The Casbah Y3K: Boar Cross'n

The Yucks: Blind Melons

The Patti Zlaket Band: Humphrey's

Zone 4 [499]: Fannie's

#### **EXTENSION 4004**

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel

**The Kathi Burg Band:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom

A Flock of '80s: Henry's Pub Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort

The Mar Dels: The Blvd.

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel

Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Rising Star: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Marriott Hotel (Mission Valley)

Yo Flaco!: Winstons

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Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers: Neimans Bar and Grill

The Big Daddy Orchestra [657]:

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Croce's Jazz Bar Derek Cannon: Dizzy's

Karin Carson: Dizzv's

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: U.S.

The Gilbert Castellanos Quintet:

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Fattburger [648]: Humphrey's

The Aubrey Fay Band: Redfields

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge Forward Funk: Galoka

The Gomango Trio: Humphrey's The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La

Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders:

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Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Jamie: Dizzv's

**Lady Dottie & the Sliders:** Bayou Bar & Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro & Masterpiece: Iimmy Love's

**Sean McVicker:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Chris Mees: Dizzy's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Caffe Calabria

The Robert Parker Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Sergio Pessoa: Brazil by the Bay Poncho Sanchez [646]: Belly Up

**Primo:** Belly Up Tavern, Croce's Jazz

Calvin Romance: U.S. Grant Hotel,

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel, Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky

Melonie Sacalamitao: Dizzv's Sambajazz: The Calypso Cafe

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

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The Barry Allen Trio: Pasquale on

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Marriott Hotel Walter II y Rumbaney: Sevilla

Joshua White: Dizzy's Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

#### **EXTENSION 4006**

#### REGGAE / SKA

Don Carlos [751]: Belly Up Tavern **Dub Squad:** Neimans Bar and Grill

Hijo de la Malinche: The Other

Ishmael the Peacemaker: Neimans Bar and Grill

Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels: Joints of Time: Neimans Bar and

Kush: Blind Melons

Matamoska: The Other Side

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The Tribe of Kings: Galoka

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#### **EXTENSION 4007**

#### The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn Emerald River: Mulvaney's

#### **EXTENSION 4008**

#### ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

David Beldock: Dizzy's

Berklev Hart [880]: Java Joe's

Peter Bolland [878]: Humphrey's **Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub Cat Mary: Humphrey's

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Christopher Dale: Java Joe's Marty Cowles: Dream Street The Covote Problem: Java Joe's

Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffeehouse The Duhks: Winstons

Jim Earp: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

For Lack of a Better Word:

Dream Street

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and

**Jenn Grinels:** Blarney Stone Pub, Lestat's Coffeehouse, Dream Street

The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould

Brian Hess: Lestat's Coffeehouse Steph Johnson: Dream Street

Kova: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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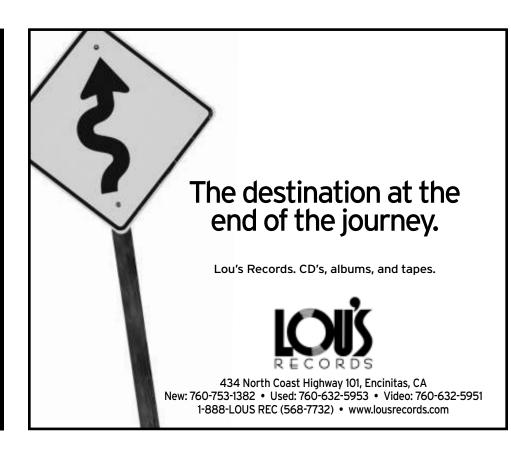
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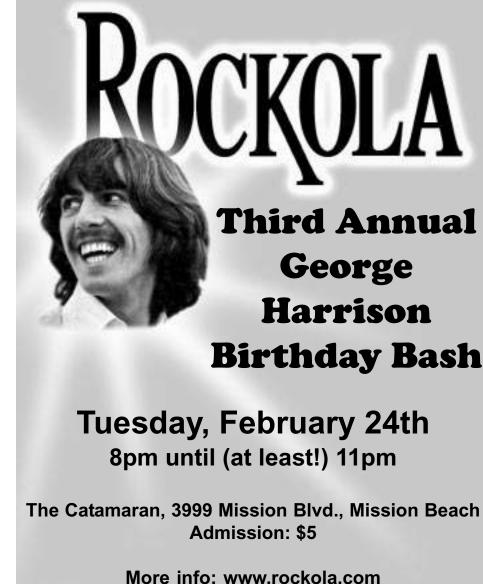
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#### **EXTENSION 4009**

#### **BLUES / SOUL**

Aunt Kizzy'z Bovz: Patrick's II The Backwater Blues Band:

The Bayou Brothers [948]:

The Blues Brokers: Cannibal Bar.

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The Brother Blood Blues Band:

Island Sports & Spirits Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]:

Island Sports & Spirits Camille: The Kraken

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Billy Seward: Patrick's II

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II Soulelicious: The Kraken

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The Swingin' Kings [916]: Belly Up

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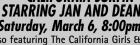




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Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

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. 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 hip-hop, R&B, old skool, and reggae. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

**Process:** Sundays, Calculon, Austin Speed, and guests, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, ntown. Information

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 Avenu downtown. 619-232-2102. Information, 619-465-5827.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

**Underworld:** Sundays, pre-'99 gothic and industrial. 21 and up. Free entry, Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827.

Unleashed/Unlabeled: 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-disco, acid house, and no wave. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard San Diego. 619-521-4747.





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#### **NORTH COUNTY**

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

The Bailev Barbecue **Restaurant and Bar,** corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., the CeeCee James Band, blues

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Poncho Sanchez and Primo, Latin jazz. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Swingin' Kings, blues, 9:15 p.m., the Nortec Collective, electronica. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., Don Carlos, reggae, and guests. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Lady Dottie & the Diamonds, blues, and guests.

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, Y3K, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin **Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Robert Parker Trio*,

Borders Books and Music,

11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Kathi Burg Band, pop.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North

8252. Live blues and jazz nightly Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Sambajazz*, Brazilian jazz.

Carvers. 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-6951. Friday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Saturday,

Sandjacket, alternative. 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 Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Hurricane, Camille and Soulelicious, soul. Friday, 145th Street, rock. Saturday, the Blues Brokers, blues. Wednesday, Merci Road, Skipjack, Pointless and Evykted, alternative/rock.

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.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday and Saturday, live bands.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Wednesday, *Goldfish*. Thursday,

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, the California Rangers,

**The Metaphor Coffeehouse,** 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, the Lee Taylor Band, classic rock. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, open mike.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff, 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic folk/rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., the Cradit Union, swing. Friday, the 3rd Coast and Faded Chroniclez. Saturday, Joints of Time, Ishmael the Peacemaker and Dub Squad. Monday, 8:00 p.m., Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday, *Riot House*, rock and roll. Friday,



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Album Name: Still Listening (2003)

Artist: Michael Tiernan Label: self-released

Songs: 1) The Other Side 2) Drive 3) The Great Unknown 4) The Track 5) Bullet Train 6) My Own Two Legs 7) Unplug 8) Ego 9) West Coast Life 10) Better 11) Knowing You 12) World of Gold 13) Lifeless 14) Teaching Me

Price/Where Available: Tower Records for \$18.99 **Band Member:** Michael Tiernan (vocals and acoustic guitar) Extra Info: Michael Tiernan was headed toward a career as a Catholic priest until he realized he was too free-spirited to carry out the role.

Website: www.tiernantunes.com

Del Mar-based singersongwriter Michael Tiernan offers 14 expressive tracks of modern acoustic folk on his latest release. Backing his layered vocals with only an acoustic guitar showcases the strength

and texture of his voice. Tiernan incorporates folk, rock, blues, and a smidgen of bluegrass to form a styling that he dubs "mellow acoustic" on Still Listening, his second solo album.

The opening track, "The

Other Side," begins and ends with folk rock, setting the pace for a majority of the disc. "My Own Two Legs" and "Ego" adhere to no boundaries; every genre is crossed as Tiernan showcases his technical skill with exceedingly intricate guitar work.

"And I used to read books in the library / On all the subjects that I loved / But compared to experience they made no sense to me / 'Cause into a box experience always gets shoved," Perhaps he should consider hooking up with a

Tiernan aims to inspire with words on the difficult task of "living in the now," but the generality of the sentiment weakens the meaning. And sometimes the meaning bogs down the song. "Knowing You" and "Lifeless" are among the slower songs on the disc. They lack a spark the other songs possess.



Michael Tiernan

The album is moody not in a negative connotation but in the sense of pent-up vigor. In the end, the dynamism triumphs with catchy choruses and mildly dramatic crescendos.

(To hear a sample of Still Listening, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4862.)

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Misty & the Mobys, alternative. Saturday, Short Leash, 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

**Squid Joe's,** 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996 Friday, Private Idea, Futile, and 21 Rest, alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Free Range Chickens*, rock. Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

#### **BEACHES**

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551 Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday,

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, James Bianchi, contemporary piano/vocals.

**Blind Melons,** 710 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Live bands nightly. Thursday, Kush and Jah Blood & the Fiyah Angels. Friday, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra with friends. Saturday, San Diego Syndicate and Stepping Feet, rock. Sunday, Ishmael the Peacemaker. Tuesday, the Yucks, Rolling Blackouts, and Gizzard. Wednesday, Jeff Bloom & the Spider Monkeys.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Heinous, Stolen, the Abuse, Six Foot Deathrap, and Slew Foot. Friday, AC/DSHE and Fifi Larue. Saturday, Dubcat, the Perils of Being, and Mother Mae I. Wednesday Wither, Down in the Lab, the After Party, and the Q.

**Cannibal Bar,** at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard,

Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 p.m., the Bay City Rollers and the Blues Brokers, rock/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., Criminal Funk

**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.

**Coaster Saloon,** 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Thursday, 11 p.m., Hugh Gaskin,

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/heavy. Thursday, the Big Fellas, Bill, Step, and Quetzaldo. Friday, Dama, Darado Gold, and Cult Hero. Saturday, Serpant Undergrow Hyde, Civil Unrest, Levity, Angela Patua and Dateless Losers. Sunday, Marty Cowles, Genn Grinells, Teflon, For Lack of a Better Word, Steph

Johnson and Rachel. Wednesday, Dubeats, Barrel House and Moonshine Iunkie.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Jack Pollack*, piano and vocals. Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, and Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, Sean McVicker, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Iolla, 858-551-8610, Thursday, the Tribe of Kings, reggae. Saturday, Forward Funk, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Coy*, *Spoken Gun*, and the Royal Tones, rock. Sunday, 5 p.m., Earl Thomas, blues.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650levard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday, Kitty Hip Kiss,



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Hilton Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 858-558-1500. Horizons Lobby Lounge: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., live jazz.

Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010.

The Room: Call club for information La 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,

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#### **SAN DIEGO**

**Bali Hai,** 2230 Sheraton Island Drive, San Diego. 619-222-1181. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *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. Saturday, the Mar Dels, pop.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m.,

Brazil by the Bay, 3770 Hancock Street, Suite G, San Diego. 619-692-1410. Sunday, 4 p.m., Sergio Pessoa,

**Brick by Brick,** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, the Devices, Festerbilt, and Deadtim Radio. Friday, the Lost Disciples, Faceless, Code:Adam, and Invertigo. Saturday, Battalion of Saints, the Heartaches, and the Vexors. Wednesday, Wayne "the Train" Hancock, Semidero, and the Scotch

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park, 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sue Palmer, jazz.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, Sweetness, Blizzard, and Out Brief Candle. Saturday, Erotomania, Electrocrypt, and Toreback. Sunday, the Lamps and Killer's Kiss.

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**Restaurant,** 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Saturday, the Footloose Band, classic

**Epicentre,** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Thursday, Goodwin, Shotgun Vegas, and No Way Out, alternative. Friday, Pistolita, Ersatz Dime and Straight No Chaser. Saturday, the Dillinger Escape Plan, the Locust, Your Enemies Friends, and the Wrangler Brutes.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*,

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, a Flock of '80s, pop rock. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

**Humphrey's,** Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Danielle LoPresti, Cat Mary, Peter Bolland, and Carlos Olmeda, acoustic rock. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Patti Zlaket Band, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/soul. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Rising Star, disco/pop. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Calvin Romance, jazz. Tuesday, 8 pm to midnight, Fattburger, smooth jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Gomango Trio, world-beat jazz.

**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*. Friday, Berkley Hart and the Covote Problem. acoustic. Saturday, Christopher Dale and 34 Below acoustic/rock. Sunday, Miff's jam night. Tuesday, open mike

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is alternative. Friday, Vena Cava and the Phuzz. Saturday, Mercy Vox, Swan Dive, the Shrines, and Erwin.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *the Biddy Bums*. Friday, *J. Turtle*. Saturday, *Jenn Grinels* and Trevor Davis, Sunday, Brian Hess, Joanie Mehndall, and Kova. Monday,

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.

Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley. 619-692-3800. Club Kicks: Friday, 8 p.m., *Roz* ఈ the Wrecking Crew, pop.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the* Noise Boys, classic rock. Saturday, the Blues Invaders, blues



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**ACCESS** ➤ one mile south of I-78 on San Marcos Boulevard; parking lot in front has limited spaces, but spots on side and behind venue (a weird sign said, "No Blvd. Parking, Additional Parking" with an arrow pointing to an adjacent lot – I didn't risk parking there)

**DRESS** ➤ dress code states no hats, sports apparel, or bandannas; 95% of the crowd was wearing jeans and T-shirts (including "Hornswaggled," "Skin," and "Old School Records")

**DANCE FLOOR** ➤ when music

starts at 10:00 p.m., they move tables in front of stage, leaving an area of about 50' by 50' for

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**BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had two urinals, one stall; women's had three stalls: both had sinks with large mirrors, liquid soap, paper

**CAPACITY** ➤ 400

**SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ patio for smoking also contains a stage for acoustic performances, two lavarock fire pits, and a beautiful glass

**FURNISHINGS** ➤ 20 TVs with two ten-foot projection screens; lounge has video-golf game, foosball, an Internet jukebox, a long bar, and about eight tables (with a capacity of about 100); neon beer signs, mirrors, and red lights on one side of the bar: restaurant has rustic feel (with walls having cracks painted in them); a smaller bar, four large booths, 15 tables, and a CD iukebox near front door.

**DECIBEL LEVEL** ➤ a surprisingly quiet 96 when DJ Van was playing dance tunes; 109 last week at Joe 'N Andy's Hole in the Wall

**WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH** ➤ Tubby

**QUOTABLE** ➤ "This was a Chinese restaurant before, and in the '70s it was Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Manager Jason Simmons says, "We're the only place, other than the Long Shot Saloon, that has live music in San Marcos." That's not totally accurate, since there are a few places that have live bands. but not from Wednesday through Sunday like the Blvd.

In regard to booking bands, Scott McDonald, who did media and booked local bands for the Belly Up, is now on board at the Blvd. He said, "We'll be taking a few risks with the bands we book... We don't want to be pegged with just a certain genre of music."

- Josh Board

#### The Other Side Coffeehouse,

4096 30th Street, San Diego. 619-521-0533. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Matamoska, Gariela Penka*, and *Hijo de la* Malinche, Latin ska.

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, *Nite Life*, blues.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-284 7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock

**Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Thursday, *No Value*, Pounding Reers, the Attacks and Blackout Pass. Friday and Saturday, the Rockoholics, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El

70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, Compass, alternative.

**Soma,** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, 7:30 p.m., A Static Lullaby, Beloved, Christianson, Taken, Lunatiks, and Cellar Door, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Roosevelt, Kut-U-Up, the Parker Theory, Denver Harbor, the Silence, Lunatiks, and 21 Rest.

**Tio Leo's Lounge,** 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay

Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly, Friday, the Big Daddy Orchestra, swing. Saturday, the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash and the Rhythm Dragons, rockabilly/blues/swing.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Hugh Gaskin*, blues/soul. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open



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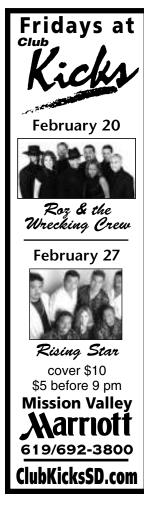


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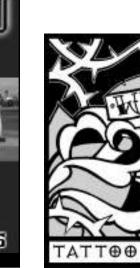
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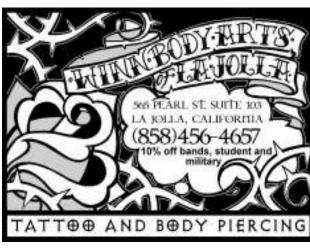
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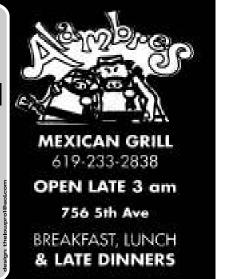


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## **After Roger Rabbited**

It was on a hump night, a Thursday, start of the weekend in the Gaslamp Quarter. I was with my usual sidekick, Alan. You don't need to know his real name. We were headed somewhere else when I spotted the canopy trumpeting George's on Fifth (a.k.a. G5) in the burgundy and gold signature colors of La Jolla's classy George's at the Cove. We parked and paid. I'd heard that La Jolla George's was opening a second branch in the Gaslamp. I thought this was it. I was mistaken. When we edged closer, we saw the banners surrounding the sidewalk patio. They proclaimed G5 "San Diego's Best Steak House" according to some website that's off my beat.

The restaurant's alias sounds like a secret agency, possibly involving a Roger (Moore or Hedgecock) and headed by a George (Bush or Tenet). And on my first visit, I suspected that I'd stepped in the way of a covert operation to separate me from my money. I was wrong about that, too, partly. Nobody's in the restaurant business for their health.

We bypassed the chill of the patio for the plushy faux-Victorian interior. A twice-life-size portrait of Wyatt Earp faced us down from the wall opposite the entry. Wyatt wore a cowboy hat and a gun belt. I wore a knitted hat and a purse the size of a gunnysack. I decided that I needed to eat a T-bone cowboy steak in deference to Earp's sartorial superiority.

We asked for a seat far away from the piano, and a porn-pretty blonde led us across the deep and ugly carpet, past the bar, to a table near the back. The joisted wooden double-floor bounced under our feet. The carpet kept the sound down when the big parties of conventioneers showed up later, as they always do. The walls were as curvy as a waitress at Hooters, and so was the ceiling, which was covered half with coppertone steel mesh, half with carved Saltillo tiles. Several dozen faces watched us read the menu, from walls covered with flattering caricatures of famous people who've spent time in San Diego: Whoopi Goldberg, Frank Zappa, old Mrs. Scripps. I spotted surfer Skip Frye but not his wife Donna. I wondered about that. Frankie Laine and Randy Cunningham autographed their portraits; Mrs. Scripps and Whoopi didn't. Neither did Earp, who once owned a gambling den in this very building. It was called the Louis Bank Building,



apparently named after a Mr. Bank, since it was only coincidentally an institution of finance. The upstairs was a fancy brothel then. Now it's office space.

The T-bone cost \$39. I thought about the

one-pound Certified Angus cowboy steak at Max New York, next door, selling for \$32. I ordered G5's version anyway. "I'm sorry, we don't have any T-bone tonight," said the waiter.

"Then I'll have the Porterhouse."

"I'm sorry, we're out of that, too." A "best steak house" with no T-bone or Porterhouse? I wondered what they were hiding.

"What've you got?" I asked. "Our Prime Filet Mignon of Certified Angus beef is a hand-selected center cut, aged 28 to 36 days — the only center cut in Southern California," the waiter spieled, smooth as cream. It was \$40 for a small one; \$60 for a large one. I didn't see much point to buying the center cut of a fillet, which is a pretty central

cut itself, a soft little muscle protected by its bigger, stronger neighbors from having to lift so much as a finger to hold up the cow. "Filet's too bland for me. What else?"

"We also have a hand-selected center cut of

Prime Certified Angus New York Strip." That was \$45 or \$60. I broke his heart and ordered the regular Prime grade rib eye, extra rare, for \$24. A cheap steak for a

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**NAOMI WISE** 

My steak was crusted black, burned, and bitter on both sides from the gas grill, or maybe from a propane torch. The chewy interior was more white than red, not so much marbled as clotted with adipose blobs and streaks. The center was as cold as a Gaslamp restaurateur's heart. Most steak house kitchens bring some steaks to room temperature on a busy night, and this was becoming a busy night. Maybe the \$60 fillets were roomtemp ready for the expense-account conventioneers who were pouring in a dozen at a

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**CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Steakhouse, offering all USDA Prime and premium Prime Certified Angus, plus seafood, poultry, other meats. Prime rib roast beef available Fridays and Saturdays only. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar.

PICK HITS: Maine Lobster "martini," oysters, Tropical Tuna Tartare, grilled pork chop.

NEED TO KNOW: Pay parking lot (\$5 or \$6) on Sixth with alley connecting to Fifth; valet parking \$12 in front of Max NY, just south. Two token vegetarian entrées (one vegan) plus meatless pastas. Entrées include veggies. Different sauces, fries, available by request. Kiddie menu offered. Comfortable sound level toward the back of the restaurant, even when crowded

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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time. The rib-eye plate included a reasonably fresh and entertaining veg medley, with watercress and gently cooked brussels sprouts, yellow squash, and carrots alongside a mound of lean and over-peppered Yukon gold mash that tasted reheated. Vegetation comes free with the entrées.

Alan ordered the fish special, white sea bass.





It wasn't too special to be listed on the printed menu posted outside the restaurant; it's only a special once you get inside, where the waiter talks it up. The kitchen should have pretended they'd run out of that, too. The bass had a ginger-lime rub and a splash of cilantro sauce that was pleasant until the fish flavor leached into it. The fish flesh was tasteless, dry, and old enough to hint of ammonia. When we got it home in a doggie bag a half an hour later, it didn't take a detective to discern the scent.

The kitchen was out of the housemade New York cheesecake. We settled for a key lime pie, not bad itself but besmirched by fake whipped cream. "It's not fake whipped cream," said Alan. "It's real Cool Whip."

"I don't think it's cool at all," I answered. I didn't stick around long enough to see if the incoming party of 24 wearing plastic nametags would get my cheesecake for dessert.

Eight nights later I returned with my posse, bent on nabbing the perps and scourging them with whiplash prose. The kitchen had gotten its deliveries that day, and our waitress that night was a smart, pretty brunette named Rosalia. She'd tasted all the food and knew the good from the bad and the ugly. We asked her about the soup du jour. "It's tomato-beef. Don't order it," she said. A few minutes later, she returned to announce, "The soup du jour is now clam chowder.

"The chef dumped the tomato?" I asked. She nodded.

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I liked the chef better already.

Some cold seafood appetizers turned my feelings even warmer. A Maine Lobster Martini served in a giant cocktail glass held a long swizzle stick impaling two stuffed green olives the size of Ping-Pong balls. Chunks of tender shellfish meat and avocado slices rode atop a foamy, refreshing jadegreen purée punctuated with mild white onion and tomato bits. A sub-rosa jolt of peppered vodka made the dish literally addictive. Meanwhile, a halfdozen large, sweet Washington State oysters arrived expertly shucked with two good dips: an oniony cocktail sauce, lightened with chunks of cucumber, and a fresh-flavored, bright-green "cucumber vinaigrette" with a creamy texture. A Tower of Tropical Tuna Tartare had sushi-quality ahi, blush-pink and as satiny as a saloon singer's dress, wearing an elaborate hat of fried wonton strips, seaweed, and pineapple dice. The heap of fish slices rose from the center of the plate like Mae West playing Venus-on-the-half-shell, standing in a lagoon of citrus ponzu sauce. On one side only, there was a squiggle pattern of Chinese mustard that helped bring the flavors together.

The warm appetizers were not so hot. Dungeness crab cakes in red pepper cream sauce were your average American crab cakes. Airy panko-coated fried shrimp suffered from a slobber of too smooth "Thai peanut sauce" that tasted like government surplus peanut butter. Wild mushroom cream soup made with portobellos had so much white truffle oil in

it that I could smell it as it came from the kitchen. A turret of porcini risotto stood in the center of the bowl, splashed on top with balsamic vinegar. I liked the rice, but the balsamic had infiltrated the soup. It un-grew on us as we sipped. People ordering mushroom cream soup aren't looking for sourness.

The entrées played good dish/bad dish on us. A superb pork chop grilled to a perfect medium-rare was brined for juiciness and glazed with spicysweet Chinese hoisin sauce. I'd confess to anything for another buttery bite of its mace-spiked mashed vam.

The menu says that "Mom's Meatloaf with Ancho Chile Ketchup" is made with USDA Prime beef. It doesn't say that the beef is mixed with pork, veal, and panko crumbs, or that the loaf tastes like fluffy ground styrofoam. It turned out that the chef hates it. I'm with him.

This time I got my cowboy steak. It was tender and cooked right, but a powerfully sour tomatillo sauce slapped our tongues around and KO'd the beef. If you want to enjoy playing cowboy, ask for the sauce on the side, or request some other sauce. Most of the house gravies are easy variations on demi-glace, based on the restaurant-supply product. If your sauce tastes familiar, it's because you ate it down the block last

Rosalia came back to see about dessert. "Don't order the key lime pie," she warned. The housemade Grand Marnier chocolate mousse came in a clever shell of sugar-glazed baked wonton skins. The

mousse had a heavy, velvety texture and was too sweet for me. The flourless chocolate cake was actually a Decadence, that fudgy fad of the '70s. It was too sweet for even the chocoholic in the posse. We liked the soft, cinnamon-sprinkled topping of a warm apple tart, but the crust was mushy. It tasted like somebody's loving mom had baked it at home, but it turned out to be a purchased-out sweet. Another illusion shattered.

The sugar for my coffee was the final clue I needed to know the real identity of G5. The burgundy paper-wrapped packet read "Roger's on Fifth." The Roger was Hedgecock, the former mayor who went to jail for corruption. Out of stir, he plunged into the restaurant business, and ended up as a right-wing ranter on the radio. That explained the absence of Donna Frye on the wall and the presence of Mom's Meatloaf, Roger's signature dish. Meatloaf like that turns you Republican. About 18 months ago, tired of taking the time to run a restaurant, Roger sold his share to one of his business partners, former Trump Plaza executive George Harrington III, and rabbited out of there. Sleek and silver-haired, smiling George now shows up as a greeter most evenings, standing on the terrace trying to lure passers-by inside. Whether you go or not is your call. You know the story now.

#### ABOUT THE CHEF

Within two months after Roger Hedgecock left Roger's in August, 2002, George Harrington renamed

restaurant, fired the chef, and brought in Chef Michael Almos from Delicias, a gourmet restaurant in luxury-class Rancho Santa Fe. Almos created the current menu and doubled the size of the kitchen staff from 8 to 16. "I couldn't afford him," says Harrington. "I lost \$300,000 in the first year." He let Almos go and promoted sous chef Jose Kelley to head chef, on the condition that he cut the kitchen staff back to eight. No problem. "I've been cooking for a long time, so now I do pretty much what the owners like," says Jose. "I'm not the kind of chef to make a statement on my own. I lived in Japan for years, and I learned it's more important to me to do a good job every time. Americans think it's repetitive, but to me, it's more appealing. I'm not into fancy presentations. I like food that's straightforward. This has always been a steak house, food

simply prepared." As a young man growing up in California, Kelley made a career choice. "I decided to become a chef because I was hungry." He worked his way up from prep work to top-toque gigs at Café Pacifica and Pacifica Grill, among others. During a stint at Rainwater's, he developed expertise at cutting and cooking beef.

Kelley is best remembered for his eight-year stint at the near-legendary Banzai Cantina on India Street, where he and his Japanese-born wife collaborated on the Mexi-Asian fusion menu. "People always ask me why I closed Banzai," he says. "It's easier working for

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he Three Chefs,

somebody else. Restaurants are like kids. There's no vacations when you own them.'

I asked him about the "hand-selected" Prime Certified Angus cuts. "Newport Meats selects them and cuts them for us,' he said. "They're individually wrapped in Cryovac and wetaged for at least a month. The center cut is perfectly round and is the tenderest part. A lot of people think the meat has better flavor than regular filet mignon. It costs us \$34 a pound. Our regular prime filet mignon that we cut here ourselves is under \$11 a pound. You'd be surprised how many people order the \$60 cuts."

"I take a loss on every one that I sell," says Harrington, "but they set us apart from other steak houses. Nobody else in L.A. or San Diego carries them. Le Cirque in New York sells the same steaks for \$90 each. Of course, the waiters here push them because they bring the biggest tips." The expense-account convention crowd apparently doesn't care about the price. "I have no local business anyway," George added. "People say that there's no parking in the Gaslamp. The kids that pour into this neighborhood on weekends have no trouble finding five-, six-dollar parking, but unless there's a convention, this street is empty on weeknights."

A number of dishes on the menu are bulleted as "house specialties." Aside from the pork chop, most of them involve seafood, which George himself prefers. "There's nothing exciting about steak," he says. "That's why I go for the fish." ■

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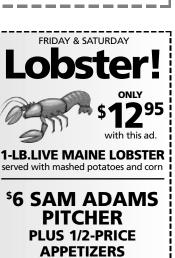
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hank God you've come!" "What the…?" Hank stands there, looking down at me. I'm sitting with a fork in my hand, hovering

over a 15-inch aluminum plate loaded — and I mean loaded — with a mountainous 12-egg omelet stuffed with onions, cheese, mushrooms,

chili beans, and more cheese. This omelet's, like, a foot wide. A sea of home fries and two giant biscuits fill out the rest of the plate.

I've chewed up maybe, oh, a two-by-four-inch chunk of the omelet.

Hank leans over to take a test of chili and cheese from the top.

"Don't touch it!" I hear myself saying, "Dude, if you do, I'm disqualified."

Nicole the waitress comes over. "Don't let me down now," she says.

'Okay. I need to know what's going on," says Hank. He looks around the room. Eggy cream walls, piney dividers, red-and-green carpet, wicker chairs, blue Formica tabletops. They even have a sundeck upstairs, looking out over Garnet Avenue and Pacific Plaza shopping center. Here inside,

lots of PB folk seem to be staring in my direction. "Okay, okay," I say. "So I came in for an omelet, right? Then I heard the guys next door talking about this Broken Yolk Cafe Special. Dozen-egg omelet, home fries, biscuits, \$17.99. Except if you eat it all within an hour, you get it for \$1.98. Dollar ninety-eight! Plus they give you a T-shirt and your name goes up on that Hall of Fame wall. Brass plaque, my friend."

I point to a blinding sea of little engraved brass plates. Five hundred names, over 25 years. Above them, the proud motto. "THEY ATE IT ALL."

"The man needs help," Hank says to the two guys at the booth next to our table. "You led him

> "We were just joking about it," says Ben. He's finishing what from here looks like an ant-size "Create Your Own" four-egg omelet, with bacon, cheese, and artichoke hearts, and guacamole and home fries (\$7.99). "Best omelet I can remember having,' he says. "No kidding. And the OJ.

Fresh squeezed." He holds a tall champagny glass. His buddy Keegan nods. He's polishing off "The Mom" omelet, a vegetarian mix of avo, 'shrooms, bell peppers, onions, and alfalfa sprouts (\$7.99).

"So are you going to make it through that thing?" says Hank to me.

I look at it. "No way, dude."

"Then why for crying out loud did you do it?" I decide to tell him the truth. "You know I like to shovel it down, right? So I come in, hear these guys. And then I think about something I saw in a lifestyle mag Carla had. 'Be wild and adventurous! Do something you've never done before.' So I have \$17.00 in my pocket. That's it. I knew that if I went for this, I'd have to finish it, because I couldn't pay the whole price, right?"

At this point Nicole comes up. "How we doing?" We all look at Egg Mountain. Man. I reach

for my coffee. "Uh, I'd take it easy on that," Nicole says. "You need all the space you've got. You can't let me down now.

'Nicole, I'm not making it. You gotta help." "Well, don't leave the biscuits till last. Guys

get all the way, then choke on the biscuits," she says. "Better to mix them in with the omelet."

She looks at the clock. "Ten-thirty. You've still got 45 minutes to go. Know how long our quickest guy took?"

"Sixteen minutes. Now there was a champ. 'Course they're mostly big hefty guys who try this.

She looks at me. "But you're doing okay. Better than average.

I start plowing back in. I mean, yes, the shrooms and cheese and onions would be great if there weren't so damned much of them.

'So basically, dude, you're going to be washing dishes, right?" snickers Hank.

He waits for Nicole to come by. "Nicole, any recommendations for me?"

'The Monte Cristo's popular," says Nicole. "That's French toast with grilled ham, Swiss cheese, and fresh fruit, \$7.59. Or the No-Name Omelet. Bacon, avocado, tomato, mushrooms, sour cream, \$7.99. Or our everyday special, French toast or pancakes with two eggs and bacon or sausage, \$4.99. A good deal. And quite, uh, filling."

"Hold it, dude. You're not getting it," I say. "There's only one way for me to get out of this

Thirty minutes later the mountain's still there, but it has two quarries. One from my side, the other from Hank's. The boy's helping me out.

Nicole has accepted the surrender bravely. At least I tried. She says the cooks crack around a thousand eggs a day, but only about once every two weeks someone like me comes along to try to take on the Everest of omelets.

"So what's the secret?" I say. "Should you starve for a couple of days before?"

"No, no. Your stomach will shrink. Eat slowly, and I guess you need practice. Just keep coming back.

Sigh. It takes two boxes to pack up what's left. People around look disappointed.

That proud motto mocks me from above.

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"I coulda been a contender, dude."

"You coulda been contented with a nice eightbuck omelet, too, dude. With change in your pocket.

'Oh, yeah. About that, could you...?"

"You kidding? Uh, Nicole, my friend has something he needs to tell you..."

The Place: Broken Yolk Cafe, 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach (858-270-YOLK [9655]) Type of Food: American, Mexican

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"All you wanted to do was taste their wine, and all of a sudden it's like you had become part of the family."

ew Year's Eve 2000 found college senior and Coronado native Tom Lyons in Rome with his brother Bill. "We were sitting there drinking wine and thinking, 'Geez, life can be beautiful,' "Tom recalls, "and we were talk-

ing about that stage in your life where you ask yourself, 'What do you want to do?' I said, 'I want to be a wine importer.' We both laughed."

But the younger Lyons wasn't entirely joking; he'd been mulling over his answer since his freshman year at UC Davis. There, he

had enrolled in the department of viticulture and enology before switching over to international business. "My focus was learning to interact with different cultures, the cultural particularities for each country. That was more interesting to me than the pure economics." He ended up spending two years at the University of Granada in Spain before graduating with a degree in global economics and a desire to combine his interests into the dream job of "traveling to other countries, digging up wine treasures, and bringing them back." He wanted to give consumers a taste of the places he had been, to "import culture through wine.'

By that time, his dream had found support in the form of his high school Spanish teacher. "He

took me to Costa Rica and to Spain — he studied there in the '80s. He would do these little trips with 10 or 15 students who were supermotivated. He was a great teacher; he inspired us to learn Spanish and to just go for things. After high school,

we remained really great friends. When I told him I wanted to be a wine importer, he said, 'I'll try to facilitate that dream for you.' Lyons already had a job offer from an international business firm in San Francisco, but he decided to take the entrepreneurial leap and hope for a soft landing.

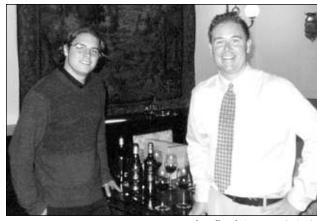
He applied for and obtained licenses that would allow him to import, distribute, and sell wines directly to customers but stopped short of full retail. By October of 2001, he was back in Spain, researching and scouting and trying to figure out how to do his job. "There are so few importers in the US," he says. "I tried to find books, tried to ask people. There were no sources on how to import wine." There, he met up with an old friend from Coronado High, Josh Hall. Hall, a Spanish major at San Diego State, was studying philology at the University of Salamanca and was intrigued by Lyons's intended choice of

One morning, recalls Lyons, "We woke up after going out to clubs in Barcelona and we really wanted to go wine tasting on our way down to Granada. So we picked out this winery, Rimarts, at random from a wine guide. They called and got ahold of the Rimarts paterfamilias, Ricard. He agreed to meet them in the main plaza of San Sadurni d'Anoia, "a small town that is basically the capital of Spanish sparkling wine. He met us, hopped in the car, and took us up to the winery." When Lyons tasted the Rimarts Cava, he knew he had struck gold. Here was a wine, he decided, that could topple the image of Spanish sparklers as cheap quaffers.

Lyons returned to Coronado

a few months later. His run of luck continued. "My mother's next-door neighbor works with a big timber company and has accounts in South Amer ica. He offered to take me down to Chile and introduce me to some wineries." Contacts made on the trip to Santiago and the surrounding wine country eventually garnered Lyons his first selections, which he imported under the Rio Alto label: Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet, and a surprising Syrah. All hailed from the Aconcagua Valley. The neighboring region of Casablanca provided another Chardonnay, Cultura.

Spring 2002 took him back to Spain. Hall was still there, "Trying to finish school and set myself up to be a Spanish teacher." Lyons convinced him to take a month off of school, and they set about touring Europe by car. Along the way, Lyons found that Hall made a good partner; the two young men quickly mastered the art of the winery lunch. "People would spend a whole afternoon with you," marvels Hall. "All you wanted to do was taste their wines, and all of a sudden



Josh Hall and Tom Lyons in Spain

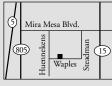
it's like you had become part of the family." By the time they were finished at Rimarts, they were the exclusive US importers. Says Lyons, "Some of the big New York importers had approached them and said, 'We want to import your stuff,' but the winery declined. "To them, relationships matter. This fax came in from Sweden, and I translated it because it was in English. It said, 'We want to buy all your Cava.' The father took a drag of his cigar and said, 'No.' "
Adds Hall, "They felt like, 'That would be

great, but what would our other customers do?'

"They're all about long-term values and building their image over the years," finished Lyons. "In Europe, Rimarts is recognized as one of the best. It's in some of the yacht clubs on the Costa Brava, the Hotel La Florida in Barcelona, Air France, Lufthansa." Lyons and Hall — so far, the only two members of Oenos Global, Inc. landed the job of building that image in America. Besides the three Cavas — a four-year, a six-year, and an eight-year Reserva Especial —

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they also brought in a Merlot rosé, a Chardonnay, and a Cabernet. Between the Rimarts and the Chilean wines, they imported around 3000 cases for their first year of operation,

The Wine Bank downtown proved a willing customer, and Wine Steals in Hillcrest made a star out of the Cultura Chardonnay. But getting a \$30 (retail) Spanish sparkler onto restaurant lists proved a bit of a challenge. Time, once more, for a stroke of Lyons's luck. "I called Tom Matthews, the senior editor at Wine Spectator. He also attended the University of Granada, and he encouraged me to send the wines." (It never hurts to have a connection, but it should be noted that the magazine's tastings are conducted blind.) In December of 2003, the magazine gave the eight-year Cava 86 points, the best of all the Cavas reviewed, and only 2 points shy of the highest-rated Cava ever. The same month, Wine & Spirits rated the sixand four-year Cavas at 89 and 88 points, respectively. The phone at Oenos started ringing.

"It's a pretty crazy feeling to see the business grow," says Hall, who is all of 23. (Lyons will soon be 25.) "People are calling us from San Francisco: 'Hey, where can we get your wine?' From just traveling randomly through Spain to

it — it's just the most gratifying feeling." ■

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very **expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

#### **NORTH COASTAL**

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is out-standing, as is her *kashta lea* dessert an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a

pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, kofte (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and tzatziki, the traditional yogurt-cucum-ber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable ke-bab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. -E.W. (7/00)

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas - which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions,

flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild housemade macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Rosanna's Italian Deli and **Trattoria** 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Longtime deli Rosanna's has grown into a full-service restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jean-Louis and Rosanna Martin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna della casa* done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a panna cotta or bavarese. Best seats in the house are on the front and back patios — even Highway 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rackety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily. Pastas and pizzas low moderate, entrées upper moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

**Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant** 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the veganveggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken piz-zas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since open-ing day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlight-ing seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab panna cotta, a lush bourride seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (12/03)



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St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herbstrewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered

patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant"—no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.* 

#### **NORTH INLAND**

**150 Grand Cafe** 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on

weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe diners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Vil-

lage, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run

to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 1680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a

coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

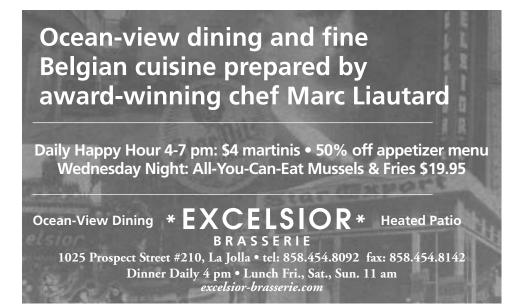
Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for pho on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through











Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

El Bizcocho Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-andennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're thrilling, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles. Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's ideal for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy. Reservations essential. Dinner Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'o-

range, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains in clude weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crèpelike eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crèpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

**Hacienda de Vega** 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old

California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fairweather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — N.W. (9/03)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

#### GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.* 

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

Village Mill Bread Company 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.* 

**Wild Note Cafe** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.* 

#### LA JOLLA

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — S.M. (2/04)

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**Great Khan's Mongolian Festival** 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. —  $\hat{E.W}$ 

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Plava, La Iolla Shores, La Iolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has ele-ments of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but

some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive.

— N.W. (4/01)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rig

orous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sun-set dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth – N.W. (9/03)

Torreyana Grill Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served the fourth Friday night of each month, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Excellent value for the money. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Baci Ristorante 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you're on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, consider this "healthy Italian" restaurant a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

**Boo Cho Korean Barbecue** 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood char-

coal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called pan chan), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy - beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only

health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Phuong Trang 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Viet-namese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like pho (rice noodle beef soup), mi (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao* long (pork stomach porridge) is nutri-tious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination lau is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak





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#### THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough)

or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup

of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this

ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely picante, and the luscious camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted resi-

dence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

**Saska's** 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, drift wood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late

kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushibar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your

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palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B. (1/04)

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antiqueland's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. Allday breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the wallsceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

**Kensington Grill** 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N.* (8/99)

Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicagostyle BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything here's seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/02)

#### What the Chef Eats

## CORNMEAL-CRUSTED SCALLOPS WITH ROASTED POBLANO SAUCE AND CILANTRO RICE PILAF

BY SCOTT STEELE

Executive Chef, Gulf Coast Grill, Hillcrest

I just came up with this recipe a couple of weeks ago when I was preparing our Valentine's Day menu. I wanted to do something with the day-boat scallops. I ran it all last weekend for a special, and it went over really well. Everyone loved it.

I like the natural flavor of the scallops.
When I cook with them I try not to do too much to them that might take away from their natural flavor. I think the cornmeal crust gives them a little more texture, and the poblano sauce adds a little

sweetness with just a hint of heat. The poblano peppers are pretty mild. It's a sauce that goes well with the scallops because it's not overwhelming. The rice and the sauce are paired perfectly with the scallops, and the cornmeal gives it a bit of crunch.

Day-boat scallops are almost impossible to locate retail in San Diego and can be substituted with large sea scallops.
Seafood markets like Point Loma Seafoods or the Fishery in Pacific Beach are the best bet, or highend grocery stores. Get the

biggest, freshest scallops they have. If you have neighbors willing to go in with you, Catalina Seafoods on Morena Boulevard usually carries day-boat scallops and sells retail in the afternoons, but you need to buy a certain quantity.

The other thing you might have trouble finding for this recipe is the ancho chile powder. Some Albertsons and Vons stores carry it. Major Market in Escondido has it both in cellophane packets and bottled in the spice section. Whole Foods will



order it for you.

Parboiled rice is available at most markets. (It is not Uncle Ben's.) You can substitute raw white rice, but it may have to cook longer.

This dish is very easy. It's pretty straightforward.

I'm a fan of Pinot Grigio, so I would serve that. Any Chardonnay, any white wine would be good with this.

## EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

**Jimmy's** 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the

line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.* 

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food—yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpen-

sive. — E.B. (5/02)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) - it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamycrunchy interplay of sauce and vegeta-bles. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese en-

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Sift all cornmeal dredge ingredients together and

Poblano sauce: Purée peppers, vinegar, cilantro, honey, garlic, and salt and pepper in a food processor. Slowly drizzle in olive oil while food processor is still running. Transfer sauce into a squeeze bottle.

Cilantro rice pilaf: Sauté onion and bell pepper in butter over medium heat for about 4 minutes. Add rice and sauté until rice is golden brown. Pour in water, cover, and lower heat. Cook until water is

completely gone and rice is fluffy, about 20 to 25 minutes. Fold in chopped cilantro and keep warm.

Scallops: Dredge only one side of each scallop into the cornmeal mix. In a small pan, drizzle in 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium-high heat. Place 6 scallops in pan, cornmealside down, and cook for 2 minutes. Flip scallops over and cook for an additional 2 minutes. A rich brown crust should have formed on the top of the scallop. Set aside, keeping warm. Continue cooking scallops in batches of six.

To serve: Spoon rice into center of plate and lay 5 scallops against the side of the rice bed, placing them evenly around the plate. Squeeze sauce generously over each scallop.

This recipe serves six. Enjoy.

#### INGREDIENTS

Cornmeal Dredge: 1 cup cornmeal 1/4 cup Wondra flour 1/4 cup all-purpose flour ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Pinch of cumin

1/2 teaspoon white pepper ½ teaspoon paprika 1/2 teaspoon ancho chile powder

Roasted Poblano Sauce:

4 poblano peppers, roasted, peeled, and de-seeded ¼ cup red wine vinegar 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped 2 tablespoons honey 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, chopped Salt and pepper to taste

Cilantro Rice Pilaf: 2 tablespoons unsalted butter ½ cup red onion, diced ½ cup yellow bell pepper, diced 5 cups parboiled rice 10 cups water 4 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

½ cup olive oil

Scallops: 30 day-boat scallops, or large sea scallops

**FAR EAST** 

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. —  $\dot{E}.W$ .

**Bernard's** The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666, Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border - who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute* garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* along-side applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Vol-cano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman Nove decided the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

#### **UPTOWN & OLD TOWN**

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood origi-nal. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if

trées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and **Bakery** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is vonderful on warm evenings. The

decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "sig-

nature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-

course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/02)



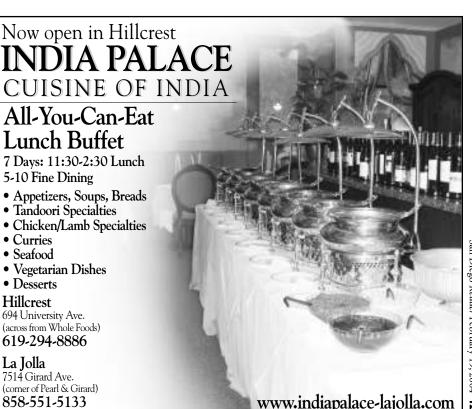
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Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka* masala with lamb, or long kebabs of

minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Mon-soon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. E.B. (4/03)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is

a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/02)

Chez Odette 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the

smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the salade niçoise (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The carne asada sports a pleasant char, and the beans

have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally

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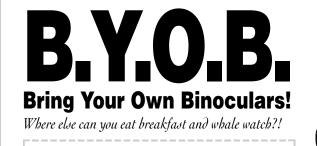
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Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells

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#### DOWNTOWN

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It's worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some Cali fornia touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple tarte Tatin on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan "cannoli" filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar, below-average corkage for BYO wines. The "Sunset special" threecourse dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends when there's usually live jazz. – N.W. (6/02)

**Dobson's** 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse paté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.* (10/98)

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La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-andwhite clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious fork burritos. Most delicious fork burritos. Most delicious pork burritos. Most delicious trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made menudo (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

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Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

**Osteria Panevino** 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W.* (4/00)

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, saté (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There's gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown,

619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a muffaletta, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chaurice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe presents sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussel soufflé and seasonal agnolotti stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view

of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/03)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club—but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turfs, they're still good enough for the price—and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cookit-yourself garlic bread, resembling





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Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown, (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, poli tics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, so-das, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

#### **SOUTH BAY &** CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautée items

and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. – N.W. (8/01)

**L'Escale** Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemaryflavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. – E.B. (2/03)

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria trav-on-rails system, and the cabbagy-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken The counter guys also make hot sand-

wiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4:00 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro Coronado, next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so companiments. Why, then, is knino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations

advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

— N.W. (7/01)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for nu-merous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last miperial Beach, 013-423-370. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

#### BAJA

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Cafe Français La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street,

two steps off Revolución), Tijuana two steps off kevolucion), 1 juana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully var-nished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and salade niçoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions and black olives). You can even order a Provençal omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/02)

**El Cid** Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and chiles en nogada (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with cajeta (caramel sauce) makes a very grand fi-nale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

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El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who pre-fer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — E.W.

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the puños ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classi-cally trained chef-owners are pio-neering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the woodburning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild - there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

Rica Torta Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best tortas (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of tor-

tas, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

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branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a carne asada burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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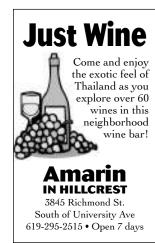
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## An American in **Paris**

Do young people today still debate Chaplin vs. Keaton?

y the handful....

The Dreamers. Lumpy potage of Sixties politics, "revolutionary" sex, and ravenous cinephilia, whipped up by Bernardo Bertolucci. From the advance press,

you might have imagined that the main ingredient was sex. You'd have imagined

wrong. One thing that puts a damper on the hot stuff, or rather three things that put a damper on it, would be Michael Pitt, Eva Green, and Louis Garrel. "Who?" you ask. My point exactly. And I needn't make an additional point of their narcotized blankness, their jeans-ad sullenness. Last Tango in Paris, the career milestone — or is it millstone? — to which the filmmaker here reverts (same city, same era, same revolution), was similarly dampened by the then unknown Maria Schneider, notwithstanding the more inhibited participation of bigname Brando. Two of our three dreamers — Pitt and Green — submit to uncommonly tight closeups of their genitalia, and all of them presumably

have mothers and fathers and whatnot (Green's mother, I know for a fact, is the actress Marlène Jobert, who did her own share of getting naked in front of a camera, and Garrel's father is the

director Philippe Garrel), and those are the people our players will have to look in the eve. Or not. The good part

of the whole affair, after all the fuss about possible cuts and the eventual dusting-off of the NC-17 rating, is that we do not now have to wonder what we're missing. (Or have to wait for the DVD to find out.) The bad part is that we have to wonder instead what all the fuss was about. That, and listen once again to the old harangue on American puritanism and the lower native tolerance for love than for war.

The recipe's main ingredient, in any event, turns out to be the oldschool cinephilia of the youthful trio. There are clips from Shock Corridor, Queen Christina, Blonde Venus, Breathless, Band of Outsiders, Freaks, Scarface, City Lights, Top Hat, Mouchette, among others (not to men-

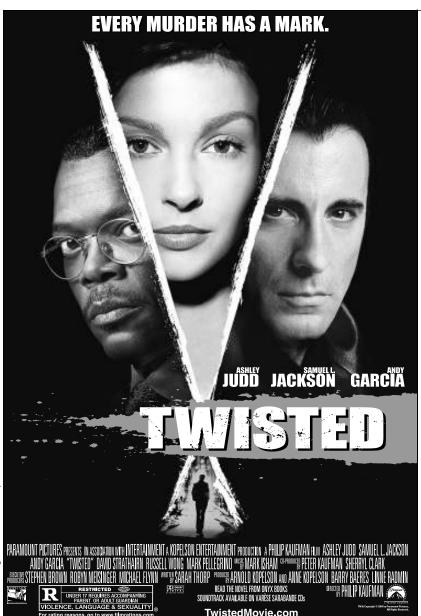


The Dreamers

tion another Françoise Hardy tune on the soundtrack, this time in proper period, to keep the ball rolling from The Barbarian Invasions and The Statement), and there are several show-offy and superficial discussions on the topic, together with some pretentious theorizing by the first-person narrator. All of this no doubt has a certain

prelapsarian nostalgia about it (do young people today still debate Chaplin vs. Keaton?), but it would be largely embarrassing even without the auxiliary sexual gamesmanship of a ménage-à-trois composed of incestuous French twins of opposite sexes and an American naif from San Diego. (Surely his city of origin cannot ac-

count for his habit of peeing in the sink.) The sex comes into it only because the protests over the ouster of Henri Langlois from the Cinémathèque Française — not an issue apt to galvanize the modern-day moviegoer — has closed the place down, and left our cinephiles with a lot of time on their hands ("I've seen



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you around. You come to all the Nicholas Rays") and a lot of unchanneled passion. Hence, film buffs in the buff. The political mobilization at the end, the least of the ingredients in the soup, seems to come out of nowhere, or perhaps out of the flag-waving finale of Bertolucci's 1900.

Secret Things. French sex odyssey, as only the French know how. (Writer and director Jean-Claude Brisseau is said to have a reputation as an enfant terrible, but this is our first exposure to him. Who's supposed to be more terrible, Brisseau or Ozon? Brisseau or Carax? Brisseau or Noé?) The journey begins with the bonding of a pair of girl-power sexual guerrillas ("Let's use our guts and our asses to climb the social ladder"), loses its way in the labyrinth of office politics, and smashes on the rocks, so to speak, of a literal ladykiller (well, at any rate he has driven two separate women to selfimmolation). Observing every step of this progress is a shadowy spectral cloaked figure, carrying a bird of prey and looking as if he wandered out of the orgy in Eyes Wide Shut. The high point, which is to say the height of absurdity, is a wedding-night three-way (brother-and-sister incest once again: oh those naughty Parisians!) to the accompaniment of Handel's coronation anthem, Zadok the Priest — until, anyway, an uninvited fourth spoils the party and abruptly stops the music.

50 First Dates. High-concept romantic comedy about a love-'emand-leave-'em ladykiller (only a figurative ladykiller in this case), a marine-park veterinarian in Hawaii, who tumbles for a brain-damaged blonde who can retain no short-term memories since her year-ago car accident and who is doomed every day to relive the day of the accident with no knowledge of intervening days: a scoop of Groundhog Day, a dash of Memento. It showcases the unique comic gifts of Adam Sandler, namely the ability to be funny only when attempting to be tender, touching, heart-tugging, etc. (With that in view, don't leave your seat, if you insist on taking one in the first place, until the long-winded "dedication" to his late father in the closing credits.) He gets little help from Drew Barrymore's selfinfantilization, Rob Schneider's two-toned eyes, Sean Astin's lisp, or running gags to do with walrus genitals and the androgyny of a braided German fräulein. Blake Clark, as the heroine's guilt-ridden father, doesn't even try to be funny and comes off, by comparison, looking like John Wayne.

My Architect. About as "personal" as a documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twentyfive years after his father's death, when the filmmaker had been but a boy of eleven, to disentangle the strands of his father's private life — there is yet a third offspring, Alexandra, by yet a third mother — and to visit all of his father's major edifices, of which, owing to the man's lifelong contentiousness, there are not a lot. ("Three or four masterpieces," opines I.M. Pei, "[are] more important than fifty, sixty buildings.") The film offers a good overview of the works themselves: the Salk Institute in La Jolla comes off well on screen (or as well as anything can in the pallid and fuzzy DV image), with the son roller-skating around the courtyard to Neil Young's "Long May You Run," and the capitol of Bangladesh makes

a fitting climax both emotionally and artistically. We might have hoped for more out of the arranged meeting between the three half-siblings, and many questions remain unanswered or unasked. But one way or another the filmmaker completes his mission and has something to show for it: a compelling film to show for it.

Touching the Void. Kevin Macdonald's documentary cliff-hanger in the most literal sense possible on the amazing-but-true story of Joe Simpson (based on his memoir), a British mountaineer who breaks his leg on the descent from a Peruvian peak in 1985, slips over a precipice at the end of a rope a hundred feet above a bottomless crevasse, is cut loose by his climbing partner, Simon Yates, and left for dead, yet lives to tell the tale. We know the outcome from the outset, though not the ghastly details. Dramatic re-enactments and highgrade nature footage illustrate the talking-head and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect.

Osama, No, not that Osama, but rather a pseudonymous twelve-yearold Afghan girl disguised as a boy in order to find employment (shades of Baran). Written and directed by Siddiq Barmak, the first post-Taliban film from Afghanistan — not that we were inundated with pre-Taliban ones is predictably about the miseries of life under the Taliban: "Run! The Taliban are coming!" Somewhat crude, appeasing, apple-polishing stuff, but a useful document of faces, places, clothes, customs (particularly the instruction of boys in wet-dream ablutions), and suffused with a respect for life and an interest in the real world such as somehow elude our Hollywood studios. ■

## MOVIE

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Against the Ropes — Not too glossy or glossed-over a portrait of Jackie Kallen (a hoarse, coarse, brassy, sassy Meg Ryan), a woman in a man's game, manager of a prizefighter whom she discovered in a brawl with two crackheads: "Reminds me of Marvin Hagler." Not too believable a portrait, nevertheless. Charles S. Dutton, who also directed, is quite likable as the wise and wily trainer coaxed out of retirement. With Omar Epps, Tony Shalhoub, Tim Dalv. 2004.

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Along Came Polly — An ostensibly romantic comedy throwing together Mr. Uptight (Ben Stiller) and Ms. Free Spirit (Jennifer Aniston), written and directed by John Hamburg, whose mind is quite literally in the toilet. The fart at the men's-room urinals is just a warm-up for the illustrated definition of "shart," an intended fart that produces solids in addition to gasses, and then the movie's pièce de résistance, the firstdate effects of Middle Eastern cuisine on Irritable Bowel Syndrome, the guest's afterdinner pit stop in his hostess's bathroom, the turning-on of the shower to cover up the brass-band noises, the mere scrap of tissue on the roll of toilet paper, the use of Grandma's embroidered handtowel instead, the plugged-up and overflowing toilet bowl, the use of the hostess's brand-new loofah as

a plunger — well, you could just about die, although not from laughing. Hank Azaria contributes a funny French accent as a nudist scuba instructor on St. Barts, but funny French accents are a dime a dozen. And climactic crosstown dashes to prevent departures of loved ones on airplanes are a dime a gross. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Debra Messing, Alec Baldwin.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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"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.

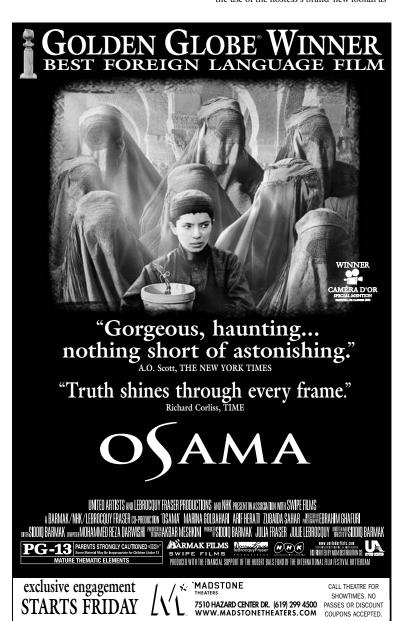
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#### Barbershop 2: Back in Business -

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Big Fish — Big bore. Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his "fan base," needed to bounce back in a big way from the commercial conservatism of *Planet of the Apes*, and in Daniel Wallace's slender novel he has found a fund of peculiarity: the sententious and sentimental memoirs of an Alabama fabulist, none of whose tall tales and fish stories — literally tall in the case of a twelve-foot giant, literally fishy in the case of a freshwater Moby Dick known as The Beast — explains how the moles on his cheek and forehead vanished between the time he was Ewan McGregor and the time





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he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narrationheavy 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA PALOMA, FROM 2/20; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM

The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and co-directors Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternate universe subdivisions. It concerns a college

PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO

DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

student (Ashton Kutcher, with scholarly beard) who had suffered from memory blackouts as a child, and who now discovers that by rereading his diaries he can return to the lost moments and rewrite the outcome, emerging from the experience with nothing worse than a bloody nose. But every time he changes one thing, it changes the entire future. This might sound as though it ought to be more interesting than it is. (Or else it might sound exactly as confusing as it is.)
The makers' reliance on "shocking" subject matter — pedophilia and kiddie porn, dog burning, baby bombing, etc. — bespeaks their doubts about their ability to interest. An image that did not look as if it were viewed through sunglasses might have helped, but not significantly. Amy Smart, Ethan Suplee, Eric Stoltz, Melora Walters.

● (CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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



Against the Ropes

Thierot: directed by Bart Freundlich, 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

#### **Cheaper by the Dozen**

Unrecognizable update of the 1950 film (and 1949 book) of the same name, set originally around the turn of the century, now a sort of Fox-TV sitcom quadrupled. The messiness of the family life (in a family of fourteen) is neither adequate camouflage nor alibi for the messiness of the filmmaking. With Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo, and (uncredited) Ashton Kutcher; directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

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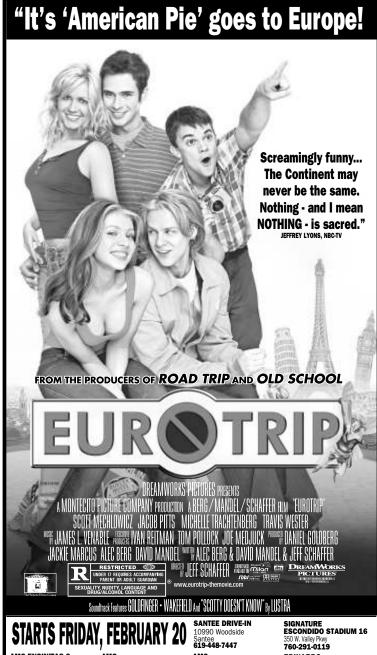
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City of God — A slice of "kinetic" cinema (or what would be called "hyperactive" if it were a child) that grabs you by the shirt collar and shakes the living daylights out of you: an antsy camera, fast-motion, split-screen, yellow flashbacks, a loop-the-loop 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

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



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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: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24)

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)

**Confessions of a Teenage Drama** Queen - Youth comedy starring Lindsay Lohan, directed by Sara Sugarman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10;

RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/20)

 $\textbf{The Cooler} - Las \ Vegas \ fairy \ tale, \ from$ first-time director Wayne Kramer, full of hand-me-down ideas about the old-school gangster who still believes in busting kneecaps to keep order, the failed showgirl and the tail-for-sale, the poor-man's Sinatra and "the next Harry Connick, Jr.," the changing economic landscape: "There comes a time to decide whether you're running a museum or you're running a casino." The title character, tailor-made for William H. Macy, is not so smudgingly marked by fingerprints: such an accursed loser that he is employed by the Golden Shangri-La to contaminate its customers by his mere presence, like the passing vampire who withers the flowers in his path. After one good roll in the hay with a willing cocktail waitress (Maria Bello), he loses his "magic," however. And suddenly the always empty creamer for his coffee is brimming over, and his flattened hair has acquired some fluff. Completely unacceptable, completely unswallowable from its opening premise to its final outcome (one hates to agree with the hero's ne'er-do-well son: "It don't compute"), the textbook script lays tracks for an emotional roller coaster, depressing in its regularity and predictability. Because the film is an "indie," the sex is smellier than in the mainstream, but the sentiment no less flowery: "You put me up on a pedestal. It sure puts the gutter in perspective." Alec Baldwin, Shawn Hatosy. 2003.

● (GASLAMP 15)

**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 surefooted 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)

The Dreamers — Reviewed this issue. With Michael Pitt, Eva Green, and Louis Garrel; directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12,

**Eurotrip** — Road comedy with Scott Mechlowicz, Jacob Pitts, and Kristin Kreuk, directed by Jeff Schaffer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA

50 First Dates — Reviewed this issue. With Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, and Rob Schneider; directed by Peter Segal. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6;

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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.'

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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

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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

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 2/19)

Girl with a Pearl Earring — Envisioning a chain of events that might have led to the Vermeer painting of the same name: the coming to the Master's household of a chaste young maid, daughter of a blinded Delft tile painter, and her inch-by-inch entrée to the artist's atelier by virtue of her demonstrated interest in and sensitivity to and appreciation of his work — a privilege withheld from his baby-machine wife even to the extent of improving the composition of a work-in-progress by taking it upon herself to reposition a chair (yes, Xrays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted over a chair in Woman with a Water Jug, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterwork. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It

may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way the maid's breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow — in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the locker-room jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist Tracy Chevalier, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the first-time director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy. There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland, although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market with facsimiles. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, Tom Wilkinson, 2003.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4 HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

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

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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; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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)

**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 geisha!" 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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/19)

onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably

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

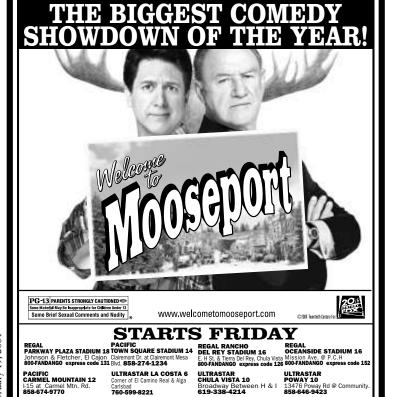
sights on who's so fascinated. (Cruise's head looks about to burst from the effort.) And

objects of it, that rivets the camera: never

mind what's so fascinating, let's fix our

handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine

2003. 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





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.  $\star$  (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20;

PALM PROMENADE 24) 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  $\stackrel{\cdot}{-}$  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; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola's sophomore effort marks an advance over The Virgin Suicides: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a 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-andvocal lounge act billed as "Sausalito." Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign ("For relaxing times, make it Suntori time"), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar

(Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soupladle renditions of Elvis Costello's "Peace, Love, and Understanding" and Roxy Music's "More Than This"). And the touristing in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola's uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father's. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody's. 2003. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; POWAY 10)

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.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Miracle — On its face, this 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. 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. 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 image 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. 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-the-highway mentality ("I'm not looking for the  $\mathit{best}$ players.... I'm looking for the right players"), the angry locker-room 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 tunnel-visioned obliviousness to a pop-cultural 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!" 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. 2004.

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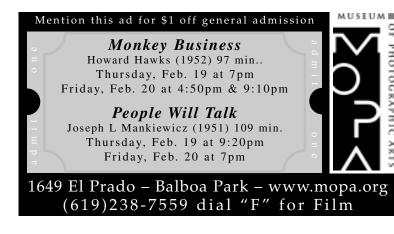
Monkey Business — Howard Hawks's slapstick treatment of the Jekyll-and-Hyde mad scientist, in particular Rouben Mamoulian's reverse-evolutionary version of him in 1932, where Hyde was explicitly linked to the apes. Here an elixir of youth — perfected by a laboratory chimp! — transports its imbibers back to adolescence and all the way to infancy. A pleasing balance of silliness and significance, and very enthusiastically played by Cary Grant as an absent-minded professor awakened to a midlife crisis. With Ginger Rogers, Charles Coburn, Hugh Marlowe, and Marilyn Monroe 1952

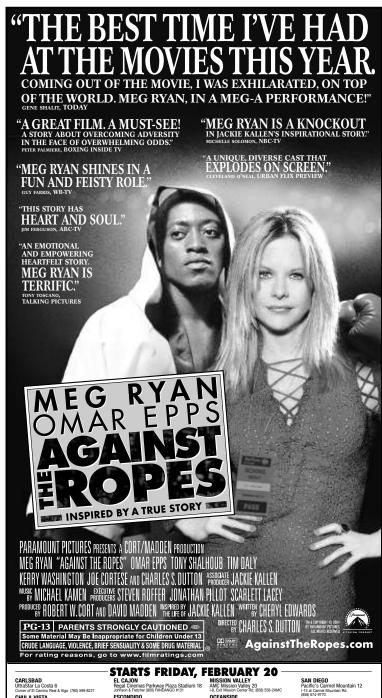
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**Monster** — Dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie)









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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; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

MARKETPLACE 13; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO

DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN

SOLIARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

My Architect — Reviewed this issue. With Nathaniel Kahn, Vincent Scully, I.M. Pei, and Frank O. Gehry; directed by Kahn. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 2/20)

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.

★★★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

- Reviewed this issue. With Marina Golbahari, Khwaja Nader, and Arif Herati; written and directed by Siddiq Barmak.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 2/20) The Perfect Score — Pandering teen caper film in which a motley crew of highschool seniors (pothead, jock, poor little rich girl, etc.) conspire for motley reasons to steal the answers to the SAT. ("Suck-Ass Test — that's what that stands for," elucidates the annoyingly loud narrator.) A dab of nostalgia: Mike Jarvis, the fired basketball coach of St. John's University, has a cameo as the basketball coach of St. John's University. (The production notes attempt to smooth over the problem by identifying Jarvis's character as "Illinois Coach," or in

other words by lying.) With Erika Christensen, Chris Evans, Bryan Greenberg, Scarlett Johansson, Darius Miles, and Leonardo Nam; directed by Brian Robbins, 2004.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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

## **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

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#### CENTRAL

#### **CLAIREMONT**

**Town Square 14** 4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 12:55, 2:20, 3:15) 4:40, 5:35, 7:05, 7:55, 9:25, 10:35; Sun. (12:05, 12:55, 2:20, 3:15) 4:40, 5:35, 7:05, 7:55, 9:25, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (1:25, 2:25, 3:45, 4:45) 7:05, 7:55, 9:25, 10:15; **Against the** Ropes (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (2:05, 4:40) 7:20, 9:55; **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 10:00; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 10:00; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; Confessions of A Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Tue. (2:30, 4:50) 7:00, 9:15; **Eu**rotrip (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (3:05, 5:20) 7:35, 9:50; Gospel of John (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 6:30, 10:00; Sun. (2:05) 6:30, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (2:10) 6:30, 10:05; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 4:25, 8:25; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 5:00) 9:00; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 6:55, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:05, 4:00) 6:55, 9:50; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:35, 7:25, 10:25; Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:00, 4:35) 7:25, 10:10; Mystic River (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:10, 4:10) 7:10, 10:05; **The** Passion of the Christ (R) Sat. 7:50: Welcome **To Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Call theater for program information

5:05, 7:40, 10:30; Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40,

10:15; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:15

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#### **LA JOLLA**

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confesstions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; The Dreamers; 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; City of God; Miracle; Monster; Something's Gotta Give; Girl with a Pearl Earring; Mystic River

#### La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) The Fog of War (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **House of Sand and Fog** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **My Archi** tect (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **The Pas**sion of the Christ (R) Wed -Thu (1.30) 4.15. 7:00, 9:45; **Touching the Void** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

#### **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

#### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confesstions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Business: Catch That Kid: Mira-2: Back in Business; Catch That Kid; Mira-cle; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Win a Date with Tad Hamilton; Along Came Polly; Lost in Translation; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; 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) City of God (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Deep Crimson (Not Rated) Fri.-Tue. 1:05, 9:25; House of Sand and Fog (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:10, 7:05, 9:40; In America (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 1:25, 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; In July (Not Rated) Fri.-Tue. 4:10; Lost In Translation (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Tue. 1:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35; **Osama** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30; The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 3:20, 5:10, 7:00

#### Mission Valley 20

640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Welcome to Mooseport; Against the

Ropes; Confesstions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Miracle; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Big Fish; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; 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. (11:20, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (11:20, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05; Mon.-Tue. (3:50, 5:55) 8:20; **Barbershop 2:** Back in Business (PG-13) Fri. (2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30; Mon.-Tue. (3:15, 5:25) 7:50; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; Sat. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:20; Mon.-Tue. (3:00, 5:35) 8:00; Catch That Kid (PG) Fri. (1:30, 3:20) 5:15, 7:10, 9:15; Sat. (11:15, 1:15 3:15) 5:10, 7:10, 9:15; Sun. (11:15, 1:15, 3:15) 5:10, 7:10; Mon.-Tue. (3:05, 5:20) 7:30; **Welcome To Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Tue. (3:25, 5:45) 8:10; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40, 9:40; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40; Mon.-Tue. (3:35, 5:30) 7:40

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Secret Things (Not Rated) Fri. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) 21 Grams (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **The Company** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55 The Dreamers (NC-17) (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; **Girl With A Pearl Earring** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Monster (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

#### **Museum of Photographic Arts**

Monkey Business, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 4:50 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.; People Will Talk, Thursday, 9:20 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.; Like Water for Chocolate, Sunday, 3:45 p.m.

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#### **Grossmont Center**

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#### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Pkwy. (619-466-1178) Big Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:10) 7:50; Calendar Girls (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **Catch That Kid** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:00); Mon.-Thu (12:50, 3:00); **Gospel of John** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30) 4:30, 7:50; Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 7:40; **The Triplets of Belleville** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15); Mon.-Thu. (1:10); Lost In Transla**tion** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:10) 4:35, 6:50, 9:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:35, 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:35, 5:45) 8:05: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:40) 6:40, 9:50; Sun. (3:40) 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10) 6:10, 9:00; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:30; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (11:40, 2:20) 4:50, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:20, 5:50) 8:30

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#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen: Eurotrip: Monster: 50 First Dates: Barbershop 2: Back in Business; The But-terfly Effect; Catch That Kid; Along Came Polly; You Got Served

#### Palm Promenade 24

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Welcome to Mooseport: Against the
Ropes; Confesstions of a Teenage Drama
Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; The Triplets of Belleville; City of God; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Catch That Kid; The Perfect Score; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; Cheaper by the Dozen; Peter Pan; 21 Grams; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; The Last Samurai

Rancho Del Rey 16
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#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:20, 11:55, 1:45, 2:10, 3:55, 4:30, 6:05, 7:15, 8:25, 9:50, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 12:00, 1:05, 2:05, 3:10, 4:10, 5:15, 6:15, 7:20, 8:20, 9:30; **Against the**  Never Land. With Olivia Williams, Lynn Redgrave, Richard Briers. 2003. ★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Secret Things — Reviewed this issue. With Sabrina Seyvecou, Coralie Revel, Roger Mirmont, and Fabrice Deville; written and directed by Jean-Claude Brisseau.

• (KEN, 2/20 THROUGH 26)

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 hip-

hop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (What Women Want, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-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 TROLLEY;

HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 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)

Touching the Void — Reviewed this issue. With Joe Simpson and Simon Yates; directed by Kevin Macdonald.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a bande dessinée in motion, a genuine novelty. The detachable introduction presents a retro Thirties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), faux-Fleischer and 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

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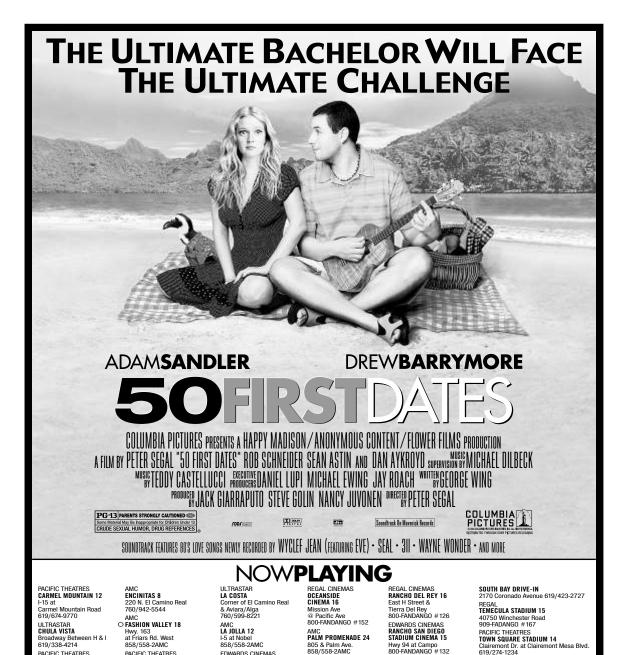
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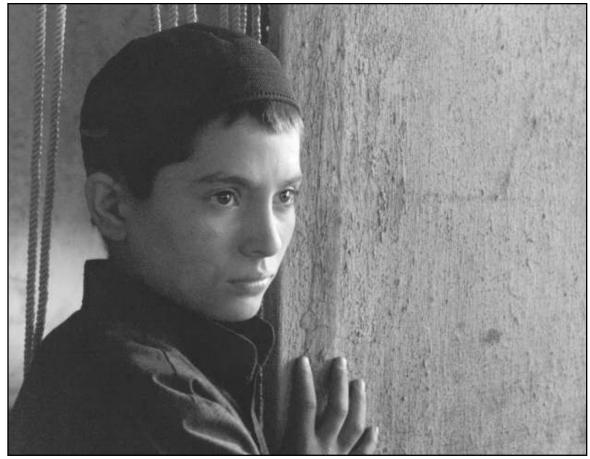


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marvel takes away from the other. And the bullets-flying climactic car chase is tiresome. Still, the wit and imagination never relent (Bruno finds new trains to bark at in the New World), and the whole of it is communicated with a clarity that renders 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.

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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.

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Welcome to Mooseport — A former U.S. President (Gene Hackman) runs for mayor; with Ray Romano; directed by Donald Petrie.

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Duhamel (ex-Leo on the daytime soap, All

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confidence, entitlement, jadedness, and,

upon command, charm, in the role of the

heartthrob. All he lacks is the stature to set

People: Topher Grace, of Fox-TV's That '70s

Sandra Dee, a position vacant for thirty-five

himself apart, as a bigger star would

automatically have done (a Leonardo

DiCaprio, a Brad Pitt), from the Little

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

years. Kathryn Hahn as a tattooed but

tender-hearted bartender makes a good

Big Star speaking broken Spanish to his

impression as well. The kidding of Tinsel

Town could hardly be more kid-glove (the

Albanian housemaid), and if the extolling of

emotion — and plenty of tradition, too. The

humor throughout remains solidly rooted in

character and situation, never straining the

Goodwin, Nathan Lane, Sean Hayes, Gary

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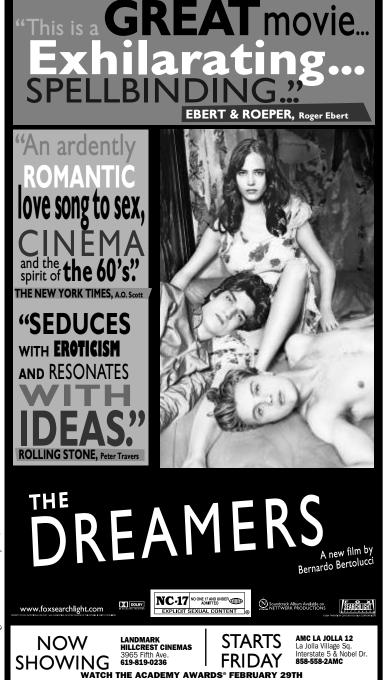
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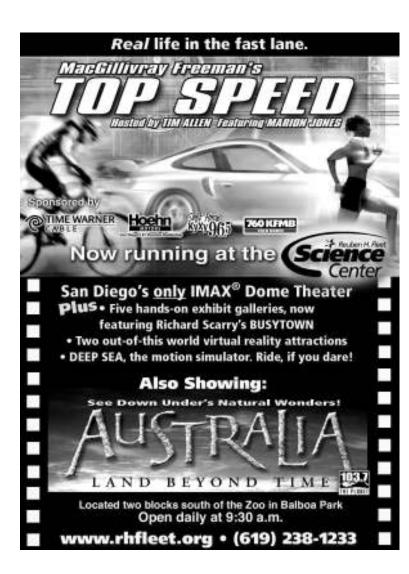
the simple life and small-town values seems

a tad two-faced, there is plenty of truth in

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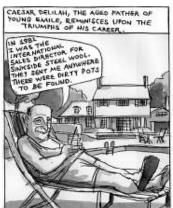
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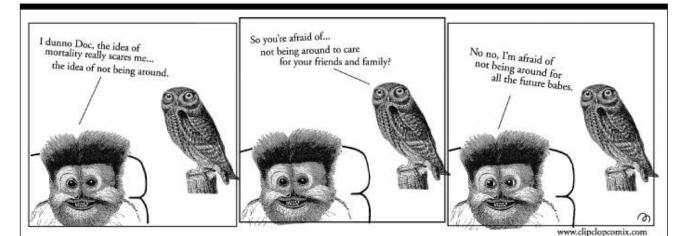
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Ilaugh at a lot of things that other people don't laugh at. To me, it's really funny when men get slapped because it's so demeaning. In the movie Old School, Owen Wilson's character sleeps with his boss's daughter, and when one of his co-workers mentions it, Owen slaps him. Anytime a man slaps another man is funny. I find that I enjoy subtle humor. On The Dave Chap pelle Show, this skinny black guy told this fat white guy, "Get the hell out of here before I slice strips of bacon off your back." The joke not only implies that the guy is fat, but that he's also a pig.



Mike

Student Santee

Farts. I tend to laugh at anyone who spends too much money on their car. I do a little giggle anytime I see guys driving around in their raised trucks and the monster tires. If they've got the stickers of Calvin from "Calvin and Hobbes" pissing on a Ford or Chevy sign, that irritates me; I'm over that. I laugh when my mom comments on either The Oshournes or that Newlyweds show with that dumb chick Jessica Simp son. Both of those are such terrible shows. I laugh when I catch my mom watching them, but I'm tempted to cancel my cable. Fat chicks that think they're really hot make me laugh You see them at the gym, using the tanning booth, and they walk right by the treadmills. What they don't realize is that they need to get their fat asses on the treadmills and save the tanning for next season. I see them wearing really tight clothes with their midriffs showing, nose in the

air, belly-button rings and matching veatsuits with their love handles hanging out; that's funny.



Torrie Knight

Student Santee always laugh when I see people

fall down, even though everyone says that it's sad. I laugh all the time when I see old people drool all over themselves. It happens to my grandma's boyfriend all the time, and he doesn't realize why I'm laughing. He just continues talking and drool is going all over. I'm in love with the movie *Dirty Dancing*, and there's a part that I always laugh at that no one else thinks is funny. The main character Baby is learning to dance with Patrick Swayze and he spins her out and she keeps on dancing.

She looks like a total dork because he left her and she keeps dancing

like she knows what she's doing even though she totally doesn't. I also

laugh when I see guys scratching their crotches in public.



Steve

Student

Kearny Mesa

tend to laugh at subtle details in lacksquare movies and I'll be the only one in the theater laughing and my girlfriend usually gets embarrassed. We went to see the movie *Elf* with Will Ferrell, and there was a scene where he got a big bottle of syrup for Christmas. I was the only one laughing because I thought it was hilarious. His stepmom gave it to him because he told her that he "sticks to the four food groups: sugar, candy, candy corn, and syrup." Women are good listeners, so she remembered and gave him a big bottle of syrup, and I was laughing hard, but no one else was. I also laugh at parts of The Simpsons that are more political. In an episode since Arnold came into office, Homer was worried about money and says that he's "afraid of getting terminated.'



Susan

Homemaker, Student Pacific Beach

laugh at my own jokes. When I'm talking, I try to be funny. I won't necessarily make a joke, but my kids will know when I'm trying to be funny. My kids will laugh and say, "You're funny, Mom, or at least you think that you're funny." My hus-band doesn't think that I'm funny, but he doesn't laugh at anything. He likes watching bull-riding, and he especially enjoys when the guys get thrown off the bulls; he thinks that's hilarious. He also likes to see guys crash on skateboards; he thinks that's hilarious. I don't find that kind of thing funny, but his laughter can be contagious.



Chris Dunnly

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Some of the stuff on the show Jackass is pretty funny for the fact that it made it past censors. There's one stunt that they did where one of the guys puts a toy car in a con-dom and sticks it up his ass and goes to a doctor to have it x-rayed. He tells the doctor, "I don't know what happened. I went to a frat party, I passed out, and when I woke up I felt something uncomfortable." In another stunt, they rented a car and entered it into a demolition derby. When they returned the car, it was completely wrecked and they had two blow-up dolls in the front. I also really like this game show from Japan called Let's Get Eliminated. It's been dubbed over in English, and I think it's funny because the people are always getting hurt, although some people don't think it's funny at all.

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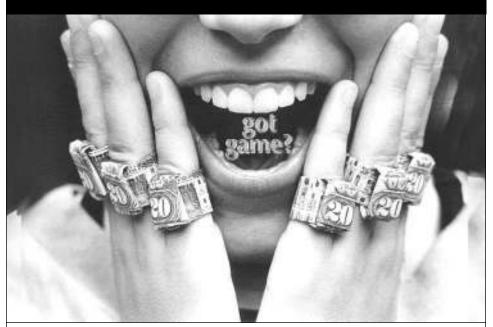
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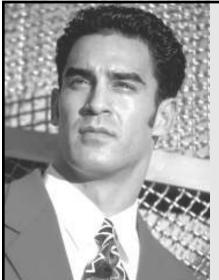
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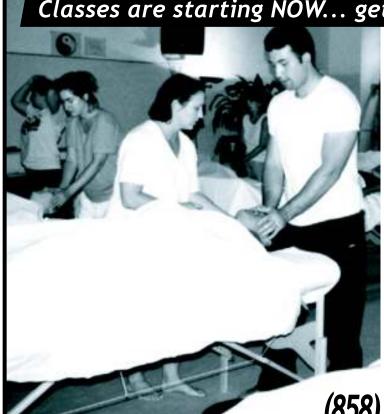




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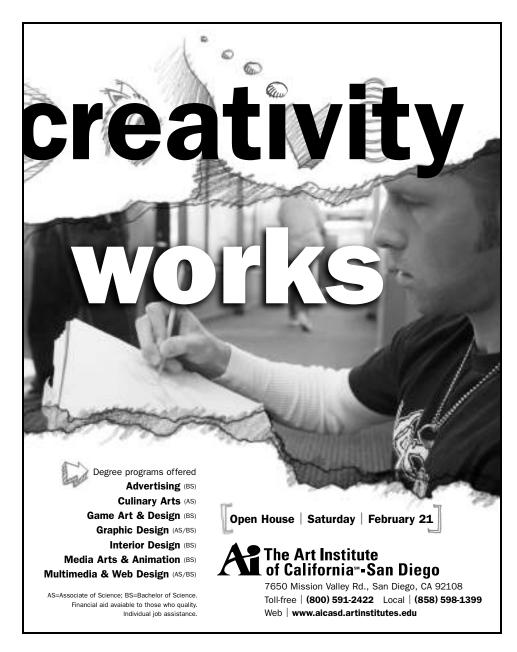
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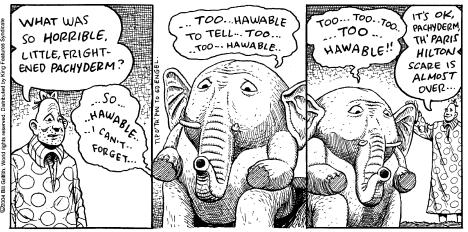
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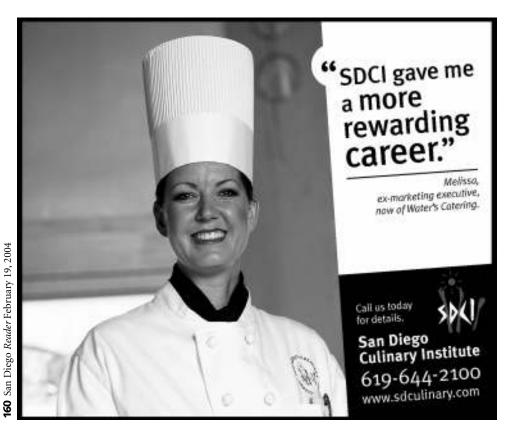


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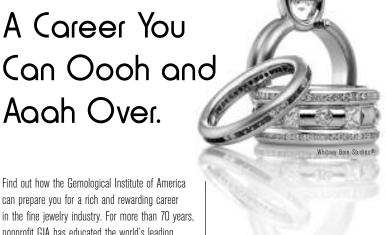
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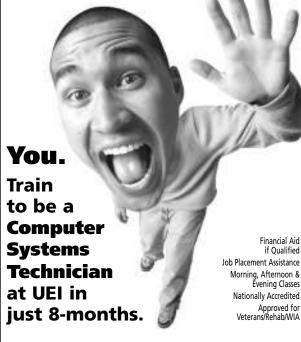
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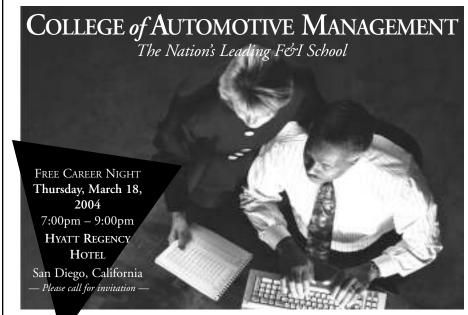
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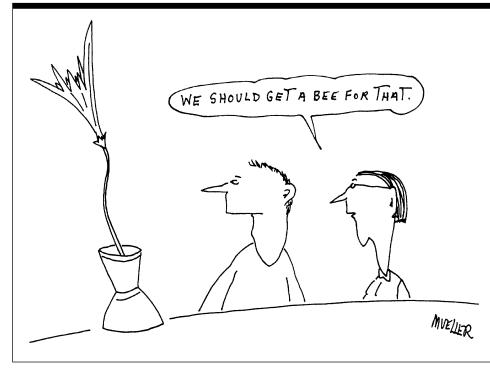
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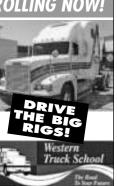
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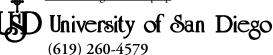
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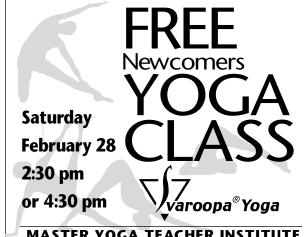
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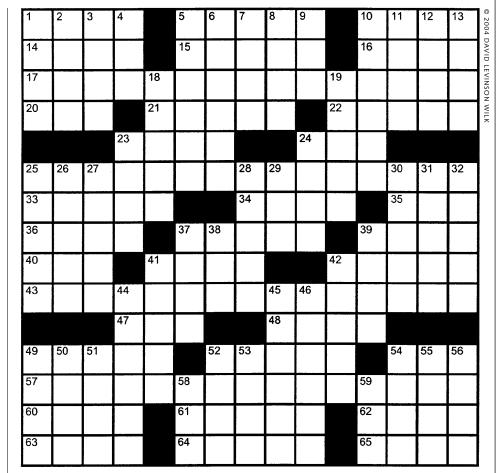
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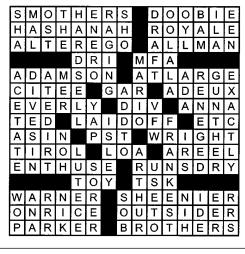
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- 54. End-of-the-week cry
- \_\_ be in England́ ..."
- 56. The whole shebang
- 58. Cable co. that merged with AT&T
- 59. Lance who had a lot of O.J. in 1995

#### RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.

  2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle
- contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 2/12/04.

Of the 56 entrants, 51 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Keith Schumaker, Carlsbad
- 2. John N. Myers, San Diego
- 3. Cynthia Moschetto, Lemon Grove 4. Gordon Morse, San Diego
- 5. Kim Kearney, La Mesa

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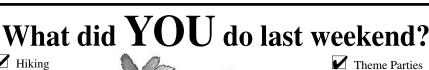
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EX-DRUG USER WANTED. Must be serious about recovery, 45-60, tattoos a plus, like oldie cars. Me: not a drug user. Have heart. (2/25) \$\overline{\infty}\$90901

EBONY WINE CONNOISSEUR, 35, seeks ivory life partner, 28-40, good communicator, share meaningful conversations, explore new adventures, jazz music, and a great glass of wine. (3/3) ☎90952

a great glass of wine. (3/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$90952

IF YOU LIKE BRUNETTES, young 50, healthy, attractive, active, spiritual, romantic, educated, honest, nonsmoker, seeking sincere man, 40-55, adventurous, loving, stable, educated, committed relationship. (2/25) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$90920

AIM TO PLEASE, 53, 5', 105lbs., high morals, nature lover, compassionate, enjoy RV camping, horses, boating, cooking, gardening. Seeking honest, spiritually/financially secure man, 50-65, for loving, happy life together. (3/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$90940

**LOVER/COMPANION WANTED** by petited caucasian, green-eyed, 125lb. teacher turned student in science. Loves are, music, dinner, walks on beach, ro-mantic, philosophical. (3/3) \$\infty\$90962

SEEKING A BEST FRIEND to enjoy life with. No drugs please. (3/3) \$\infty\$90949

CUTE, BLACK WOMAN, 5'6", 145lbs., 61, intellectual, eclectic. Seeking soul mate, laughter, long-term relationship. Race, age open. (2/25) \$\infty\$90915 age open. (2/25) \$\alpha\$90915 **HISPANIC FEMALE, 29,** seeks and hon-

est, educated, professional, for dating. Race unimportant. You: between 33-49, with sense of humor, outgoing, romantic, goal oriented. (2/25) 290904

goal oriented. (2/25) \$\infty\$09004

FRENCH, RUSSIA, 44, princess, romantic, fun, honest, attractive, like movies, walking, talking, travel. Seeking 38-55 man who enjoys same interests. Are you my Prince Charming? (2/25) \$\infty\$0929

GREEN EYES, 45, ATTRACTIVE, kind, nonmaterialistic, outdoorsy, Project Wildlife volunteer. Looking for handsome, yet humble honest man with a great sense of humor. (3/3) \$\oldsymbol{3}\$ 90958

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, blue-eyed blonde, 5'8", 125lbs., classy, and 54. Seeking nice-looking, tall, educated professional. (3/3) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$99965

GOT A HARLEY? I'm a great backrest! Easygoing, happy, friendly, curvaceous me seeks tall, affectionate, honest, adventurous you, for fun and romance. Be 50+ please. (2/25) \$\overline{\textitle} 90930

CONFIDENT, ATTRACTIVE, communicative, affectionate, spontaneous, ready for romance, hugs, kisses! You: tall, energetic, humorous, desire to meet woman with a good head on her shoulders. (3/3) 790951

KIND, FUN LOVING, hispanic, of quality, 52 years old. Seeking companion of same age or older. Must like movies, games, dining, walks. (2/25) \$\infty\$90910

FEMALE, 51, NORTH COUNTY. Looking for one-on-one relationship, average, nonjudgmental male, traveling, humor, concerts, movies, good conversation, honesty above all. I'm thin, 5'. (2/25) \$\oldsymbol{2}\$90914

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REAL WOMAN, 32, 5'4", curvy, professional, sweet, happy, active, humorous, affectionate. Seeking real man, 29-40, educated, nonsmoker, caring, active, honest, fun, romantic, for sincere relationship. (3/3) \$\mathbf{T}\$90968

EASYGOING, HAPPY, BLONDE lady, looking for male counterpart. Tired of being single. Want long-term relationship. Someone to spoil, and will spoil me. Nonsmoking. (2/25) \$\infty\$ 90912

ROMANTIC, CHRISTIAN WOMAN, 45, roth, fit, educated. Seeking 33-50 male, kind, generous, committed, handsome gentleman, nonsmoker, for laughter, conversation, outings, friendship, companionship, perhaps love. (2/25) 290913

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VERY ATTRACTIVE LATINA, sexy, fun, active, nice, spiritual, professional. Seeking 40-50, handsome, healthy, kind, honest, humorous, financially secure man for friendship or possibly more. (3/3) \$\pi\$90964

64-YEAR-OLD, ATTRACTIVE Filipina, nonsmoker, nondrinker, young at heart, likes dancing, cooking, seeking active white male, 60-70, for long-term relationship. All calls answered. (3/3) \$\mathbf{x}\$90959

BLACK, FULL FIGURED FEMALE, enjoys sports, music, outdoors. You: tall, slim, white male, financially secure, 50-65, no smoking/drinking, no games. (3/3) \$\mathbf{2}\$90938

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere. Seeking long-term relationship. Non-smoking. Let's go for it, big boy! (2/25)

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ASIAN-AMERICAN, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent degreed professional, 5'6", 115lbs paramemerican, Aliractive, intelligent, degreed, professional, 56°, 115lbs. Seeking successful Caucasian, positive, fun, good conversationalist, outgoing, 35-45, 510°, 4, for adventures in San Diego and beyond. (2/25) \$\overline{\tau}\$90926

HISPANIC FEMALE, 28, 5'10°, long curly hair, prefers tall hispanic bad boys with good heart, and sense of humor. (2/25) \$\overline{\tau}\$90900

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ASIAN, SWEET, SEXY, great smile, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, caucasian professional, 35-56. Let's explore. (3/3) ☎90955

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous (com)passionate, no baggage, no previous kids, friendship, sportive, spiritual, non-religious man, 38-49, 5'9"+. (2/25) 290925

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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) \$790934

PETITE, ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, easy. going, 52 years, widow with herpes. Seeking professional, stable, loving gentleman for serious relationship, 51-65. (3/3) \$\mathbf{2}\$90968

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CONT. 59-68 years. I am attractive, eduguy, 58-68 years. I am attractive, educated, fun, easygoing, and a nonsmoker looking for same. (3/3) \$\infty\$90943

**EUROPEAN, BEAUTIFUL, DOCTOR, 39** 5'5", 125lbs., loving, loyal, energetic, fit, well traveled. Seeking a very successful, well educated, loving, sportive, monogamous man under 45. (3/3) ☎90960

ROMANTIC, GOOD LOOKING, nice figured lady. Seeking 58+, 5'9"+, warm-hearted, affectionate, communicative gentleman, who likes fine dining, hiking, movies, traveling and spontaneous ad-ventures. (2/25) \$\infty\$0927

OLD MAID SEEKS kindhearted, old man in his 60's to rescue me from the tower. (3/3) \$\infty\$90956

BEAUTIFUL, EXOTIC, FUN and full of life woman. Enjoy good times with someone who enjoys communicating, and taking romantic walks together, attractive man between 50-60. (2/25) \$\mathbf{T}\$90922

vetween 50-60. (2/25) \$\(^2\)90922

YOUNG 51, 5'3", 115lbs., blonde/blue, literally starting over. Seeking white, generous mentor, 45-55. (3/3) \$\(^2\)90942

CHARMING LADY, 5'8", blonde, attractive, caring, fun loving, humorous, good cook, enjoys ethnic dining, movies, museums. Seeking wonderful gentleman, 65-78. (3/3) \$\(^2\)90954

PIONEER COUNTY GIRL, 40's, plays music, likes hot springs, desert, open roads, and long-haired country boys. If you're honest, kind, fun loving, call. (3/3)

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ONLY YOU IN MY HEART. Beautiful Russian blonde, 57, slender, glamorous, genuine, warm, intelligent, creative cook, music, opera, dining. You: 58-62, attractive, honest, great values. (3/3) № 90941

HAPPY LADY, 51, seeks gentleman companion. I am 5'3", 125lbs. My interests are pets, sweets, creative writing. Looks, income unimportant. Good manners appreciated. (2/25) ☎90933

ciated. (2/25) \$\frac{\text{3}}{\text{90933}}\$ 90933 **TWO HEARTS BEAT AS ONE.** White, attractive, full-figured female, 30, outgoing seeks white male, 25-50, serious minded, play no games, love kids, want relationship. (2/25) \$\frac{\text{x}}{\text{9}}\$ 90907

EXOTIC, SEXY WOMAN, with dark skin, inner and outer beauty, 46 years young, 5'6", 130lbs., spontaneous adventures. Wanted: an attractive, fit, clean-cut gentleman, 40-55, nonsmoker, with great smile. (3/3) \$\oldsymbol{\Pi}\$90961

BEAUTIFUL, BLACK WOMAN, 50, likes cooking, movies, dinners out, amusement parks, casino, wants 45-50 man who wants fun, enjoy life one-on-one. (3/3)

COMPLETE PACKAGE, 40, 5'6", toned, great figure, kindness, passion, humor, travel, dance, conversation, movies, nature adventures. Dress up or cuddle at home. Long-term relationship. (3/3) \$\mathbf{2}\$90967

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN. Integrity model, artist, author, dancer, loves mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You: never married, handsome, integrity, quality, 40-59, military experience a plus. (2/25) \$\mathbf{x}\$90937

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ATTRACTIVE LADY, FUN LOVING with good sense of humor, seeks gentleman approximately 50-55, for serious relationship and movies, dinner, theater, concerts, fun. (2/25) \$\infty\$90928

#### **Italian Lady**

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) \$\mathbf{T}\$90905

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SWEET, SEXY, BEAUTIFUL, athletic, coducated, honest, world traveler classy, educated, honest, world traveler. Looking for good looking, professional, healthy, fit, classy, for friendship, possible relationship. (2/25) \$\mathref{\textit{T}}\$90902

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW, EDUCATED, outgoing. Like theater, day trips, current events, politics, global interests, well traveled. Seeking gent, 55-65 with similar interests for fun, dating, relationship. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{T99948}}{2}\$

FULL-FIGURED, SPECIAL black lady needs professional, white male, age 50-65, for a serious relationship. Lots of tender, loving care. Let's make life good together. (2/25) \$\infty\$09932

TODAY'S GREAT CATCH. Cute, lovely, sensitive, competitive, independent, hilarious, like men in uniform, next Spanish bachelorette in need of a classy professional. (2/25) \$\oldsymbol{2}\$90916

sional. (2/25) \$\Pi09016\$

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN-MEXICAN.
Sexy, 5'9", 145lbs., 41 years, fun, wants to meet very attractive man, age 38-50, tall, financially secure, for friendship or possible relationship. (2/25) \$\Pi09011\$

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BLACK LADY, 42, with locks, enjoy reggae. Seeking gentleman ready to spoil me. Friends first, possible relationship. Must be financially secure, down to earth. Call. (3/3) \$\mathbf{2}\$90957

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EUROPEAN, ROMANTIC, ARTIST, 40, love travel, cooking, wine, sailing, discovering. Seeking funny, slim, open-minded, normal looking girl, 30-40, free spirited. Artist a plus. (2/25) \$\infty\$20590

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 25-45, fit, good sense of humor for friendship/ro-mance with successful white male, blue eyes, well dressed, muscular, let me spoil you. (3/3) \$\tilde{2}\$20643

TALL AND SLENDER LADY desired to enjoy fine dining, theater, and travel. I'm white, 6'6", fit, 55. La Jolla area. (3/3) 220626

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, professional, 51 SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, proressionar, or, kind, affectionate, romantic, athletic, would love to treat you like a lady. Seeking physically and emotionally fit woman, 35-50, North County. (3/3) \$\frac{\pi}{20}\$ 20615

NICE JEWISH DOCTOR, 39, tall, slim handsome, quiet, good listener, guitarist, pianist, enjoys music, writing, books, creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, intelligent, loyal, growth-oriented female. (2/25) \$\infty\$20607

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL, 61 looks 51. 6, 185lbs. Notre Dame graduate, Marine, Democrat. Mountain, desert, ranch lifestyle, active, healthy, spiritual, musical, artist. Seeking fit, humorous roman-tic. (2/25) ☎20573

SEEKING CAUCASIAN PROFESSIONAL, over 45, for quiet and outrageous times, enjoying travel, reading, cooking, hiking, skiing, pets, family, friends, laughter, dancing and romancing. (2/25) \$\infty\$20605

ASIAN LADY REQUESTED by gentleman, because you are honest, bright, slim, sensual, happy, jazz lover, a sense of humor. Please call me. Thank you. Ciao. (3/3)

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PICKLE, ICKLE, ICKLE. Roadtested curmudgeon, 53, 5'9", musically adventurous, moderate vices, desires truth, justice, American way. Will settle for good looking, estrogen-powered, "little" sweetie. (2/25) ★ 20581

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EBONY LADY, MY DREAMS await you to step into reality, 35-45, proportionate. Me white, 41, 6'3", 250lbs., good shape, attractive, love kids, nonmaterialistic, romantic. (2/25) \$\infty\$ 20597

BAD BOY LOOKS with a good heart seeking slim lady, nonsmoker, for best friend, romance, tender loving care. I could be the one for you. (2/25) \$\alpha\$ 20601

6'4", SENSITIVE, SINCERE, honest good sense of humor, seeking slim to medium, affectionate lady, 25-45, long-term relationship, nonsmoker. Let's have fun together. (3/3) ☎20644 SUCCESSFUL, GENEROUS professional,

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ENGLISH/AMERICAN 36, retired, seeks long-term companion, blonde, height/ weight symmetry, nonsmoker, North County area, for living life to the fullest together. (3/3) ☎20614

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HEY! I have all my own teeth. 45, single white male, tall, fit, active, open-minded, honest, romantic, affectionate, and a good sense of humor. Sound good? Give me a call! (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20624

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 53, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (3/3) \$\infty\$20617

GRUMPY 73 YEAR OLD MAN, SEEKS GRUMPY 60+ year old woman for one more grumpy, old, last fling. Don't call if your ecstatic. Just kidding. (3/3) \$\infty\$20636

WISSED YOUR AD. You are 45, nonmateverage height/weight, also work with anmals. Interested? Let's talk. (3/3)

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 59, trim, 5'10'', blonde green, eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (2/25) \$\mathbf{x}\$ 20577

ship. (2/25) \$\Pi\$20577

EXPERIENCE IN LOVE PREFERRED!
Caucasian, 60, 5'6", 146lbs., unencumbered, unpretentious, enjoy film, videos, TV, museums, walks, scenic drives museic, homebody sometimes. Monogamous, any race, sincerel (2/25) \$\Pi\$20603

mous, any race, sincerel (2/25) ☎20603 GOOD LOOKING, FIT, NICE, mature, lov-ing, funny, caucasian man, 170lbs., 36, enjoy sports, movies, dancing, kids. Looking for 25-40 year woman. I'll change things. (2/25) ☎20580 CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confi-

dent, personable, fun loving, 45. Looking for that special lady for romantic and lasting relationship. Passionate, affectionate, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20635 NANDSOME, BLACK MALE, quiet, bad boy, 41, 54", 170lbs, fit. Seeking thick or voluptuous friend or lover for some fun times, 36-37. Race unimportant. (3/3) ₹20653

MATURE LADY SOUGHT BY polite, warm, amployed man, 6'2", nice-looking, employed man, 6'2", 205lbs., 53, for plays, dinners, long talks, and comitted relationship. You'll like my

LATINA, SHAPELY FEMALE SOUGHT by tall, handsome, and good looking single black male, 30's, native of Germany, UCLA graduate. Let's begin as friends, no games. (3/3) \$\alpha\$20630

YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE, spirit, 51,6', 175lbs., surfer, business owner, musician, actor, blond, hazel eyes. Seeking friend/companion for fun, relationship, 28-50. Only requirement: honesty. (3/3)

MARRIAGE-MINDED JEWISH man, 59. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-55, marriage minded only. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, live theater. (2/25) \$\infty\$20602 ORIENTAL LADY WANTED. I have nice blue eyes, 510°, 47, San Diego, enjoy weekends. Looking for sociable, caring, my princess. (2/25) \$\overline{\textit{Taylor}} 20571

ARE YOU THAT SPECIAL valentine I'm looking for? Someone kindhearted, open minded, a special woman for this retired man? Downtown area. Call for information. (3/3) \$\alpha\$20646

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, perequal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well traveled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic, 6'1", young 59. (2/25) \$\infty\$20604

CHARMING, ATTRACTIVE, educated, cultured, curvaceous, caucasian lady, 55-65, who loves movies, knows how to enjoy life, sought by divorced, white male, who also loves life. (2/25) ☎ 20595

write also loves life. (2/25) \$\frac{\pi}{\pi} \text{2095}\$

ARTICULATE TEDDY BEAR, 5'11", desires passionate, romantic woman without major issues. Open to age and appearances. Prefer intelligence, humor, being creative, spontaneous, kid at heart. (3/3) \$\frac{\pi}{\pi} \text{20656}\$

GOOD LISTENER, risk taker, adventurous, casual, established professional, metaphysical, Unity church, no children in household, Point Loma, 46, 5<sup>18</sup>′, 160lbs. Looking for soul mate. (3/3) ☎ 20654

QUIT YOUR JOB. Male, 6'1", seeks female. Travel around the USA in R.V. motor home. Music, camp fires, hiking, fun, live music, dancing, nature, peaceful. (3/3) ☎20628

IUI. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{T}}{20628}\$ **LA JOLLA, WORLD TRAVELER,** seeks nice, affectionate, fit lady, 50+, for conversation, dining, dancing, theater, concerts, and travel. Let's have a fun, exciting, committed relationship. (2/25) \$\frac{\text{T}}{20579}\$

WOULD LIKE TO MEET romantic lady with disability. Dinner out, barbecues, garden-

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ing. Me: back injury, 60s, hugs, lasting re-lationship, kisses, Levi's, T-shirts, fuzzy

GOOD LOOKING, GREAT CATCH. White

GIFTED, UPSCALE, ESTABLISHED in music, educated, communicator, authentic, high integrity, humorous, champ cuddler, wildly sensual. Seeking unjaded cutie to do life with. 56, 5'10", dark. (2/25) \$\alpha\$ 20594

ADVENTUROUS, ATTRACTIVE, affec-

CHARMING AND ATTRACTIVE cat lover reative, confident woman with open heart, and mind to share love of travel, and music. (3/3) \$\infty\$20632

wife WANTED. If you are slender, attractive, professional, serious about long-term relationship, then call. I'm 39, 6'2", 175lbs., muscular, attractive, business owner, La Jolla. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{Total Possible}}{2}\$

ness owner, La Jolla. (3/3) ★ 20616

DEL MAR. Handsome, charming, romantic, executive, 60, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, well educated, fit, professional lady, 35-60. (3/3) ★ 20662

restaurants, movies, 37, 511, Norun County coastal. You and I: physically fit, have time to date, enjoy outdoors, quiet evenings home. (3/3) 220650

SINCERE INTENT, and not too busy That's me. 39, 6', 178lbs., nice and at That's me. 39, 6', 178lbs., nice and attractive. Are you looking for a new partner also? (2/25) 20610

#### Why Not Me?

opontaneous, considerate, physically, emotionally and financially fit, 40-year old male. Seeking active, witty, balanced, available, outdoorsy type lemale for two conditions. female for fun and adventure. (3/3)

SEEKING SINCERE RELATIONSHIP. 54 healthy, lighthearted, enjoys movies, dinner, traveling, quiet evenings, walks. Reliable and responsible, homeowner, hoping to build long-term, lasting relationship. (2/25) \$\infty\$ 20596

SEMI-SHY BUT WORTH IT. Professional, latin, 37, 5'11", 165lbs., who is searching for his soulmate. I'm ener-getic, active, humorous, fit, and a catch. Race open. (2/25) & 20576

OFFICER AND GENTLEMAN, looks like Ernest Hemingway, Like music, danc-OFFICEN AID

Ernest Hemingway. Like music, dancing, nature, travel, togetherness, dining, beaches, fast cars. Honest, open, sincere, romantic, articulate, tolerant, visiting scholar. (2/25) \$\mathbf{T}\$ 20599

active. Like traveling, movies Mesa area. Looking for quality with a nice lady. (2/25) 20600

BORN AGAIN MAN seeking born again woman for hopefully a long-term relationship. (2/25) \$\frac{\text{T}}{\text{205}}\$ 20592 28, 6'17, 185LBs., white/Asian, clean cut, healthy, nonsmoker, and very romantic, loves flying, dancing, outdoorsy stuff. Seeking 18-33, without kids. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{T}}{\text{20637}}\$

kids. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 20637 MARRIAGE MINDED, 6'2", 180lbs., 40. live and work in La Jolla, hand-40, live and work in La Jolla, handsome, professional, adventurous and fit. Bring humor, communication and kindness. (2/25) ☎ 20609

fit, successful, counselor/en-trepreneur, loves travel, hiking, biking, tennis, camping, volunteering, real es-tate, views. Seeking female under 40. Smiles, hugs, laughter. (2/25)

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/ white male, 65, 6'4", 215lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (3/3) 20647

COME TO THE BEACH where I live, have some coffee, and walk be ocean. Me: 57. Let's communicathis can happen. (3/3) 20631

healthy professional, well educated, open minded, compassionate, passionate, sensual, sensuous, candlelight romance. Sailing, skiing, music,

dancing, companionship. Seeking spiritual partner. (2/25) 20593

HEY! I'm 30, 5'7". 170lbs. Seeking soul mate. You: 18-35, ready to be loved, Christian. I care about your heart, give it to me. (3/3) ☎ 20633 PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN/teacher/

performer, handsome, 61", 170lbs., 51. Red/blue, swing dancer, bicycle racer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, child-free. Seeking someone, right chemistry/con-nection. (2/25) **2** 20572

PART CHANDLER, PART JOEY, 39 hand holder, door opener, good cud-dler, bad cook. Seeking fun, attractive, caring, voluptuous partner, for ro-mance, travel, cooking lessons. (2/25) 20583

BIG-HEARTED GUY with free spirit, 35, 3'2", 220lbs., likes adventure, hiking, 6'2", 220lbs., likes adventure, hiking, biking, beach, mountains, massage. No ties, pure fun, Michigan boy seeking single female. (2/25) 2520598

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", seeks mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}20618\$

IF YOU LOVE TRAVEL, trips, cruises, are retired, 70s-80s, this nonsmoker widower, 80s, seeks compatible, counterpart to see rest of the world together; long-term. (3/3) \$\infty\$ 20657

COLORFUL, GREEN-BLUE EYES, German-Irish Catholic, affectionate, attrac-COUNTUL, GREEN-BLUE EYES, German-Irish Catholic, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 40, 6'1", 216lbs., clean cut, conservative appearance, seeks intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered white female, 20-34, possessing inner and outer beauty. (3/3) ☎ 20645

#### Fine Sailboat **For World Travel**

Retired scientist, 6', 180lbs., experienced bluewater skipper, active, fit, handsome gentleman. Seeking single, white lady, cruise mate for adventure, and relationship. You: mature, unencumbered, attractive, no smoking, no drugs, share expenses, ready to go; Mexico, Galapagos, South Pacific, New Zealand, etc. (3/3) 220663

ATTRACTIVE, CAUCASIAN, mature, professional, 65, 5'9", 165lbs., passionate, considerate. Seeking attractive, slender, intelligent, caucasian woman, 38-55, 5'2'-5'7", for serious relationship. (2/25) \$\frac{12}{12}\$ \$\frac{12}{12}\$\$

ROMAN CATHOLIC, 49, seeks good Catholic woman or close facsimile. Love to Salsa, working out, exploring, listening to Rhythm and Blues. Interests: nutrition, and cooking. (2/25) 20574

successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 46. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 20623

TRAVELLING EUROPEAN, WHITE, 5'9", 180lbs., trim: nonsmoking postdist. 180lbs., trim, nonsmoking, nondrinking, healthy, not wealthy or poor, interests/hobbies galore, tactful, educated. Seeking matching, unattached, white lady, under 60. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 20658

iady, under ou. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{T2068}}{\text{EXOTIC DIVA SOUGHT!}} Extremely successful, very handsome, considerate, educated entrepreneur, 48, 5'10", sportive, affectionate, romantic, generous, and monogamous. North coastal homeowner. Chemistry, and looks essential (2/25) \$\frac{\text{T20575}}{\text{T20575}}

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL VALUES, lasting relationship, professional, 50s. Seeking nonsmoking, down-to-earth woman, weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good friends, good music, my cooking/life. (3/3) \$\mathbf{2}\$26660

CYCLING PARTNER WANTED Me: 42 athletic, professional, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, healthy lifestyle. You: 30-48, athletic, and fun. Thick legs a plus! (2/25) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20584

TROGLODYTE. DISINTEGRATING ego. Regressing to infantile euphoria and evolving towards imaginative intuition. Fallen, waning, void natal moon. Don't miss this attractive prospect! Call now. (2/25) **2** 20588

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1 32, WHITE, 5'10", 200lbs., love bodyboarding, football, soccer, having fun, and live in Pacific Beach, would like to meet a nice lady Asian lady. (3/3)

LOVING, SEMI-SMOKER, athletic, financially stacked, drives a Bently,

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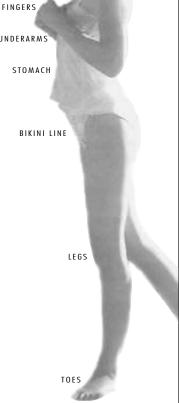
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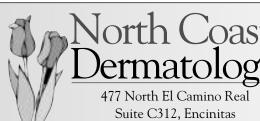
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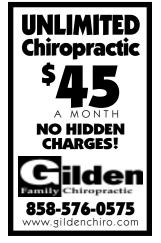
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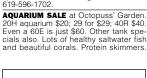
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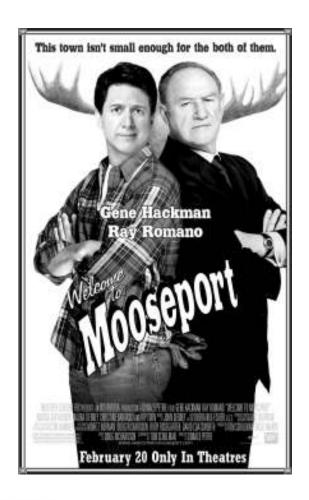


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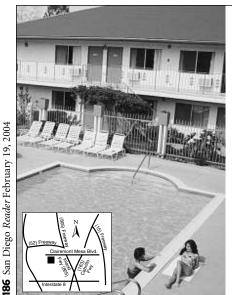
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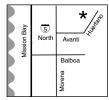
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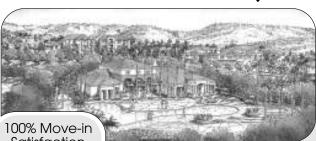
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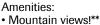
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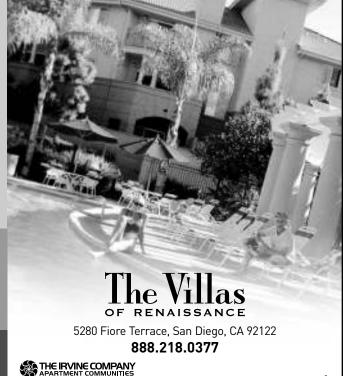
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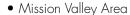
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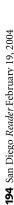
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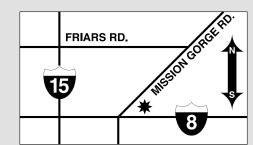


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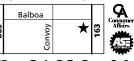
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### **LEAD STORY**

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### Thinking Man's (Alleged) Pervert

- Jon Paul Divincenzo, 35, was arrested in Royersford, Pa., in November after police said he was the one who several times had set up and arranged mirrors in a restroom at Spring-Ford Intermediate School so that women and girls using it would be standing or sitting in locations that made them visible to Divincenzo as he hid behind an ajar door, away from their sight lines. A few days later, prosecutors charged him with having used a similar setup to spy on cheerleaders in a locker room at Methacton High School in Worcester, Pa.

### Scenes of the Surreal

 In January, Judge Peter Garcia, driving relatives to his courthouse at noon in Covington, La., noticed an odd sight across the street in the municipal cemetery: two women in pink lingerie holding S&M accessories were posing for a photo shoot among the gravestones. Garcia grabbed his camera to take his own souvenir photo, which apparently angered one of the women, who pursued Garcia back to his car, lecturing the judge about various "rights" she thought she had not to be photographed. When Garcia ignored her, she began to thrash the judge's car with her whip before he drove away.

 In November, according to the University of Chicago daily newspaper Chicago Maroon, in a story about a protest by transsexual, gay, and lesbian activists to designate more campus restrooms as unisex, an activist said he knew people who had contracted bladder infections from delaying their urination out of anxiety at being forced to choose between the "men's" room or the "ladies" room. Said a lesbian activist of the often-used ladies' room symbol of a silhouetted person wearing a dress: "Going into [that room] implies that we are willing to be associated with that image."

- About once a month, the owners of the Marina del Rey (Calif.) Sportfishing bait shop reap a windfall. According to a January Los Angeles Times story, a Tibetan Buddhist study group drops by in a caravan after meditating on the "liberation of beings" and plunks down \$1000 to \$2000 to buy as much live bait as they can, after which they go to Marina del Rey Harbor and free the bait (whereupon, of course, much of it is immediately eaten by fish, anyway).

### The Laws of Irony Are Strictly Enforced

 In January, convicted murderer Paul Charles Denyer, who told police back when he was arrested that he had picked three women to kill because he "just hate[s] [women]," began the application process at Barwon Prison (near Lara, Australia) for hormone treatment and surgery to become a woman.

- Former Detroit police officer Adela Garcia, who retired in 1997 and who now owns the Adela's Place bar, was forced to shoot at two men in her parking lot late at night in order to stop them from allegedly assaulting customers. She fired one shot, which passed through both men, killing them. That was one shot more than she had ever fired on the street in 20 years as a police officer. - The Indiana Department of Workforce Development, whose mission is to help unemployed Indianans (including those who have lost jobs because their work was contracted overseas), awarded a \$15.2 million computer-services contract to Tata American International Corp., to hire 65 programmers to work on the agency's information software starting in November. Two weeks later, state officials canceled the contract after realizing that Tata is a subsidiary of a Bangalore, India, company and that the 65 programmers were being brought in from India.

### **Sentencing Nonsense**

- In December, a federal appeals court upheld Santos Reyes's 26-year prison sentence for the crime of trying to take the written portion of a driver's test for someone else (a sentence required by California's three-strikes law). ... Paroled sex offender Paul Frederick Goodwin, 39, of Melbourne, Fla., will be sentenced this month for pursesnatching. At his earlier parole hearing, Goodwin was so confident about going straight that he agreed that any further conviction of any kind would send him back to prison for 999 years. ... In December, a youth-court judge in Vancouver, British Columbia, went beyond guidelines to hard-sentence a now-19-year-old man for the fatal baseball-bat bludgeoning of a gay man; the hard sentence is two years in custody plus one under supervised release.

### **No Longer Weird**

- Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (69) Medical examiners (or funeral home officials or medical researchers) who accidentally misplace one or more parts when a deceased's

body is returned to the family, as the Massachusetts medical examiner was accused of doing (the heart of one man, the brain of another) in October. And (70) the deadly annual Muslim Hajj stampedes, which result when tens of thousands of pilgrims try to get close enough to three pillars (representing Satan) in order to toss 21 stones at them, and which this year saw 244 trampled to death (January).

### **Readers' Choices**

- After several days of hard work, a team from the Russian army was able to rescue ten tons of beer in kegs that had sunk in a truck in the Irtysh River near the city of Omsk and then were trapped under solid ice. The truck could not be pulled out, but few cared about that (January). ... A dead, 50ton, 50-foot-long sperm whale being transported by flatbed truck through Tainan City, Taiwan, to the National Cheng Kung University in January exploded because of a buildup of gases from decomposition, drenching bystanders and nearby cars in an awesome deluge of blood and innards.

### In the Past Month...

A 24-year-old man was charged with several flashing incidents apparently directed only at Amish men and boys (Heuvelton, N.Y.). ... When mercury spilled from a Cub Scout's race car, not only was the Scout disqualified for cheating, but his father (who has a background in chemistry) may be liable for a \$5000 hazardous-materials cleanup (Lawrence, Kan.). ... The leading Swedish veterinary organization suggested that the increase in reports of bestiality since 1999 occurred because that was the year that Sweden first banned child pornography.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Wedding dress (Marys), size 8, white with long train, custom veil, \$300/best. Crystal dolphin candle holders, \$80/best. Leah, 619-

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coats. 619-282-9581. MISCELLANEOUS. Electric wheelchair, butane barbecue with dome and wheels, executive desk/computer chairs, computers and equipment, fish-ing items, cameras, watches, micro-scope, household items. 858-342-2640.

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new, \$25. 619-434-2028. MISCELLANEOUS. Carpenter tools, reasonable. Women's wig, ash blonde, \$25. Roller skates, like new, size 7-8, \$25 Ironing board, \$10. Crocheted bed-spread, \$30. 619-582-0096.

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While I'm stopped, squeezed against the hillside to let one of the monsters pass, I often wonder what their owners use them for. Okay, they're safe, but so is a Volvo or Mercedes. They're roomy, but if three times a year I need to haul a sofa or stack of fence posts, wouldn't common sense send me to Enterprise Rent-a-Car instead of the Cadillac dealer?

On the other hand, if I planned crazy stunts like the Ostermans do...

"On Christmas," says Pamela Osterman, "we decided to stay at home and have a quiet family day. It was raining in the afternoon, and we thought, well, if it's raining here, it must be snowing in the mountains. So we packed up and went for a drive. It rained all the way up to the top of Sunrise Highway and still no snow.

"We decided to take the 'quick' way home on Japatul Road. Now the rain really starts to come down. I am driving about 10 or 20 miles an hour. As we approach one of the hairpin turns, at a low spot there is a 'Flooded' sign. I drove about 10 feet farther, looking for a place to turn around, when a flash flood starts about 20 feet in front of us. It's carrying boulders and logs.

"I tried to back up, but another flood started, back where the 'Flooded' sign had been. We and a girl driving behind us were stuck between the floods. James ran to tell the girl to

turn off her engine and put on the parking brake, when a natural levee burst, and the water, boulders, and all began to flow onto the road. It rose so fast, he barely made it back to the Expedition, and then he couldn't open the door. The water level was above the bottom of the door. I rolled down the windows so he could hang on. He prayed, 'Lord, just a little grace!' And the water receded, and he was able to get into the car, praise the Lord.

"As soon as he had closed the door, the water level went higher again. We prayed and gave thanks every few seconds. We would hear and feel boulders and logs hitting our car, but it did not move an inch. We sang praise songs until the rain let up and the water receded."

A couple of times a month, the Ostermans take donated clothing, food, and money to Tesoros de Escondido, a drug recovery intervention program in Playas de Tijuana. Pamela



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For all I know, he was drooling on a morphine drip.

By John Brizzolara

Rather than another me-in-the-hospital column, how about one concerning the guys that, in succession, occupied the bed next to mine?

I was in for chronic dandruff but the guy next to me in the tangle of Rasta locks had a different story. He had just been told he was suffering from renal failure and would likely die before long. I was there when the doctor told him, just behind the drawn curtain. I forget how the doctor put it exactly, but it was pretty straightforward. Not exactly matter-of-fact, but it seemed to me in a *flat* sort of way. I suppose I expected more drama. I always do.

Later, when he was alone, the guy would cry. But it took a long time for his mother and girlfriend to leave him alone, and in the silence that followed the doctor's pronouncement I imagined the guy nodding manfully as if he knew all along and this was just confirmation. For all I know, he was drooling on a morphine drip and didn't even hear the doctor. Like I said, I couldn't see him just then.

I saw him earlier, though, as I was dragging my I.V. drip stand (a steady flow of Selsun Blue and conditioner) along with me to the bathroom. This was in defiance of Nurse Ratched's demand that I use the plastic latrine that ensured soaked sheets followed by her self-satisfied tsk-tsking. The patient next to me had a remarkable tangle of matted hair in several tendrils like some exotic coral formation. His black-teaand-milk-colored face was pinched with pain into a questioning, puzzled look, as if he only had to answer some test question correctly to make this whole painful misunderstanding go

I didn't speak with him except

once: "I'll see if I can find her," I said after he asked me if my TV remote/nurse-summoning device was working. I yanked the plug on the drip stand and cautiously moved into the corridor, one hand on the I.V. regulator, the other clutching the mortifying and ridiculous (deliberately, I'm convinced) hospital gown closed at the ass. It was then I had my second glance at him and again I marveled at his hair, wondering about the logistics of washing it (or maybe the point being *never* washing it). Wouldn't one's head suddenly become neck-breakingly heavy when the Medusa riot of tentacles became soaked? I didn't ask. One never knows what to say to terminal cases (as if any of us were not), and since we were strangers, I was under no obligation.

Mostly, though, I didn't speak to him because, A, he did not address me except the once; and, B, I felt fraudulent, a malingerer, some goldbricking soldier affecting real illness with self-inflicted symptoms mimicking something serious. After all, I had taken poor care of my scalp, irresponsibly going on wild sprees with cheap foreign shampoos that would always leave my hair both gritty and oleaginous with grime, filthier than before I began. I felt shame next to this bona fide stricken man, his hands clean of his own death. It would not be until later, when he had been moved to Intensive Care and the doctors were murmuring among themselves and I eavesdropped that I learned that his case — like all of ours — was not as simple as it appeared on the surface. His less-thaninnocent youth was complicit in the business and now took the form of death arriving for him at the age of 52 (a year younger than myself!) and presenting a smirking and outrageous bill.

Before he was wheeled off to Intensive Care, in a rare moment when his steadfast, ever-present, and vociferously churchgoing mother was, say, in the gift shop getting mints and his white, intellectual girlfriend was teaching her night class in Pre–Columbian Collecting, the man in the next bed wept for himself.

I recognized the quality of the cry — different from the cadence, pitch, and volume involved in crying for others — because I have done so much of it over the course of my life. It is a mewling and insipid kind of melody appreciable only by the performer.

The patient who replaced him was a man of 96. I couldn't quite pinpoint his malady other than swollen ankles, coughing, and retching, which could be indicative of a number of things — diabetes, I believe, among them. I could be wrong. This man had an Italian last name and the doctor who visited him had also been the physician for the man's brother until that brother's death at age 104 as the "Oldest Man in San Diego."

Meanwhile, his living brother, in the bed next to mine, appeared 20 years younger. Yes, a man of 76, possibly, who hadn't bothered overly much to care for himself, but a man who had lived every minute of his 76 years in every inch of his body. But to be told (or to overhear, in my case) that he was 96 taxed the imagination until he would speak.

His voice was distractingly hoarse, as if he had spent a good part of his life shouting. I say distracting because it, at first, occluded the intelligence, articu-



Nurse Ratched from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

lation, and rare courteousness of what he was saying and — another rarity — the fact that he spoke in whole sentences. It took him his while to arrive at those periods, but it was clearly important to him that he did just that — even if his meaning was clear a few miles before the end of the road. He valued language, that was plain if one were listening and patient enough — or at least more so than Nurse Ratched.

The big nurse would cut off Mr. B (I remember the initial) in mid-sand-papered stammer, completely cheating herself of a compliment or observation of real wit

Something about Mr. B's sentences reminded me of British officers in WWII (or Alec Guinness playing one) and how such a point could be made of shaving every day despite water shortages or dull razors, to say nothing of the atmosphere of despair and deprivation among sadistic captors. Language was to Mr. B what shaving was to Major Alec Guinness or whomever. Only Mr. B's prisoner of war compound was called old age. Though I doubt he was foolish enough to be planning an escape, he was certainly refusing to plan on defeat.

Those who say such things say it that human beings are put in each other's path for a reason: a lesson is implicit in every encounter. While Old Age and Death were placed in the same room with me in the personae of the above-described patients (and I have another appointment with each of them eventually in Samarkand — or Santee, for all I know), I can truly say I learned one thing during my most recent stay at Mercy Hospital. That would be: in the future I shall take the instructions "Rinse, lather, repeat" more to heart than I have in the past. I may have abused my body deplorably in my youth, but it is not too late for me to restore silky manageability to my hair and maybe, just maybe, a lustrous sheen.

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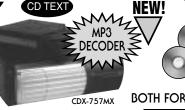
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Wednesdays I'm a single mom. Monday through Friday, my husband Jack leaves the house before the rest of us wake up. He creeps out into the dark and the cold to drive from our home in San Marcos to his job in Santee. Most days, he gets home between five and six in the evening. Not Wednesday. Every Wednesday night, Jack has a meeting in Solana Beach. He uses the opportunity to work a little late, catch up on projects. Then he goes directly from work to his meeting.

Meanwhile, I play single mom. I don't fix dinner. I let the kids stay up late. Last Wednesday night, we ate dinner at Target. All week, the kids had been bugging me about buying valentines. "I need them for class," Angela told me Monday after school. "We're having a Valentine's party on Friday. Plus, I want to take cupcakes.

"Okay," I said.

"I need valentines, too," Lucy told me.

"How about you, Johnny?" I asked. "Do vou need valentines?"

Johnny looked up from his newest Lego creation, a green robot. "I think Miss Smith said we needed valentines."

"When?"

"I don't know," Johnny went back to his work.

"I'm making my valentines," Rebecca told me. "I found an article in American Girl magazine that shows how to make some really pretty curlicue ones."

"Sounds great."

"I need some valen-times," Ben piped

"We'll go shopping Wednesday after

"Can we get candy, too?" Angela asked. "We'll see."

Wednesday after school, I folded laundry while Rebecca and Angela went to our next-door neighbor's house for their weekly piano lesson. When they came home, I said, "Everyone in the car. We're going to Target.

"To get valentines?" Lucy asked.

"Yes."

"Can we get candy, too?"

"We'll see."

"What are we having for dinner?" Rebecca

"We'll get something while we're out. Daddy's not coming home until after his meeting."

"Can we get Kentucky Fried Chicken?" Angela asked.

"Mavbe."

On the drive to Target, Johnny and Ben reminded me I had promised them toys. "Remember," Johnny said, "you said that if I did all my homework without complaining this week, I could get a Bionicle."

"I did say that," I agreed.

"Well, can I?"

"Yes."

"And you told Ben that he could get a toy if he used the toilet for two weeks. Has it been two weeks yet?"

"Yes, it has."

'Can I get a Rescue Hero?" Ben asked.

"If that's what you want."

At Target, I lifted Ben and Johnny into a cart. "Sit down," I told Ben.

"Can we get our toys first?" Johnny pestered. "We need to get valentines first," Angela

I steered the cart toward the valentine display near the front of the store. "Can I get this for Miss D?" Angela asked as she picked up a \$15 silk rose arrangement. "No, sweetie. If everyone gets a big pre-

sent for their teacher, we'll spend \$100.

"Okay," Angela reluctantly put the flowers back.

"Can I get Winnie the Pooh valentines?" Lucy asked. She held up the box to show me. "That sounds great."

"Can I get Harry Potter?" Angela asked. "I don't think they allow Harry Potter valentines at your school," I answered.

"They don't," Rebecca confirmed.

"Okay," Angela sighed. "I'll get Winnie the Pooh, too."

Johnny and Ben chose Rescue Hero valentines. "Can we get candy?" Ben asked. "We'll see," I said.

We moved toward the toy aisle. "I can't wait," Johnny's voice rose and he clenched his fists in excitement. "I love Bionicles."

"Can I get a toy, too?" Lucy asked.

"No, sweetie. Not today." "It's not fair."

"No, it's not."

In the Bionicle section, Johnny discovered that Target had sold out of the particular Bionicle he wanted. "It's not fair," he said.

"No, it's not," I agreed.

"Can I get some more Lego robots?"

"Sure."

Ben chose a Rescue Hero. "I'm so proud of you for wearing underwear and using the toilet," I told him as I handed him the Rescue Hero box.

"I'm big now," Ben announced.

"Yes, you are."

Lucy appeared at the end of the aisle clutching a fluffy white stuffed kitten. She looked up at me with pleading eyes.

"No," I said. "Not today."

As we headed toward the check-out stand, Rebecca asked, "Can we please get some candy to give away with our valentines?"

"Please?" Lucy and Angela and Johnny chorused.

"Okay."

They picked out some miniature candy bars wrapped in valentine-colored wrappers. I put the valentines and the toys and the candy up on the checkout counter. The checker totaled up our purchases. The kids clamored for their treats. "Can I hold my robots?" Johnny asked.
"Can we eat here?" Angela asked.

"I don't want to eat here," Johnny protested. "I want to go home and make my robot."

"Does everyone else want to eat here?" I asked. I paused near the food court. "They have Pizza Hut and Taco Bell."

"Do they have hot dogs?" Lucy asked. "Yes."

We ate at plastic tables under the fluorescent lights. Johnny clutched his Lego box. Ben gazed at Bill Barker, his new Rescue Hero. Johnny and Ben sang the Rescue Hero song, "We are many; we are one. We are strong when we work together."

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