Sprawl Team Player

Re: "Moneybags Promote Sobbing Farmers" by Don Bauder ("City Lights," February 12).

Question: When are prime agricultural soils not important to farmers? Answer: When you're the San Diego County Farm Bureau.

I'm one of the people that the farm bureau, the Building Industry Association, realtors, and land barons tried to have thrown off the County General Plan Update, Interest Group panel last year.

This urban "Sprawl Team" was unhappy that the Sierra Club (the group I represent) and several other organizations were supporting a people's initiative to amend the General Plan now called Prop A, on the March 2 ballot. Prop A will take about 700,000 acres of forest, natural hillsides, farmland, and wildlands out of the clutches of the urbansprawl-development machine that has consumed so much of the open spaces over the decades.

The new General Plan 2020 would be the recipe for growth in our county for the next 20 to 30 years, and under the weight of this politically influential team, it was going from bad to worse (Los Angeles style), and along came Prop A to draw a line around the most distant, and most important, resource lands.

With the California Department of Conservation indicating that San Diego has lost about 55,000 acres of agricultural land over the last 16 years, you would think that the farm bureau would be concerned about the motives of real estate speculators and developers, but instead they became a key player of the Sprawl Team.

In developing policies for the GP 2020, the farm bureau has advocated for

agricultural land to be available for any economic use. The bulldozers are cheering.

The farm bureau voted against a policy to protect prime agricultural soils, which are scarce in San Diego County, and they narrowly lost the vote. Of course, they'll tell us that good soils aren't needed.

While there is a lot of agriculture on low-quality soils, there are still plenty of farms that depend on good soils.

The farm bureau wants to eliminate the agricultural element from the General Plan and eliminate any designated agricultural areas. This sets up the imminent clashes between residential and farm uses, such as smells, early-morning noise, and pesticide use. This is a common problem to farming interests as urbanization encroaches into rural areas. but it's quite all right with the farm bureau, the realtors, and the whole Sprawl Team, for that matter.

I have seen land owners go before the board of supervisors, declare they are members of the farm bureau, but not farming the land, and ask for approval of their development projects in the agricultural preserve. I have talked to about 37 land owners that own land in the ag preserve but are not farming — just waiting to cash in on sprawl.

Here's a line from a letter the farm bureau signed onto in October 2002, with the developers...and...you know...the Sprawl Team. They were arguing for higher densities in the backcountry and saying that we should all just get used to the idea that traffic will reach urban levels of service (get much worse).

The team writes: "Level of Service (LOS) should not be a hard and fast planning constraint. LOS is simply what is acceptable to decision makers and opinion leaders. While no one wants to believe it is the case, we should expect areas being planned for densification to have traffic impacts and LOS similar to urban and suburban areas."

So look out, San Diego! The Sprawl Team wants to replicate our urban congestion model across the entire county — and use your tax dollars to fund it. Mean-

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It's the bribes, stupid The Las Vegas city council last week finalized its million-dollar



Michael Galardi

deal with Cheetahs Las Vegas strip-club owner Jack Galardi, who took over after his son Michael, the previous co-owner, copped a plea to federal bribery charges in San Diego. "I think what we did was right on January 7 and it's right today," said Mayor Oscar Goodman in describing the

Goodman in describing the council's original decision to fine Jack Galardi \$1.017 million rather than pull the club's liquor license, a move that would most likely have forced the establishment to close. The mayor argued that Galardi should keep the license because the large number of strippers, bar-

Jack Galare

tenders, bouncers, janitors, and affiliated workers employed by Cheetahs might otherwise lose their jobs. According to federal court records, Goodman once was Galardi's lawyer in an appeal of his 1972 conviction for conspiracy to steal federal money orders from an L.A.-area courthouse and cash them in Vietnam. After the council's original January vote. Jack Galardi launched a court appeal based on the fact that Michael's guilty plea was to crimes committed in San Diego, not Vegas. When the city council prepared a second complaint based on Michael's plea agreement to similar charges in Las Vegas, the senior Galardi relented and agreed to last week's deal through his Vegas lawyer, **Dominic Gentile**. The fate of the San Diego Cheetahs licenses is still up in the air, pending an appeal by Michael Galardi.

Memory lapse The *Union-Tribune* ran a lengthy page-one story last Saturday about state assemblywoman **Christine Kehoe**'s bill that would



Kehoe on Union-Tribune front page, 2/21/04

force taxpayers of a city that has stolen a professional sports team to pay reparations to the team's prior home town. Newspaper insiders say it had the distinct odor of a campaign piece by the paper on behalf of its longtime friend Kehoe, who is currently running for

state senate. Old Sacramento hands discount any chance that the vaguely drawn bill could ever make its way to the governor's desk. And the *U-T* failed to mention that then-councilwoman Kehoe voted with Mayor **Susan Golding**'s council majority in 1995 to approve the city's now-infamous, loophole-laden Chargers contract that started all the trouble in the first place ... San Diego school superintendent **Alan Bersin** has sent out a memo announcing that "I will once again defer consideration of any bonus for 2003–2004." He said he will also "defer" his costof-living increase. "In addition, again as last year, I will take an unpaid leave of four work weeks from

the district as a matter of substantive as well as symbolic sacrifice." Bersin is married to superior court judge Lisa Foster, daughter of late financier and South Bay real estate mogul **Stanley Foster** ... Mayoral challenger Peter Q. Davis has picked up maximum \$250 contributions from lawyer Roy Bell, husband of U-T columnist Diane Bell; ex-city manager and Sol Price honcho Jack McGrory; downtown real estate man Craig Irving; and Laurie Black, daughter-in-law of the late Coronado hotel magnate and Clinton insider M. Larry Lawrence. He paid Mary Anne Pintar, onetime aide to ex-mayor Susan Golding, about \$1000 for consulting services. His rival challenger to Mayor Murphy, county supervisor Ron Roberts, has received the maximum from **Dominic Alessio** (former Mr. A's owner and horse-racing aficionado who did time for a federal bribery rap involving prison favors he had bought from guards on behalf of his incarcerated dad John) and Ben Dillingham, wealthy aide to ex-mayor Maureen O'Connor.

Arnold's revenge As the March election nears, corporate special-interest money continues to pour into state campaign coffers, including those of **Arnold Schwarzenegger**'s "California Recovery Team," the finance committee the governor is using to bankroll his campaign for Prop 57, his \$15 billion deficit bond issue. At the top of the California secretary of state's list of newly disclosed "late money" donors are the AG Spanos Companies, owned by Republican **Alex Spanos** of Chargers fame (\$250,000); L.A. developer and



Vince Ha

Democrat **Eli Broad**, who has previously dumped hundreds of thousands into hit pieces against political foes of San Diego school superintendent Alan Bersin (\$111,887); and Sempra Energy, parent of SDG&E (\$50,000) ... 76th Assembly District Democratic candi-

date **Vince Hall** has been a

beneficiary of independent expenditures made by the California Faculty Association, the labor union for professors and librarians at San Diego State and other California State Universities. Last Friday, the group spent \$25,000 on his behalf. The same day, the California Correctional Officers Association, the state's prison guards union, spent \$19,998. The day before that, the San Diego Area Political Action Committee, a credit union group, reported spending \$10,000. But the biggest independent expenditure so far for Hall, \$202,011, was from "Moderate Democrats for California." State disclosure reports reveal that the group's contributor ranks include such "moderate Democrats" as the San Manuel Tribal Administration, 21st Century Insurance, Farmers Group, Ameriquest Capital, 21st Century Insurance, Mercury General Corporation, Boeing Company, and American International Group.

— Matt Potter

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Bribe Paradise

By Don Bauder

The West African nation of Benin is best known as the birthplace of voodoo. More than two-thirds of the residents still

practice voodoo, with its ecstatic trances and magical dances.

Benin (pronounced beh*neen*) is also notorious for institutionalized corruption. Its national anthem might well be "Here Comes the Bribe."

The big question is

ern telecom services to the poverty-stricken country.

Titan's corporate behavior in Benin could be critical to the company's chance to consummate its marriage to Lockheed Martin. Titan shareholders are supposed to vote on the deal March 16.

The Titan Corporation (NYSE:TTN) made multiple violations of the foreign corrupt practices act during the period 1997 to 2001 by making payments directly to an agent of the Government of Benin. The payments were used to secure favorable terms for contract work carried out by the Titan Wireless Division during this period. Revenue from this activity fueled TTN performance to be the leading price gainer on the NYSE in 1999.

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Anonymous note

whether San Diego's Titan Corp., which wants to be purchased by the big aerospace company Lockheed Martin, has contributed to Benin's corruption. Two years ago, Titan abandoned a widely touted program to provide modLate last year, an anonymous note was sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Attorney's office, and the *Reader*. Said the note, "The Titan Corporation made multiple violations of the foreign corrupt practices act during the

period 1997 to 2001 by making payments directly to an agent of the Government of Benin. The payments were used to secure favorable terms for contract work carried out by the Titan Wireless Division during this period. Revenue from this activity fueled [Titan] performance to be the leading price gainer on the [New York Stock Exchange] in 1999.

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I do not know — and still don't know — if the unsigned message is accurate. (The 2001 date is a year off.) Upon receiving the missive, I checked briefly into the matter and concluded I could go no further. Columnists do not have subpoena power. I hoped to get a later angle on the story.

One came on Friday, February 13. (Was it voodoo?) Titan and Lockheed Martin announced that they had initiated meetings with the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission to advise the gov-

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Inventor Tackles Salton Sea Disaster

By Joe Deegan

ow it works is an industrial secret, say the founders of Aqua Genesis LLC, a San Diego company that intends to clean up

the Salton Sea and in the process make thousands of acre-feet (one acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons) of potable water available for use in Southern California. The secret they are speaking of is the device on which the hopes of their company will rise or fall. "But we can describe the process," says the company's chief executive officer Ronald Newcomb. "It is an atmospheric pressure, closed air loop condensation system."

Newcomb's partner Douglas Firestone invented the apparatus, which is housed by a box 20 feet long, 12 feet high, and 6 feet wide. It has no moving parts, but since salt water flows through its interior structures, the entire unit is made of stainless steel. Entering salt water is heated to temperatures near though still under — boiling. Cold water also runs through the system, cooling the hot water. The process causes condensation of the salt water, removes its salt, and sends the resulting distilled water away as its product. This water, according to



Newcomb, is purer than the bottled water you buy in a supermarket.

Aqua Genesis's founders both grew up in Mission Hills in the 1950s and '60s. They are entrepreneurs and

inventors with several patents each. In order to start the new firm, Newcomb has dissolved his company Autek LLC, which designed aviation applications for the military. He has operated a number of other businesses, including an FM radio station. Firestone is the great- grandson of tire magnate Harvey Firestone. He has acquired several patents in solar technology and, in the early 1980s ran the first company selling electricity online to SDG&E.

In the first phase of the Aqua Genesis plan to remedy the Salton Sea, a complex of Firestone's units would be assembled at the Sea's Bombay Beach near Niland, California. (Eventually the company plans to produce over 5000 of the units at a factory in Nevada.) The plant would siphon Salton Sea water, which has a percentage point higher salinity level than ocean water's 3.5 percent. The water would then be heated with geothermal energy drawn from 4700 feet below ground. Geologists, according to Firestone, know water in the area at that depth to be 656 degrees F. Once its heat has been taken and its pressure used to move Salton Sea water



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through the plant, the operation would return the groundwater to its source.

But desalinating the Salton Sea would also lower the lake's water level; it is already losing much of the runoff it received from Imperial Valley farms, established prior to agreements that send Colorado River water to parts of California. So new water must be brought to the Salton Sea to protect its geographical size, water level, and environmental integrity. The second phase of the Aqua Genesis plan addresses this problem.

Newcomb and Firestone think the best solution is to bring in ocean water from the Gulf of California. They know of only one other plan that intends to replace lost Salton Sea water with ocean water. That plan proposes pumping the ocean water from and to either the Gulf of California or the Pacific Ocean near Oceanside. Pumping over such a distance would require great expenditures of energy.

Aqua Genesis proposes instead to build a canal from the Gulf of California to Mexicali and then a 13mile complex of pipes and a tunnel to bring the water over the California border and into the All American canal near Calexico. From there it would flush out the New River, which eventually flows into the Salton Sea. The New River, according to Newcomb, is now the most polluted river in America.

On the border, Aqua Genesis would use its condensation technology in another desalination plant for treating the ocean water flowing into the U.S. It would send some of the resulting distilled water to American farmers near Calexico and enough back

In that way, argues Newcomb, Aqua Genesis is not merely taking a valuable resource from Mexico. He couldn't believe one plan, he says, that called for dumping the brine by-product back into Mexico.



to Mexico to fill up the now dry Laguna Salada and make it the beautiful, fishrich lake it once was. The operation there would produce enough salt, according to Newcomb, to send nine million tons a year to Mexico to establish a thriving salt industry south of the border.

Newcomb and Firestone g have submitted their plan as an "unsolicited proposal" to g the Salton Sea Authority headquartered in the small Imperial County town of La Quinta. The authority is a joint-powers organization of Riverside and Imperial Counties, the Imperial Irri-



Bribe paradise

ernmental bodies "of an internal review relating to certain agreements between Titan and international con-

sultants and related payments in foreign countries," the two companies said in a carefully worded news release. "Titan is not aware of any unlawful payments by Titan," added the release.

CITY LIGHTS

Ever since the 1977 pas-

sage of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, companies particularly in aerospace/defense - have been very sensitive about getting caught passing any money under the table in foreign countries. Lockheed Martin's

predecessor, Lockheed, got fined heavily nine years ago for bribing an Egyptian

'Throughout the process

procedures in place," says Jeff Adams, Lockheed Martin spokesman in Bethesda, Maryland. "We noticed that Titan had contracts in countries that historically have been associated with

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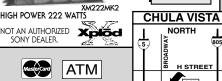
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Titan spokesman Wil Williams strongly denies that the investigation has anything to do with the now-defunct Titan Wireless, which was putting together

the advanced telecom system for Benin. Williams says that only 2 percent of Titan's current sales are overseas. The largest part of that is an enterprise that makes radios for handheld or console use, he says, but he won't say that this is the focus of the investigation.

I read to Adams the anonymous letter about alleged Benin payoffs. He would not confirm that the investigation focuses on current Titan business. Nor would he say whether Titan's past involvements would bother Lockheed Martin, although Titan and Benin haven't finished their business: the country's postal and telecommunications office still owes Titan a

slug of money.

Whether the letter writer's specific allegations are true, two things are clear: Benin is infamous for corruption, and Titan used its then-successful Benin adventure to tout its stock. Titan is well known for pumping up its stock, and the Benin project in its heyday was a handy vehicle.

Benin, slightly larger than Virginia, has a population of only 6.5 million people, but it loses \$75 million a year as a result of corruption, according to scholars. Benin borders Nigeria, which is consistently ranked among the three most corrupt nations in the world. (Benin is too small to be among the 100-plus countries annually ranked in the Global Corruption Report.)

The notorious Nigerian scam letter has found its way to Benin and many other countries such as Ivory Coast. Nearly every Benin customs officer has a klebe or "banknote ripper" working for him. They are the middlemen between bribers and bribees. The klebes help the export agents take a 10 percent rake-off on material moving across borders and also extort an illegal toll on those wanting to move goods through customs. There are 400 klebes along the Nigerian border.

"There is a specific logic to the corruption in Benin that keeps it thriving," says a report on corruption in West Africa. "Official procedures are bureaucratic, and delays are costly for entrepreneurs." So they grease the skids with baksheesh. "Those involved say government inefficiency justifies corruption."

This year, the Benin government charged 27 of its judges with embezzling millions of dollars of state funds. The judges are part of a group of 99 court and finance ministry officials charged with illegally pocketing more than \$15 million over four years. In 2001, a woman ran for president for the first time in history. Her target: "corruption and racketeering at the highest levels of government." She

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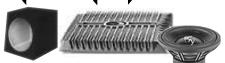
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Titan pointed to Benin as Titan Wireless's greatest achievement. In the second paragraph of the annual report for 1999, Titan chief executive Gene W. Ray boasted that revenues at Titan Wireless had zoomed by 300 percent in 1999. Telecom stocks were then sizzling hot. "Titan's common stock was the number one market gainer on the New York Stock Exchange in 1999," bragged Ray, predicting that Titan Wireless would continue its rapid expansion.

The market value of Titan stock soared 965 percent in 1999 to \$2 billion. The stock hit \$48.37 a share in 1999 and then climbed to \$60.50 in early 2000 before the brutal bear market hit, pummeling telecom stocks in particular.

In 2000, with great fanfare, Titan announced that it was launching mobile wireless service in Benin. The nation's president placed the first call. Ray was among the dignitaries on hand for the press conference in Benin.

But Titan and others in the industry didn't realize that telecom was vastly overbuilt. Prices collapsed. On July 11, 2002, Titan announced it was exiting international telecom. "June was an incredibly difficult month for Titan Wireless," groaned Ray in a teleconference call. Titan Wireless had lost \$4 million in the second quarter. The company would take a \$200 million write-off as a cost of pulling out of international telecom.

But Ray had soothing words. Its SureBeam operation "solves a national health problem" and "has the potential to be built into a billion-dollar-plus enterprise," he said. Benin owed Titan \$50 million, but "we expect to go after and collect that," said another top Titan exec.

Alas, SureBeam filed

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Chapter 7 bankruptcy liquidation in January of this year. Titan is still owed a bundle of money by Benin. Lockheed Martin will pay \$22 a share for Titan shares — if the deal goes through.

Two years ago, a stock market research organization named Spin-Off Research did a study on Titan. At the time, the stock was selling for \$11. Spin-Off said it was worth between \$3.25 and \$6.10. "Titan's management attempts to game capital markets and place the highest valuation on Titan stock," said the report, commenting on how the company "pandered to investors." Titan's strategy has been to run up the stock with bold claims, then use that expensive stock for acquisitions. The strategy has backfired; investors have lost value, said Spin-Off.

Funny. That, in essence, is what the anonymous letter writer said, too. It's sorta like voodoo.

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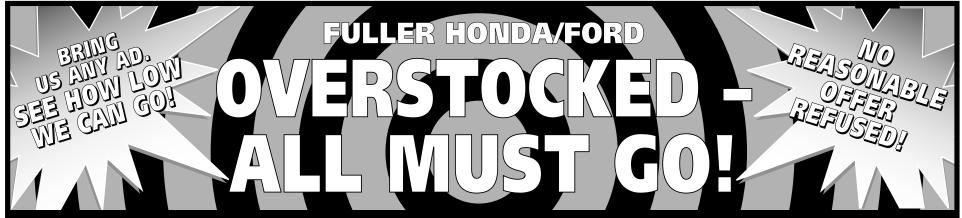
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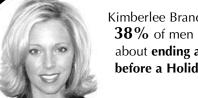
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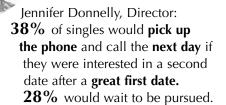


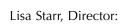
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Kimberlee Brandt, Director: 38% of men have thought about ending a relationship before a Holiday.

Christine McLean, Director: **79%** of men will decide within the first 15 minutes of a date whether or not they'll see the person again.





87% of singles prefer lunch or a drink after work for a first date. 73% of singles think that having too much to drink is the biggest first date faux pas.

Lynne Adams, Director: On their last first date 68% of women had a better impression at the end of a date than they did in the first ten minutes.

Betty Sinclair, Director: During a typical work week, **63%** of singles either **order** in or bring a lunch to work and eat at their desks.

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Not even close. He took over the reins at It's Just Lunch!, the national dating service for busy professionals.

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SINGLES SCENE

So, you're single, you're attractive and successful. Ok, so why is it so hard to meet that special someone? Bar hopping isn't for you. The odds of sitting next to somebody on a plane who is single, geographically compatible, and your type, may be slim to none. Enter It's Just Lunch, a dating service for busy professionals that hand selects couples for lunch dates. The company was born in Chicago in 1991. When founder Andrea McGinty's engagement was suddenly called off, she began the tedious search for a way to meet "normal," well-educated professionals. The ideal date, she decided, was a lunch date. McGinty launched the company with the simple premise: a dating service based on a personalized screening and a painless meeting with her to determine whether she had the type of people the client would like to meet. And It's Just Lunch caught on quickly! The company currently has over 50 franchises with over 30,000 clients and plans for international expansion this

In fact, one of It's Just Lunch's recent success stories occurred in a matter of six hours. Sarah, a 33-year-old advertising executive came in at 10 a.m. and joined the service. Tim, a 37-year-old doctor, signed up at 4 p.m. "I was so excited during the interview with Tim because I knew I had exactly what he was looking for... Sarah. They were both passionate about the outdoors and traveling; he had just come back from mountain climbing in Denver and she had just finished biking in Italy," says the director. Her gut was right on the mark! They have been dating for seven months now. When asked what makes her job so exciting, McGinty smiles and confesses to being a romantic at heart "I believe

year. The dating service caters to an upscale audience, she explained.

lawyers, doctors, bankers and business executives.

there's absolutely somebody for everyone," she says.

Nearly 95% have college degrees, 70% have a graduate degree; many are



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Michelle Mendez, Director: 77% of singles agree that **first** dates are definitely easier when they know a little bit about the person in advance and have an idea of what to expect on a date.

Brooke Russell, Director: **59%** of singles would **"show some** interest and see where it goes" if they were attracted to a co-worker at a company with a strict dating policy.

Lisa Purdum, Director: **63%** of women prefer **not** to date someone within their same profession.

Nancy Kirsch, Director: 46% of people start using the term **boyfriend** or girlfriend after 10 or more dates. 6% will use the term after just three

Meredith Miller, Director: 98% of people could be in a relationship where their significant other makes more money than them.

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CITY LIGHTS

Salton Sea

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nity. The reason is that, although it is California's largest lake with 367 square miles of water, the Salton Sea's salinity level is rising at an alarming rate. Newcomb estimates that when its salinity level rises from its current 4.5 percent level to about 10 percent, it will no longer be viable.

Death of the Salton Sea would destroy a major north-south migratory bird flyway and what was once among the most productive sport fisheries in California. It would also wreak havoc on the tourist industry and property values in the area. The lake already gives off the pungent stench of dinoflagellate algae that blooms uncontrollably due to phosphates and fertilizers entering the lake from surrounding farms. In recent years, algae have killed tons of tilapia, a fish that normally adapts to high salinity and temperatures. But the excess algae in the lake clings to the fish's gills, depriving them of oxygen. According to the September/October 2000 issue of the Endangered Species Bulletin, when brown pelicans ate the dead fish, hundreds of them died from type C botulism.

The major current problem for the Salton Sea is that it is losing more water through evaporation than it receives from incoming sources. Until now the Salton Sea Authority's proposed solution has been to build a dike across the middle of the lake. Then all inflows would be pumped to its northern half, and the southern half would eventually dry up. That would reduce the lake's surface area by 50 percent. A smaller lake would keep a better balance between evaporation and inflow, thereby maintaining high enough water levels.

But recent studies have shown that a 50-foot layer of mushy sediment lies at the Salton Sea's bottom. That makes construction of a dike on the lake impossible. Besides, says Newcomb, the Salton Sea is situated at the southernmost end of the San Andreas Fault. And the Sand Hill Fault and several other fault lines fan out

from that point south.

In the event of a substantial earthquake in the area, the dike, says Doug Firestone, "would bend like a Hershey bar in the hot sun."

CITY LIGHTS

Newcomb claims that the Salton Sea Authority has "tentatively approved" his company's plan after rejecting a hundred others. But Dan Cain, a senior administrative analyst with the authority and the project manager assigned to the proposal, says he knows little about the plan because, so far, the company has yet to demonstrate that its technology will work. "If they demonstrate in San Diego that it works," he says, "or come down to the Salton Sea, set up, and show us that it works here, then we can look more seriously at it."

Aqua Genesis would like to test its plan in San Diego if the company can find a producer of waste heat, like a power plant. "That would be better than sending hot water into the ocean," says Newcomb. But if the company can't find anyone to work with in San Diego, they will do a test run at the Salton Sea, though they plan to save money by not digging yet for geothermal energy.

"Doug tested the system a year ago in Nevada," says Newcomb, "but tore it down without third-party verification. If we were further along at the time with our business plan, we would have had someone come in, verify the data, and 'kick the tires, if you will. So now we have to redo that."

San Diego State University geology professor Eric Frost, who has worked at the Salton Sea and already uses it as "a teaching laboratory," is upbeat about the Aqua Genesis plan. "[Newcomb and Firestone] are doing out-of-the-box thinking," he says. "At the Salton Sea, I've seen people in the box who would rather argue forever about old solutions."

Frost goes on to say that if Aqua Genesis is successful, the implications for other water-starved regions in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and elsewhere "would be extraordinary, and the Salton Sea people could end up becoming worldwide leaders." ■



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MATTHEW ALIC

Dear Matthew Alice:

tion by Rick Geary

To determine if food items have outlived their edibility, expiration dates and pungent odors are probably the two most obvious ways to make a conclusion. Recently I was given a sizable chunk of Limburger cheese wrapped in foil, so I'm without the benefit of having the expiration date to go by. Which brings up my question. Does Limburger cheese start smelling good when it's bad?

Bad, like inedible, or bad like deadly? Conservative cheeseheads tell me that any semi-soft product like Limburger is past its gourmet prime within two weeks of unwrapping it, when it will begin to smell "good" only if you love the scent of Limburger and ammonia. If a soft cheese begins to smell as if it could strip wax off your floor, then it should only be used to strip wax off your floor. Ammonia is a natural byproduct of the breakdown of amino acids by the three types of bacteria that create the characteristic smell and texture. Too much ammonia means your cheese has gone south. Unpasteurized milk can turn into life-threatening cheese; most harmful bacteria creep into the product somewhere between the cow and the ripening vat. But if no alien bacteria have invaded, Limburger is not the cheese of death.

Given the ancient Romans' achievements in the sciences, they must have understood the concept of quantities between zero and one. So how did they notate fractions? I/VII would get cumbersome and wouldn't aid in making calculations. Approximating pi would seem to be an impossibility. – Steve Gallagher, Spring Valley

I think you have the Romans confused with the Greeks, Steve. War, commerce, and bridge building were tops of the Romans' list. But even so, you're right about their lumpy number system. They handled fractions in a couple of ways. They might write it out, as in tres septimae, threesevenths. They also had special symbols that represented fractions of known weights and measures. All very practical. As for calculating in Roman numerals, they used a version of the abacus. The values on the counting board were 1000, 100, 10, and 1. It took several hundred years for Europeans to get so exhausted with Xs and Vs and Ms that we finally adopted the sensible

What happens when one species of spider accidentally falls into the web of another species? – Black Widower Paul, San Diego

We-e-e-ell, depends, according to the staff bug guy at our sister institution, Consolidated BioAlice. Spiders are cautious and generally sure-footed. They have oily secretions on their legs and toes to keep them from tangling in their own webs. (And not all strands in a web are sticky.) Also, most spiders will steer clear of the competition. But field observations suggest a large spider caught in a small web can probably extract himself and depart. Vice versa, he could be lunch.

In further interest of the Nike "swoosh"...is it true a poor graphic art student was paid only \$30 for the now world-famous, multibillion-dollar design?

— Nicole, La Iolla

Heck, no. She got \$35. Carolyn Davidson, grad student, Portland (OR) State, 1972. She worked occasionally for accounting professor Phillip Knight, who was hatching the idea for Nike at the time. He needed a logo ASAP. He didn't like the swoosh much, but there was no time to redesign it. He had an investors meeting the next day.

Recently you discussed the hazards of humans eating their own poo. Well, what about dogs? Do dogs have more durable digestive tracts than you or I, or do they just ignore the danger?

- Jeff, Tierrasanta

Hmmmm. Yes, dogs are smart — but I'm trying to imagine Rex contemplating a turd and wondering, "Should I? Shouldn't I? Bacteria? Worms? What are the risks?" Dogs love eating poop, and they run the same risks people would. Their digestive systems aren't especially pooproof. Vets aren't positively positive why dogs eat poop, but they're willing to speculate. Mother dogs commonly consume their pups' excretions, perhaps a holdover from the days when doing that would protect them from predators. So they might learn it very early. Mom also has to lick their butts to get them to urinate and defecate, maybe the origin of another doggie habit that people don't like. One vet suggested that if the dog that left the deposit had a very $tasty\ diet,\ he'd\ have\ irresistibly\ tasty\ poo.\ Or\ some\ nutritional\ deficiency\ could\ encourage\ a\ doodoo$ diet. To a dog, poop, apparently, is just another snack on the big green lawn of life.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Boxing Tonight

es, I am reffing on the 5th at Pala. I think that would be the one to attend if you can only make one.

"Vernon Phillips [36-8-1, 18 ko's] versus Julio Garcia [25-2-2, 11 ko's] are 152 pounds. Also, Olympian heavyweight Lawrence Clay-Bey [19-2, 14 ko's] versus Andre Purlette [37-2, 34 ko's]. The big boys should be interesting."

The above is from Tony Crebs, Oceanside resident and professional boxing referee, in reply to my query about upcoming boxing events. Crebs is talking about the March 5 boxing card at Pala Casino, which, for people who like their violence up close, is located 55 easy freeway miles from downtown San Diego.

The six-fight card is produced by Sugar Ray Leonard Promotions and is headlined by junior middleweights. Vernon Phillips is IBF ranked number three and Julio Garica is IBF ranked number eight. Both fighters are legitimate professionals and good enough to be televised on ESPN2, although not good enough for ESPN or the networks.

For that, you need a Sugar Ray Leonard junior middleweight or a decent heavyweight. At the end of the day, heavyweights are still the cream of professional boxing. It says too much about the state of boxing that junior middleweights are the main event on a card that includes two journeyman heavyweights.

I can't recall a more barren time in the heavyweight division. Regard, the World Boxing Council February ratings:

Heavyweight Champion. Vacant. 1. Vitali Klitschko. 2. Corrie Sanders. 3. David Tua. 4. Joe Mesi. 5. Juan Carlos Gomez. 6. Fres Oquendo. 7. Mike Tyson. 8. James Toney. 9. Wladimir Klitschko. 10. Lamon Brewster.

The World Boxing Association celebrates Roy Jones Jr. as its heavyweight champion. Jones has not fought in a year and has found the division so unrewarding that he's moving down two weight classes in order to fight either Antonio Tarver or Glencoffee Johnson.

Over in the International Boxing Federation, Chris Byrd is champion and known only to his birth mother. The number-one contender is Not Rated. The number two contender is Not Rated. By the way, I should offer in passing condolences to IBF founder and past president Robert W. Lee whose 22-month prison sentence was upheld by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Boxing enthusiasts may recall the 1999 indictment of Robert Lee, his son Robert Lee Jr., and two other IBF officials on 32 counts of bribery, conspiracy, racketeering, and money laundering. Federal prosecutors claimed the lads were demanding/accepting bribes from boxers and

promoters since the inception of the IBF in

Unhappily, Robert Lee Senior was unsuccessful in his appeal. This, despite a compelling argument; namely, the videotapes showing him accepting money from a government informant should not have been made in the first

Indeed, and that's too bad, but right now we're talking about how empty the heavyweight division has become. Regard Mike Tyson — yes, Mike Tyson. World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman announced that Tyson is planning a June fight to be held in a Mexico City bullring. An opponent was not named.

George Foreman, 55, is talking about a comeback, and he's halfway serious. I halfway believe if he did make a comeback he'd be a ranked heavyweight before and after his first fight. In the meantime, Foreman has signed on to host a television reality series that has been put together by the William Morris Agency. Foreman, daughters Georgetta and Cynthia, and HBO's boxing cohost Jim Lampley will all be on hand to pocket as much money as is physically possible to pocket and oversee a bunch of young heavyweight boxers who live together, train together, laugh together, cry together, and box their way into your heart. I am not making this

George will oversee a series of elimination bouts put on by this slap-happy gang of lovable pugs. "I might even step into the ring with the champion of the series, just to give him a taste of the real deal," Foreman said.

Which leads us to — as you knew it must— Sylvester Stallone, now an official has-been. Sly is the front man for a new reality television series, this one picked up by NBC, for \$2 million dollars an episode, entitled, The Contender. The money/juice/power behind this piece of dreck come from Survivor creator Mark Burnett and Jeffrey Katzenberg, Dream-Works cofounder. Sly will oversee a bunch of young heavyweight boxers who live together, train together, laugh together, cry together, and box their way into your heart. I am not making this up.

International boxing sensation and former U.S. national figure-skating champion Tonya Harding (3-2) is scheduled to appear on a Law and Order fight card at the world-famous Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Republic of Canada. Harding told reporters, "I wouldn't have got my head beat five times if I was taking it as a joke." An opponent was not named.

It's truly awful, isn't it? See you at Pala on

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Architecture.....★★★★

Friendliness......***

Liturgy.....★★★

Sermon

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Weekly giving: \$1500 Singles program: no Diversity: Serbian Dress: dressy

Services: Divine Liturgy, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

An elderly gentleman standing in the narthex noticed I was slack-jawed. He tapped my shoulder. "It took seven years," he said. "What you're

"It took seven years," he said. "What you're looking at, all of it, was done by hand." Almost the entire interior of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, narthex to sanctuary, is covered in mosaic. The largest tiles are dimesize. Up to about shoulder height, yellows, soft greens, crimson, and turquoise flow across the

nave's walls. Stylized stars in bone white and yellow punctuate the deep-blue ceiling. Above the apse an immense image of the Theotokos, Holy Mother, looms up in warm red and pale orange. On one side of the nave, a life-size Jesus heals the sick. On the other side, Jesus blesses children. Across the front of the choir loft, Jesus and the Disciples gather for the Last Supper. Saints and angels crowd corners and columns.

"It was all done in the 1970s," the older gentleman told me. "We're the only church in the United States that's done completely in mosaic."

mosaic."

To the left of the iconstasis, the elaborate screen separating sanctuary from nave, a father gathered his wife and three children around a many-tiered candelabra to light a half-dozen candles for the family's dead. Before the father lit the candles, he held them out

to his family. With great gentleness they kissed each one. Not far from the family, an older woman bowed before an icon and placed a 20-dollar bill beside its frame. Behind the iconstasis, Father Draskovic bustled around in his golden yellow stole. He and his associate, Father Bratislov Jovanovic, who wore a bold-patterned silver and white tunic, prepared for the morning's service.

St. George's liturgy, like the church's color scheme and priests' vestments, isn't somber. The melodies are almost jaunty. The liturgy sounded like a medley of Serbian folk songs until Father Draskovic began to consecrate the bread and wine. At the moment he invited the Holy Spirit to descend upon the Gifts, the choir's singing slowed and became plaintive. ("At that point the liturgy grows quite mystical," Father Jovanovic later told me. "We are encountering a great mystery.")

Fussy babies, too, seemed to understand that something unusual was happening. They

grew quiet, as did latecomers shuffling around in the narthex. At this liturgy's dead center, what seemed most mysterious to me was that of the 200 or so people present, none except for a few children went forward to receive Holy Communion.

Father Draskovic didn't look worried about the lack of communicants.

"This is the Sunday of Forgiveness," he told us. "We are preparing to enter the Great Lent and we should be turning our thoughts toward forgiveness. But what many people forget about this time of year is that we're not only concerned with obtaining God's forgiveness. We must understand that we cannot be forgiven until we first forgive. We are disabled from receiving any spiritual rewards until we first forgive all of those who have in any way offended us. The Church calls us to spiritual purification. We must examine how our pride is manifested in our unwillingness and inability to forgive. This is very difficult because it's often those closest to us, in our families, our work, here in this parish, who hurt and offend us. It's our

pride that prevents us from approaching these people and reaching out to them to say, 'I forgive you.' This is difficult to do, which is why we shouldn't wait to do it only once a year. We must forgive those who have offended us as a daily practice of our spiritual life."

After the service, Father Draskovic began immediately to prepare for a christening. Father Jovanovic led me to the social hall where parishioners sipped Serbian mineral water and tucked into marinated grilled peppers, potato salad, cucumber and tomato salad, and baked goods.

Father Jovanovic and longtime St. George member Velimir Jovanovic told me that the church was founded by a group of Serbians who'd worked as miners in Arizona. Velimir said that many of these families had come originally to the United States from Montenegro.

I asked Father

Jovanovic why the folks at St. George's didn't take Communion.

"During the liturgy, if you were to approach me for Holy Communion, and if I didn't know you, or if I knew who you were but also knew that you hadn't been to Confession, I'd have to say, 'I'm sorry, but I can't give you Communion.' It's something we take very seriously. People know that they must be properly prepared before they take Communion. Now that we're entering Lent, there will be more people going to Confession and you'll see more people taking Communion.

"In the Eastern Orthodox Church we've maintained a strong tradition of spiritual preparation and practice. Our dietary laws for Lent are quite strict — no animal products whatsoever. None. Except for two feast days when we're allowed to eat fish. During Lent we try very hard to elevate ourselves. We are trying to elevate the soul above the flesh."

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

A man I was dating for a few months ended our relationship about six weeks ago. I am not inconsolable, but hurt and anger are still close friends. My dilemma is an upcoming event where it is likely I will see him and his posse of pontificating know-it-alls (yeah, I won't miss that). I know advice on this kind of expected run-in differs; some self-help books suggest polite acknowledgment and limited exchange ("Nice to see you..."); others promote the kind of acting-out that feels good in the moment ("You were an asshole!") and dreadful later on. I have no interest in befriending him at this time and feel it's too soon for platitudes. Can you suggest a mode of behavior that will help me stand my ground but won't generate more interaction than I feel ready for?

ANXIOUS IN OCEAN BEACH

Dear Anxious.

It can be trying in the extreme to run into an ex when you are still bruised and bleeding. I'm sorry about the end of your relationship and wish you Godspeed in finding someone fascinating, appropriate, and devoted to you. In dealing with the upcoming event that you think your former friend may be attending, here are a few suggestions.

If this is a get-together to which you can bring an ally, someone trusted who knows the score, you may wish to do so. That way you won't feel entirely alone if you have to run the gauntlet of your ex's smug posse. This is a time for composure and balance. You don't have to rush up and greet this man, nor do you need to be sending him death-ray glances from across the room. Certainly name-calling or open displays of ill will are to be avoided. The I Ching says that hate ties us to the hated object, and who wants to be tied to this fool? Your goal here is to be calm and centered and to gradually get to the point where you can wish him well from a safe distance, because you're done with him, over all the angst, realize he was not the man for you, and are even a little grateful to the universe for saving you from

Sometimes this process takes years, if not a lifetime, but there's no reason you can't set off on that road right now. This joker is simply not your problem anymore. You're going to find a much better partner. Hence you can be cordial if contact becomes necessary, because you have that kind of grace. But there's no reason you should solicit an interchange with this goof to "prove" that you can handle it, if you don't want to speak to him. When you're ready, you can be polite but reserved.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

In the 2/12/04 issue of the *Reader* an irate Oceanside son asked you what he should do about a "contractor" who had done small plumbing jobs for his elderly mother and then contracted with her to do a much larger job at a high price but who worked very intermittently and left the place a mess. Moreover the plaster dust is having adverse effects on his elderly mother's health.

The first thing that should be done is to check with the Contractors' State License Board to determine whether in fact the person is licensed. If he is, a complaint should be filed with the board because the work being done is clearly unacceptable. If the person is not properly licensed, which is most likely the case. the matter should be brought to the attention of the district attorney for possible prosecution for contracting without a license. It would also not be inappropriate to consult a private attorney about suing for damages, but the chances are this individual has no assets and may be "judgment proof." Once some investigation has been done and this character's background is better known, "irate son's" mother may feel quite differently about "hurting his feelings." He sounds like a Class A scumbag to me, and your suggestion to pay him anything is a grave mistake.

M.C., LA JOLLA

Dear M.C.,

Thank you! One of the aspects of this job that most warms my aged heart is that readers who have special expertise or helpful suggestions often take time to respond to letters they read here, as you did. I hope that the Oceanside gentleman who wrote in originally is reading the column today and avails himself of your sound advice. I believe it's a good thing for the community if unscrupulous businesspeople learn that there are consequences when they treat customers shabbily.

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oring products," said
David Perez, owner
of Salon David Perez
in Downtown and
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Centre, "because
they really tend to
dry the hair out.
Not only that, a
client, not having the
skills of being a colorist, will nine time out

of ten choose the wrong color.
We get a lot of clients that try to do their own hair, and then they call us to fix it. Our color correction starts off at \$150, and it can go up to \$250, depending on how bad the hair is, and what the client wants."

Will salon coloring last longer than a home job?

"The number one thing we see with home colors is that the client might have the color for a week or two and then the color fades out or turns orange and brassy. The reason is because the client doesn't choose the right color for them. So that is the advantage of going to the salon, getting the professional opinion, and getting the job right the first time."

The average color at Salon David
Perez starts off at \$75 and it can go to
\$120. The salon specializes in highlights,
which start off at \$85 and go to \$140.

Perez acknowledged that not everyone can afford that kind of price. In that case, he said, "the best thing to do is to choose a shade that is kind of natural to their own color. If they want warm colors, go with a gold; if you are looking to cancel any red, go with an ash. If the person is looking to go blonde, that gets a little bit more difficult. They have to consider... their natural level of color. Color, as a rule, only lifts four shades. So if the hair is a dark brown and they want to go blonde, that is almost impossible. That's where a lot of people get in trouble; they end up with what they call the Tijuana blonde, which is that brassy yellow that everyone hates.

Perez explained the color level system. "Level 1 is black, level 2 is a dark brown, which is almost black. Level 5 is brown, and level 10 is blonde. So, for an example, if a person goes in with their base color a level 2 natural brown hair color, and they want to be a level 10, which is a light, white blonde, they put on one color and it only goes four shades, so they end up a level 7 or level 8 orange blonde, not the light blonde that they were looking

Perez offered a tip for graying heads

like mine. "If somebody is gray and they want to go back to a natural brown," he said, "mix half and half of a golden brown color with a basic brown. You will have a golden brown on a gray, which will turn out a beautiful brown. If you just put what they call a neutral brown on gray, the hair color comes out muddy."

Perez recommends the Bumble and Bumble Color Support Shampoo line (for sale at the salon for \$18 for eight ounces) at least once a week.

Curious to hear advice from a veteran home hair-coloring warrior, I called my friend Cathy. "Don't ever use Clairol Loving Care brand [\$5.99 for one application at Rite Aid] if you are a brunette," she laughed. "It gives you purplish hair. I use the Garnier Nutrisse (\$7.39 for one application at Rite Aid). Usually, when picking your color, going warmer, like the golden brown tones, makes you look younger. I use two colors and mix them together. I also use the color-treated shampoos because they don't

seem to strip out the color as quickly. And I don't wash my hair every day."

"I use Clairol
Natural Instincts"
(\$7.99 for one
application at
Vons), said Meg,
another dyeing
expert. "I have
heard that Daphne
on Frasier uses that
also," she boasted.
With a chuckle,

she continued, "Usually I

dye at home, but once for a treat I went to a stylist," she chuckled, "and the lady dyed my hair and a lot of my facial hair as well. So by the time I got home and inspected my hair, I had this rectangular helmet head of black. When I called the stylist, she told me to rub Prell Shampoo right on the facial hairs to remove the dye."

Margaret, a ten-year veteran of the War on Gray, gave me so much information I filled half a legal pad. "I have tried about every product out there," she said, "but I have settled with Clairol Natural Instincts. "It is effective and kind to my hair."

"I mix two of their colors, and have learned over the years not to mix colors from different makers," she continued. "When it comes to permanent or semipermanent, the permanent coloring was making my hair the texture of straw. The semipermanent is more gentle to the hair. Also,

when the gray roots start to grow out, it is better to use the semipermanent because then you won't get the line of gray. With the semipermanent, the gray looks lighter, like highlights."

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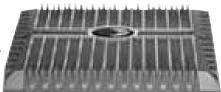
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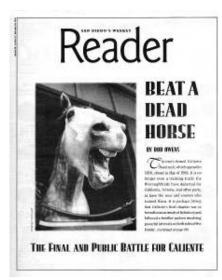
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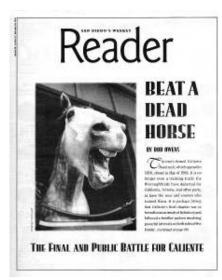
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by Josh Board

Jazzercise party, I had horrible flashbacks. When I was a kid, my mom did Jazzercise. And seeing her practice her routines to songs like "9 to 5" and "Walking on Sunshine" in leotards, in the living room those were the thoughts that raced through my head.

Jazzercise has been around for 40 years, but only 10 years here at the Lions Club in North Park, which is where their anniversary party was going on.

Susie Tyler, one of the instructors, invited me. And when I came in, she asked my date and me to take raffle tickets. I refused them, and my date whispered, "Find out the prizes first. What if it's a car?" When they started the raffle. some of the prizes included gift certificates to local stores, gift baskets with lotions and soaps. chocolates, and stuffed animals. One of the weirder prizes was Randy Jones BBQ Sauce. My date asked, after a nice gift basket was raffled off, "Why didn't we take raffle tickets?"

The few times during the night they stopped the dancing for raffle prizes, it was always for at least half an hour. I heard somebody walking by say, "This is the longest raffle in history!" At least the lady up at the



Top: Scene from Saturday Night Fever; bottom left: "Lovers Rock" at Culture Shock; bottom right: Jazzercise partiers

name for an exercise instructor. When I told her there was so much food, and such incrediblelooking chocolate cake and kinds of alcohol, I downed a few shots of Jack Daniel's but desserts. I thought that was a

and the owner. I wondered to

myself if "Berly" is the best

conflict of interest. She said, had eaten a big dinner earlier, "We call ourselves the outlaws.

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lady kept bugging me to try the artichoke dip that she had made. When she told me the main ingredient was mayonnaise, I was glad I hadn't.

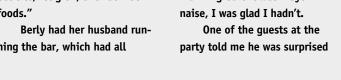
that a few of the Jazzercise students were overweight. Maybe it's not as physically demanding as other aerobic workouts. They all seemed to be great dancers. aside from a few of the older white guys. Maybe that's a stereotype, but I'm waiting for somebody to prove me wrong.

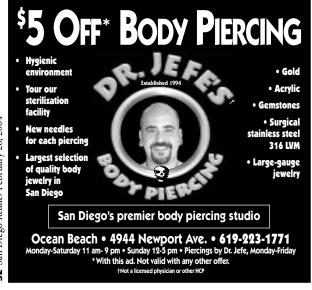
The music was a great variety of current tunes and older stuff from all genres, such as "It's Raining Men," Prince's "Wanna Be Your Lover," and "Hey Ya" by Outkast. The crowd was a mix of older and younger people. I was told that one lady in her late 80s recently gave up Jazzercise here at the Lions Club. One lady had the body of a 20-year-old but the face of somebody 30 years older. She seemed to like showing off her body, from the way she was dressed — and there was a picture of her on the wall pulling her shorts down to reveal a big anchor tattoo on her butt.

Sometimes the crowd would be doing the electric slide or other choreographed dances. Later there was swing dancing. One of the part-time instructors named Tannie, who looked like a prettier Gloria Estefan, got out on the dance floor. She was amazing. I felt like the women who watched Travolta dance in Saturday Night Fever. I saw she had a towel at her table to wipe off sweat and thought how uncomfortable that must be for someone dressed up at a party.

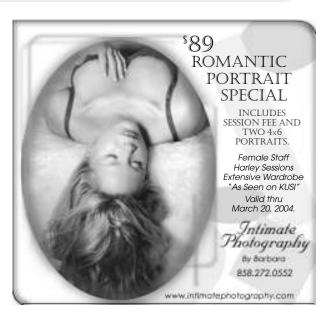
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The battery on my camera died, and as I was messing with it, I spilled my red wine. Normally that wouldn't be a big deal, but it was on their hardwood dance floor. I spent the next ten minutes wiping it up.









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The next time a raffle started, a present was given to Berly. It was in a long, narrow box that was five feet high. Someone yelled out, "It's a sex toy." When her husband came up with scissors, a lady yelled, "The thing in the box is going to replace you!" It ended up being a few banners for her company.

One woman had a cast on her leg. I asked her if it was a Jazzercise injury and she said, "No, it was a three-mile walk I did." She explained a little more about the injury, but with Oingo Boingo blasting out of the sound system, I couldn't hear her.

The next party I went to was a dance for younger people. They called it "Lovers Rock" to give it a Valentine theme. It was put on at the Culture Shock Dance Academy near Old Town. There was a long line of people waiting to get in, and when I talked to some of them. I found a few had come down from LA. Later,

when I talked to China, who helped put on the event, she told me, "We had four kids from Sacramento and one girl from Frisco come down for this event. When we put on our other breakdancing competition called Queen Bee at the Scottish Rite Center, we have people from lots of other countries attend."

That event has a \$3000 prize. Tonight, the top prize was \$200. Second place was \$100. They also gave out Pro Ked shoes and other little things.

I remember breakdancing becoming popular in the early '80s. At the basketball courts where I played, people would breakdance to music from their boom boxes. China told me, "It started as far back as the '60s but didn't really become popular until the media picked up on it

The crowd was surprisingly young for a party that had almost 400 people at 11:00 p.m. I was one of the few white guys in attendance and definitely the oldest. I saw a few 12-yearolds with sports jerseys and backward caps. I saw shirts that said "E-Swift," "B-Boys," "Lakers," "Devious," "PM6," "Raiders," "Queen of Hearts," and a Mexican girl with an "I'm With Stupid" T-shirt. A lot looked like gangsters, but I was surprised how nice evervone was. One kid bumped into me and said. "Excuse me, sir." Others were talking about the people dancing and it was complimentary. I heard no dissing.

Breakdancing has a lot of headstands, spinning on the floor, and shuffling. One move looked kind of robotic. I asked an African-American kid with a giant Afro what that was called. He said, "That's 'freezing.' You freeze the motion for a second and then continue. It's kinda old school."

There were two large rooms. One was well-lit and had people practicing and getting ready. You'd see four different people breakdancing at the same time. The other room was dark aside from a few lights and a DJ. One side had the

women's competition and the other side had the guys.

I didn't realize "breaking" was still so popular among youth. One guy told me, "This studio has a breakdancing class every night of the week. Oh, maybe not on Sunday, but every other day."

China said, "Breaking goes in hills and valleys, in cycles. Teenagers are into it, and when they get older and start chasing girls, they stop doing it. Then comes another generation. A lot of clubs wouldn't let it continue, because dancers sometimes got hurt doing backspins or flips." I remember a guy cracking a rib doing a "dolphin dive" when I was a teenager.

China said that last year's event was at the Ché Cafe and the promoter of that is in New York now. "We found out there wasn't going to be an event, and we said, 'Bullshit.' So we did it here."

I asked about breakdancing's popularity in other places, and she told me, "Surprisingly, in Europe it was big in the early '90s. In Germany, when the Wall came down, it was very popular in the clubs."

I left the event thinking about a few things — German kids and Jazzercisers breakdancing would look funny. And the girl with the "I'm With Stupid" shirt: she never once left the dance floor. I never saw who "Stupid" was. ■

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That wasn't the only controversy involving the 79th District assemblyman and his campaign fundraising activities last year. As chairman of the assembly insurance committee, Vargas is a key player in the long-running fight over workers' compensation insurance reform, as well as other manner of insurance regulation, from homeowners to car insurance.

In July, Vargas and other insurance committee members came under scrutiny during a battle over a controversial car-insurance bill favored by Los Angeles—based Mercury General Corp. The measure allowed car insurers to levy a surcharge on the auto policies of customers whose policies had previously expired. Consumer groups maintained that the bill would discriminate against poorer drivers, discouraging many from getting car insurance at all. Mercury maintained the measure would lower costs for more faithful policy owners.

The bill was opposed by Consumers Union and the Santa Monica–based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which argued that the measure by Democratic senator Don Peralta would result in a 38 percent jump in premiums for low-income drivers who might have only briefly allowed their insurance to lapse. The bill's chief supporter was Mercury, and during the insurance committee hearing, consumer lobbyist Doug Heller held up a fake \$10,000 bill during his testimony to illustrate, he said, the almost \$2 million in campaign contributions that Mercury had given to 12 of the 19 committee members since 2000, including Vargas.

That drew a stern admonition from the committee chairman. "Obviously you're playing to the media here," Vargas said. "This is not a circus. This is a committee room." Heller later told reporters that the "real circuses are the endless circus of fundraisers that get us to the point where the contributions of one insurance company are more important than the voices of consumers, low-income representatives, and the



Juan Vargas

insurance commissioner." Vargas voted with the 14-3 committee majority to send the bill to the floor. It was signed into law last August by then-governor Gray Davis but ruled illegal last month by a Los Angeles Superior Court judge, who held that it violated Prop 103's prohibition of discrimination against uninsured motorists trying to buy insurance. The state said it would probably appeal the ruling.

In a phone interview last week, Heller, who works for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, said he could find no ready explanation for Vargas's vehemence in pushing the bill, other than the considerable influence of Mercury's hefty campaign contributions. "I was surprised, yes. It seemed unusual," he said, adding that the sizable contributions from so many insurance interests to members of the committee "raise a whole series of very serious legal and ethical questions" for the legislators who accepted the money. And he pointed to new allegations of possible conflict-of-interest involving Mercury revealed last week by the *San Francisco Chronicle*

That story involves a large contribution Mercury made last spring to an Oakland-based political committee with links to Democratic state senator Don Peralta, the author of Senate Bill 841, the companion to the assembly version of the Mercury-favored bill approved by Vargas and his assembly insurance committee in July. The political committee Community Leaders for Neighborhood Preservation, run by consultant Timothy Staples, a friend of Peralta's, collected \$135,000; \$75,000 of that came from Mercury.

The committee in turn paid Staples \$61,740. During the same period, the *Chronicle* discovered, Staples had paid Peralta \$100,000 in consulting fees. The pair denied there was any connection between funds paid to Staples by the political committee and the money Staples paid to Peralta for "business consulting." But by last Friday, Peralta had announced he was ending his business relationship with Staples. "No one is

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Through all the controversy, Vargas has continually hit up industry lobbyists for campaign cash, although he runs virtually unopposed in a safe Democratic district. State disclosure records show Vargas has transferred much of the money he has raised to the campaigns of fellow assembly Democrats; he has also used campaign fundraising proceeds to pay for donations to charities he favors and to make payments to longtime aides and associates.

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12/4/03	FRIENDS OF JOHN LONGVILLE	CONTRIBUTION		\$5,000.00
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And until last month, when it was disbanded, the assemblyman also continued to accept contributions for a campaign finance committee left over from his unsuccessful 1996 Democratic primary challenge to South Bay congressman Bob Filner.

Late last year, federal records show, Vargas used a large portion of those funds to repay himself thousands of dollars in personal loans he had made to his campaign committee during his congressional bid.

Much of the remaining cash was used to pay

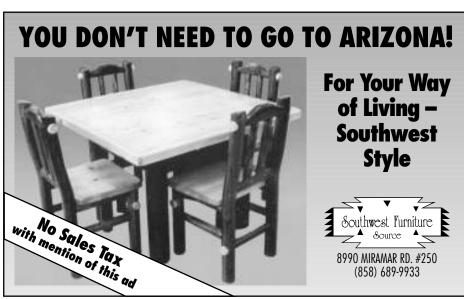
salaries and consulting fees of longtime associates, several of whom have been on and off of Vargas's campaign and assembly payrolls and that of his protégé and former aide, San Diego Eighth District city councilman Ralph Inzunza, who is under indictment

in the Cheetahs strip club bribery case.

According to a
December 12, 2003,
report filed with the Federal Elections Commission, the Vargas congressional committee collected a total of \$36,290 during 2003, \$28,790 from individuals and

\$7500 from political action committees. The majority of the PAC funds came from the finance and insurance industries, including \$2000 from the American International Group Employee Political Action Committee on November 18 and \$2500 from the Washington Mutual Political Action Committee on April 25.

Of the 29 individual Vargas contributors in 2003, 4 were attorneys, 11 were physicians, and more than 20 listed their employer as an insurance company, the majority either State Farm or Farmers. Some of them gave the maximum \$2000. Most of the donations were made in early June 2003, as SB 1, the financial privacy bill opposed by the insurance







companies, was making its way through the senate and assembly.

Farmers Insurance agent Frank Silva of San Diego and David and Kathryn Kupfer of Rancho Santa Fe resided in San Diego County. Kupfer's occupation was listed as a physician, his wife's as a registered nurse. Many of the remainder of the donors listed their residences as parts of Los Angeles County (including Rolling Hills, Beverly Hills, and Manhattan Beach) or Northern California.

About a third of the proceeds collected by the committee last year were used to pay Vargas and his wife Adrienne back for personal loans they had made to the committee more than seven years earlier, in March and April of 1996, to finance his congressional campaign against Filner. On July 17, 2003, the reports show, the couple received \$10,000 from the committee.

Then, on December 4, 2003, Vargas collected an additional \$2225, which was said to represent the balance due of a \$4100 personal loan he had made to his congressional campaign committee in April 1997. On December 3, 2003, the day before Vargas received that payment, the filing shows that the American International Group, Inc., of New York contributed \$2000 to the committee. Neither Vargas nor his staff responded to telephone calls requesting comment.

Whether coinciden-

tal or not, American International is a major player in the workers' compensation insurance business in California. Two weeks ago, after assembly insurance committee chairman Vargas

favored by the insurance lobby, American International lobbyist Kevin Sloat told reporters he was encouraged by the development. "They've started to agree on a process, and then they'll

In 2002, Maruccia was sued by USD for failing to make payments on the \$15,000 balance of a law school tuition loan from August 1991.

agreed with ranking

move into the details," Sloat told the Los Angeles *Times.* "The next step is critical."

Many with ties to Vargas have benefited from payments from his congressional campaign committee funded by last year's insurance industry contributions. On April 15 of last year, for instance, Colin Rice, who had worked as Vargas's chief of staff, received \$2000 for what was noted on the campaign committee filing as "debt repay" for back salary.

Others listed as receiving payments from the Vargas congressional campaign committee included Javier Angulo of Chula Vista (\$1000), George Balgos of San Diego (\$1500), Andrew Lee of San Diego (\$3000), Dan Maruccia of San Diego (\$500), Willie Manley of San Diego (\$3000), Richard D'Ascoli of San Diego (\$3000), Lee Biddle of San Diego (\$3500), and Bill Trammell of San Diego (\$2000).

Manley is pastor of

the Greater Life Baptist Church in Vargas's assembly district. In a telephone interview this week, Manley said that the payment from the committee, coming as it did so many years after the end of Vargas's unsuccessful congressional bid, caught him by surprise.

"They just said, here's a bonus and thank you very much.... He just volunteered and gave me a fee." Manley said that his efforts on behalf of the congressional campaign involved dealing with ministers and building support for Vargas in the district. "I got paid for doing some publicity for him, for letting some pastors know about the campaign. I do quite a lot of that type of thing." He added that he donated









the entire payment to Building Better Lives, a nonprofit organization he runs.

The occupation of D'Ascoli, who gave \$250 to Inzunza's 2006 city council reelection committee on August 11, 2003, is listed on that disclosure as a "project manager" for Pacific Bell. A year earlier, city financial disclosure records show, D'Ascoli was paid \$1000 by the 2002 Inzunza campaign for "consulting" activities.

Angulo gave \$250 to the Inzunza fund on November 3, 2003, and is listed on that disclosure as a San Diego schoolteacher.

Balgos has long worked for Vargas, first as a city council aide and currently as a field representative. In June 2002, Inzunza named him a candidate for the city task force attempting to deal with the Chargers and their controversial Qualcomm Stadium lease. Inzunza also proposed appointing Vargas's chief of staff Colin Rice, whose wife Jaime Fox Rice is an Inzunza deputy, to the panel. Last summer, she was called to testify before the federal grand jury that ultimately indicted her boss.

Maruccia, a graduate of University of San Diego law school, is a deputy legislative counsel to the California Office of Legislative Counsel in Sacramento, which he joined in 2001, according to the organization's website. The Legislative Counsel drafts bills and renders various legal opinions regarding pend-



Ralph Inzunza

ing legislation and provides legal services to the governor's office and the assembly and senate.

In 2002, San Diego Superior Court records show, Maruccia was sued by USD for failing to make payments on the \$15,000 balance of a law school tuition loan that the school had made to him in August 1991. A declaration filed in



Colin Rice

September 2002 by USD attorney William Zeutzius alleged that Maruccia and his family had dodged attempts by plaintiffs to serve him with legal papers in Sacramento and San Diego. "At both locations, defendant's mother in San Diego refused to identify herself and the defendant's girlfriend or wife in Sacramento

refused to identify herself," the declaration charged.

"This behavior is indicative of Mr. Maruccia and his 'family' members assisting him in avoiding to repay his law school obligations," Zeutzius's statement continued. "Mr. Maruccia will not even make voluntary payments. This behavior is unethical and not becoming a member of the California State Bar."

In response, Vargas chief of staff Colin Rice filed a declaration in October 2002, maintaining that he had been Maruccia's Sacramento housemate and that no woman had ever lived at their residence, as the university's process server had alleged. The case was settled in June of last year

with a stipulated judgment of \$15,743.99.

Two other creditors have also sued Maruccia in San Diego Superior Court for bad debts. In May 2002, a judgment against him for \$16,101.85 was entered in favor of the Educational Resources Institute, a tuition lender. In June 2001, a judgment in the amount of \$4490.05 was entered in favor of First Select Corporation, which was attempting to collect a debt run up on a credit card account it had acquired from Wells Fargo Bank. At the time the suit was filed, according to case records, Maruccia was employed by the Fish Merchant on Navajo Road. He did not respond to messages left at his office.

Trammell is listed on









state records as a principal with another onetime Vargas aide and ally, Lawrence D. Cohen, in two business entities: a partnership called CC&R Enterprises and a limited liability company called San Diego Vending, LLC, formed in January 2003. Another principal in that venture is listed as Michael Ciaramitaro.

Cohen is a former Vargas city hall staffer and ex-chief of staff for Ralph Inzunza, who himself served as chief of staff for Vargas when the assemblyman was a member of the city council. Inzunza, now 33, began his political career in 1991 as chief of staff to then–city councilman Vargas and served six years there before moving over to Sempra Energy, otherwise known as San Diego Gas & Electric, as a public relations man and lobbyist.

In November 2000, Vargas was elected to the state assembly from the 79th District, which includes Barrio Logan. For more than a year before that, Inzunza had been raising a stash of campaign money to run for his former boss's council seat. Inzunza bested a large field of less-connected opponents and was elected to fill the vacant city council seat in a 2001 special election. Campaign filings for Vargas — who is expected to make a bid for Congress in the disLast September, the *Union-Tribune* reported that city telephone records obtained under the California public records act showed that

On May 14, 2001, a call was placed from Cohen's desk to Lance Malone, the Las Vegas lobbyist for Cheetahs strip club.

trict now represented by Democrat Bob Filner — and Inzunza and his brother Nick, the mayor of National City, show that they share many of the same contributors.

on May 14, 2001, a call was placed from Cohen's desk in Inzunza's city council office to Lance Malone, the Las Vegas–based lobbyist for the Cheetahs strip club.

The paper reported that a total of 46 calls were made from various phone lines in Inzunza's office to Malone. Campaign records show that in June 2001, Inzunza collected \$5250 for his city council campaign from Galardi and associates.

Malone has since been indicted in the Cheetahs bribery case that also resulted in the indictment of Inzunza. Both men have pled innocent and are awaiting trial. Malone's boss, Cheetahs club owner and Las Vegas resident Michael Galardi, and John D'Intino, a longtime San Diego restaurant manager and a Galardi employee, have both entered guilty pleas to bribery-related charges and are awaiting sentencing. They are expected to testify against Malone, Inzunza, and the two other defendants in the case, San Diego city councilmembers Charles Lewis and Michael Zucchet, who have also entered not-guilty pleas in federal court to allegations that they and Inzunza accepted bribes to weaken the city's nude-dancing regulations.

According to state campaign finance filings,

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last year Vargas's assembly reelection committee paid Cohen a total of \$23,354. The bulk of that, \$20,761, was paid on July 3. The purpose of the payments was listed as "Fundraising Events." That same day, Vargas chief of staff Colin Rice was listed as being paid \$10,381 for the same purpose.

Cohen not only received money from Vargas last year, he also showed up as a donor to Inzunza. On June 25, according to financial disclosure statements, he and his wife Laura gave \$250 each to Inzunza's 2006 city council reelection committee. Most of the \$112,063 contributed to that committee through December of last year has been used by Inzunza to defray the more than \$100,000 in legal expenses he has incurred defending himself in the Cheetahs case.

Inzunza's 2003 campaign disclosure statement lists Cohen's occupation as district manager of "Scherring [sic] Labs." After leaving Vargas's city council staff and before joining Inzunza's staff in 2001, according to news reports, Cohen had been an account manager at Schering-Plough, a pharmaceutical company. He did not respond to calls.

Besides Cohen and Rice, the largest payee among Vargas campaign vendors has been his longtime advisor and strategist, San Diego political consultant Larry Remer, and his two companies, the Primacy Group and PG Printing and Graphics. During 2003, according to state campaign finance disclosure records, PG Printing was paid \$24,297 for "literature and campaign paraphernalia." The Primacy Group received \$32,206 as "campaign consultants." Remer's daughter, Alexa Lawson-Remer, got \$3840 for "campaign workers salary."

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Larry Remer

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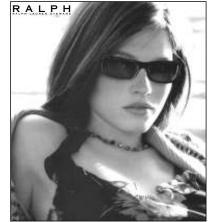
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LOSING DADS

JULIE'S FATHER, in his mid-50s, has lung cancer. Al's father, almost 90, has simply given out.

Al's father, an immigrant's child, never grew past five feet, four inches. Fastidious, he would not leave home without tie and jacket. In his 80s he struggled to learn to blow-dry his white hair. He had the snappy Harry Truman gait. Like the Little Haberdasher from Independence, Al's father also "walked tall," back straight and shoulders braced. He hammered after his lanky, long-legged boys to do the same.

He began to stoop in his mid-80s, to repeat himself, to shamelessly relate details of bowel movements, to complain about his dentures, to talk persistently about long-dead relations. He would take out the dentures, hold upper and lower plate in his hand, and gaze at the pink palate and rows of teeth. One afternoon when his wife, a small, round woman, poured tea for lady guests, he took his teeth out and chattered the two plates together in imitation of talk.

"What did they do when he does that?" I ask.

"They go on as if it is not happening," Al answers. Al's blue eyes fill when he says, "My father criticized old people who harped on poor health and the past. He always swore no one, not even Mother, would see him without his teeth."

Al tells about the morning he drives his father home from the hospital after the prostate operation. Al (although he knew, already) asked his father, so withdrawn that morning, "What does the doc say to do when you get home?" His father, looking smaller than Al recalled and his head bigger, scratches with his thumbnail at a spot he imagines on his trousers. He does not look up, or out at the snow that has fallen during the night, whitening the faraway fields on either side of the freeway. He answers his son, whose blonde hair has thinned and grayed. "He says that he," nodding toward his crotch, "won't be able to do much anymore. But that's all right," Al's father continues, lifting his eyes, wiping his breath cloud off the passenger window with his fingertips, looking out through the cleared spot at horses that stand, shivering, just beyond the billboards. "Your mother never liked him anyway."

That was last winter.

Another winter has passed. Each morning Al's father has to be retaught, bite-by-bite, to hold the spoon. His memory has gone as pale as his skin. He often does not know which son feeds him, does not know if the hand is his wife's or the visiting nurse's. All that his father seems to remember "whole," Al says, "are his prayers."

He scrubs his father as he would a child. When he asks him to lift his arms or to turn around, the old man complies meekly. Al scrubs his buttocks from behind, veiling the drooping hind quarters with white suds. The old man looks down at his crotch. The wrinkled lavender flesh dangles limply from between his stick legs. Al covers him there, too, with suds.

His once-immaculate shirt fronts are stained. He soils himself. The doctor suggests diapers. Al's father, sobbing, refuses to have his wife diaper him.

Al does it. He bends over the rolling hospital bed he and his middle brother fitted into the van and brought home. Al says, offhandedly, "Things like that don't bother me."

Last week, over the protestations of Al's mother, Al's father is put in the hospital. Al's mother, some of her plumpness now gone, appears after sunrise. She feeds her husband of 60 years from the Cream of Wheat on the hospital tray. She does her embroidery — a garland of purple violets along the edge of a white pillowcase. In her bag she has brought The Guideposts Handbook of Prayer for the month, her Bible, letters from their sisters and brothers — also elderly — and their son in New Mexico. She reads Guideposts' Bible verse for the day, smoothing with one hand the red, green, purple, and white ribbons stuck in the Bible. He stares toward the ceiling. When her voice stops, he whimpers. When Al arrives she kisses her husband good-bye. Careful not to look back, she walks, stiffly, to the elevator.

Al sits with him until ten o'clock.

"What did you do, all evening with your father?"

"I took his teeth out when he asked me to and put back.' more

'stick-em'

on them."

I ask. Al laughs his raspy laugh. "I took his teeth out when he asked me to and put more 'stick-em' on them and then put them back in his mouth, and then three minutes later, when he wanted them out, I took them out again. And then," he said, not laughing, "I put them

Julie's parents split up when she was in high school. Her father married his young secretary. That marriage fell apart. He married again, a woman even younger. Julie rarely saw him, and when he telephoned,

he would be drunk. In Julie's senior year of college, her father was ousted from his company for "tricking" the books. He avoided embezzlement charges. But his career as a CPA was finished. Julie's mother was getting her third divorce. The third wife left Julie's father. No one came to Julie's graduation.





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Her father lives alone in a northwest lumber mill town. "He is dead broke," she writes, "living in a shack, and the world has become smaller for him than either you or I can imagine. He sleeps a lot. Stares at his nineinch TV. Eats cold cereal, three meals a day. Never washes his clothes. Can't hear."

On Friday afternoons her lover puts Julie's overnight bag in the back seat of his car and picks her up at her office. He drives her to the airport. They hold hands under a dusty chandelier in the bar. She asks him what he will do all weekend and does not wait for his answer, but reminds him — for the fifth, sixth time — to feed her fat cat, Buster.

She arrives in time to go to the AA meeting with her father. "My name's Rick, and I'm an alcoholic. This is my daughter, Julie."

"Hi, Rick. Hi, Julie."
... "Since I've been reading the *Big Book* and learning the steps, I feel my life is better.... I am

ready to ask forgiveness for the wrongs I've done others...especially," his bony, nicotine-stained and burn-scarred hand trembling and sweating on Julie's shoulder, "my little girl, Julie here." The rack of broken yellow teeth, bucked out by narrow jaws, chatter between his blue lips.

Julie excuses herself,

noon, she sits with her father in the doctor's office. The doctor tells Julie her father may not survive surgery. "He has abused himself too long." If the tumor is malignant, as the surgeon suspects, Julie hopes that her father does not survive.

Her father continues, she says, to smoke two packs of Camel straights

Julie finds the women's bathroom in the Methodist Church basement.

gets up off the folding chair where she sits next to her father, in among Gail, Randy, Charlie, Brenda. Brenda flirts with Julie's father, who with a rise of color to his razorraw cheeks, flirts back.

She vomits.

Julie finds the women's bathroom in the Methodist Church basement. She vomits. "He counts on getting well," she says out loud to the white tiles.

On Saturday after-

a day. "There are long pauses between words in sentences, while he gathers breath," she tells me. "And when he talks, he wants to say how sorry he is...and I am *not* sorry," she says. She adds, "I baked up a storm and piled his fridge with casseroles."

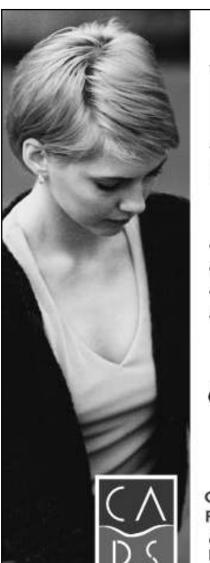
The doctor tells Al and his brothers that their father could live for several days or several more years. Al says that in moments of clearheadedness, his father, sounding quite his old self, says matter-of-factly, "I am all washed up. I am no good, now, to anybody. I would like to die." At other times, he grips Al's hand and with tears in his eyes, says, "Don't leave me, son. We've got to stick together."

Al talks with bitterness in his voice, this unaccustomed, still unexamined acrimony about what his father had "always" said he would or would not do. His father has been for him the same as and equal to eternity. He has made God from pieces of his father.

When she is back home Julie frantically searches through old magazines for an article she remembers that featured a nursing-home exposé. She looks, obsessedly, at the photographs of bed sores.

When she calls me this evening, Julie says, "It's like standing over a canyon yelling *I love you*. Your voice goes absolutely nowhere."

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"AS THE **NEED FOR SPACE** INCREASES, **MORE AND** MORE PEO-PLE WILL BE **PUSHED** TOGETHER, AND SOME WILL PUSH BACK."

attrick Kipp, 16, goes to Lakeside Summit High School. His favorite pastime is "probably sitting

around playing video games." He got into his first fight when in the seventh grade.

Have you ever been in a fight in which you or someone else was hurt? "Yes; some dude was beating up on a girl, so I stopped him and beat the crap out of him."

How many violent fights have you been in? "Not many that people know about. Let's iust sav six or seven."



When was the last time you fought? "Actually, it was six days ago."

How did the fight start? "The kid came up trying to sock me. I blocked him, and I think I ended up pulling his arm out of a joint."

Did you throw the first blow? "No, he came up and tried to punch me."

Did the person injure you? "No."

Name two influences that lead people to become violent. "Parents and, well...this would probably only be me, but also psychiatrists."

Do you know anyone who has been shot at? "Yes; one of my friends."

Are you still hopeful that societies can one day move toward peace? "I'm hopeful, but I don't think it will happen. As much as this is a cliché, the only thing that sells these days is sex, drugs, and violence. It doesn't look like that's going to change with today's generation."

Do you think violence is increasing worldwide? "Probably, yes; people basically only want money and they don't care who gets in the way of them getting it."

To what extent would you say movies contribute to violence? "I'm going to have a different answer to that than basically anybody. I've gone through a bunch of psychological stuff because of the things that I've went through. I've learned that there's no one thing that can make somebody be violent. It ends up being a choice; you have to consciously choose that you are going to be violent. It's not society's fault; it's your own. But movies are a contributing factor."

To what extent would you say music contributes to violence? "I'd say pretty much the same as last question."

olene Blakeman, 16, attends El Capitan High School. She says she likes "cliff-jumping." About her first fight, she says, "It was in eighth grade, so I was about 13 years old."

Have you ever been in a fight in which you or someone else was hurt? "Yes, I ended up with a black eye, and the other girl had a fatty lump on her forehead."

How many violent fights have you been in? "Two — the other one was nothing because I didn't hit her and she couldn't fight."

When was the last time you fought? "Eighth grade."

How did the fight start? "The fight started because of rumors and the girl tried to spit on me."

Did you throw the first blow?

Did you injure the person? "Yes. It wasn't serious."

Did the person injure you? "Yes. It

wasn't serious."

Name two influences that lead people to become violent. "Arguing/spitting/rumors. That's three."

Do you know anyone who has been shot at? "No; I can't think of anyone right now."

Are you still hopeful that societies can one day move toward peace? "Yes, because I'm sick and tired of all this BS; why can't we all just get along?"

Do you think violence is increasing worldwide? "Yes, because of this [Iraqi] war; but amongst individuals, I feel that it has gone down. If not, it's because of those anger-management classes."

To what extent would you say movies contribute to violence? "I would say none. It's stupid people who contribute to violence, and it also depends as to how you grew up. Your parents have a huge influence as to how you interpret other people."

To what extent would you say music contributes to violence? "None."

> usty Emmons, 16, says he doesn't have any favorite pastimes. "I don't really do anything." He says he was 7 when he had his first fight.

Have you ever been in a fight in which you or someone else was hurt? "How seriously? In a fight, someone always gets hurt. So, yes, I guess. He thought that I was hit-

ting him so he took a swing at me, and I saw him try to hit me, so I hit

How many violent fights have you been in? "One. Just the one when I was seven."

When was the last time you fought? "When I was in third grade."

Did you throw the first blow? "No, I didn't."

Did you injure the person? "Yeah; he took a swing, I hit him in the face, he fell to the ground, he got up and took another swing, I hit him in the stomach, he got up and took another



Jolene Blakeman

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swing, I hit him in the face again...it went about that way for 20 minutes.

Did the person injure you? "He hit me in the arm, but nothing too serious."

Name two influences that lead people to become violent. "One is the person who says that we should never be exposed to violence; the other is the person who says we will expose people to all kinds of violence but not teach the difference between the type of violence that is correct and the type of violence that is wrong.



The correct type of violence is used when other people are attacking you, or in a war, per se. The incorrect type of violence is 'Oh, I don't like that person, so I'm going to kick their ass."

Do you know anyone

who has been shot at? "With what weapon? A paintball gun? No? Well, then...not really.'

Are you still hopeful that societies can one day move toward peace? "No. I've never been hopeful of that."

Do you think violence is increasing worldwide? "No."

To what extent would you say movies contribute to violence? "Hardly at all."

To what extent would you say music contributes to violence? "More than movies, because a lot of music prompts the wrong type of violence I

just mentioned, such as violence against other races and whatnot."

■ l Capitan High School student ■ Tim Martin, 17, runs, wakeboards, and reads educational books in his spare time. Two years ago he had his first fight.

Have you ever been in a fight in which you or someone else was hurt? "Yes. During a soccer game somebody was playing rather rough and started pissing off the entire team, including myself; he was especially rough towards me.



Tim Martin

He was harassing me violently with the ball. After the game was over, we stepped off the field. This made it perfectly legal for a fight to break out then without the game being ultimately affected. We [fought]

then stepped back onto the field and incidentally broke out into a fight against the other team."

How many violent fights have you been in? 'I would say three."

When was the last time you fought? "Two years ago."

How did the fight start?"...at the soccer game."

Did you throw the first blow? "Yes, with the person that I had to fight, yes. But the first person to throw a blow in the fight [against the other team], no. It was a brawl. Luckily, I was the



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Did you injure the person? "Yes: broken nose, broken jaw, broken arm, bruised neck, black eye, missing a tooth. Yeah, I kicked him good a few times."

Did the person injure you? "A little bit; my jaw hurt afterwards."

Name two influences that lead people to become violent. "Behavior when brought up and the fight situation itself."

Do you know anyone who has been shot at? "Yes, my dad was shot at once."

Are you still hopeful that societies can one day move toward peace? "No, I don't think so. War

and violence are inherent in every human being; therefore, it is impossible for peace to exist with humans."

Do you think violence is increasing worldwide? "No, it isn't. The reason it appears as if it is increasing is because the media is covering it more and more and becoming more efficient at covering it."

To what extent would you say movies contribute to violence? "From 3 to 8 percent of all violence can be attributed to movies. People who watch violent action movies are rather psychotic in their behavior anyway; and those movies aren't suit-

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To what extent would you say music contributes to violence? "Absolutely none."

est Hills High student Will Patrick, 16, likes to fly model aircraft. He was 8 when he got into his first fight.

Have you ever been in a fight in which you or someone else was hurt? "Yes, we traded punches; one after the other."

How many violent fights have you been in? "Too many...thirteenish."

When was the last time you fought? "Almost two years ago."



Will Patrick

How did the fight start? "The fight started when I saw a boy hit a girl with his fist at full strength."

Did you throw the first blow? "Yes, I threw the first blow between him and me."

Did you injure the person? "Yes, severely." Did the person

injure you? "Not really bad...broken nose."

Name two influences that lead people to become violent. "Rap/hate music and upbringing. Not in my case, but I have seen this in others."

Do you know anyone who has been shot at? "Yes, I know many people who have been shot at; some were in wars, some in gangs, others...just there.'

Are you still hopeful that societies can one day *move toward peace?* "Yes, if society doesn't, well, we're all doomed."

Do vou think violence is increasing worldwide? "Probably. As the need for space to live

and grow increases, more and more people will be pushed together, and some will push back."

To what extent would you say movies contribute to violence? "It really depends on the person watching it, I think, because I don't really believe that everything that happens is real, but some people do; or, they agree with what is being said about something in the movie."

To what extent would you say music contributes to violence? "Basically the same answer as before." ■

> — Greg Finley, El Capitan H.S.

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CHAPTER 4

They Strike Without Notice

A Portuguese tuna-clipper returned to port today after riding out a chabasco storm off the Mexican coast. Although nobody had been lost, I went aboard the clipper anyway. The crew was still rather scared, as these chabascos are bad medicine, being a mixture between a cyclone and a typhoon.

The sea had torn around the decks plenty, all right. The tuna in the hold had to be thrown over the side because the refrigeration had broken down during the blow. The chipped ice in the storage had all melted, and the men were disgusted about the whole thing.

They had been to sea 28 days and had run into a fair catch around Clipperton island. They were on their way home when the chabasco caught them. It was bad, but not bad enough for a real news story. For storms at sea do not mean much to readers unless a fisherman or two is washed overboard, or unless the clipper is driven ashore.

These tuna they catch down south are big fellows, weighing up into the hundreds of pounds. Three men work together in hoisting each fish aboard. They have to work fast, for the school is all around them and biting as rapidly as the hooks drop back into the water. The proper name for what they use is not hooks, at least not regular fishhooks as used by sportsmen.

These fishermen on tuna-clippers do not have barbs on their hooks, nor for that matter bait either. They use the feathers off rooster necks instead. These feathers are long and in the water they resemble live squids. The tuna, if they are biting at all, dive after these imitation squids and are caught by the hooks.

The fishermen are too clever to waste any time. As soon as a tuna strikes for the feathers the three fishermen working in a team hoist their line aboard. In this way the tuna is sent sailing through the air by the

momentum of its own strike. The idea works beautifully. Nevertheless, a lot of work is connected with catching a hundred tons.

Because the hooks have no barbs, the fishermen do not have to stop to take off each fish they catch. Rather, the fish is thrown off on its own accord upon the deck, and later is dropped down into the hatch with the chipped ice. But with so many fishing teams working at once with a school, the hooks are flying everywhere and some of the men become badly cut up. They sometimes have their eyes put out, and now many of the men wear heavy masks of wire over their faces. The masks are remade from those used by baseball players.

A friend of mine once was knocked out by a flying squid. He was a young fellow, an Italian. He was the chummer. This meant he had to stand on the edge of the bait tank and throw out live sardines to start the tuna biting. Once the tuna start biting, nothing will stop them. They will go after colored cloth or anything. But to get them started all clippers carry sardines in a bait tank of running water. This young Italian who was struck in the forehead by a squid was transferred unconscious to a liner bound towards Panama. He was cared for by the ship's doctor, but is back in town now with a white scar directly over his nose. He refuses to put to sea again on a clipper, and so works as a fish cleaner in one of the markets.

Yet flying squids are not feared by the fishermen as much as a chabasco. For they also strike without notice, and they throw their seas just every which way. The men run below and stay there, pulling the hatches shut after them. On this Por-



Tuna fishermen

When a man at sea is in a bad way for something to worship, he cannot be too particular.

tuguese tuna-clipper the skipper alone remained in the pilot house. He stuck there at the wheel. Navigation was out of the question. All he could do was try to hold his vessel from being swamped in a trough.

He stayed in the pilot house alone for two days and two nights, and still the storm showed no signs of let-up. Nobody could come from the forecastle to relieve him, and he wanted very much to pray. He thought a whole lot about wanting to pray, but the chapel on a Portuguese clipper is well aft of the pilot house and has to be reached from the open deck.

His clipper represented an investment of \$90,000, and he did not want to lose it, for much of the money was his own. He did not think of his own life, he said, but he thought only of the clipper. He was hungry and thirsty and so tired he hardly could see what he was doing. The spray drove against the pilot-house windows as though driven by a hose, and when daylight came the storm was as high as ever. He could not stand it any more.

He squeezed his way through the starboard door and he grasped his way aft toward the chapel. When the seas came at him he clung to whatever he could find. He reached



the lee of the chapel door and entered. But the holy vestments were not inside, nor the holy coronet. Nothing was there except the bare room, tiny and cold and wet. He remembered, then, that the wife of one of the fishermen had taken all the holy gear to her home to clean them of their sea-tarnish. The clipper had left port ahead of time, and in the haste of departure the vestments had been forgotten. He knew for sure, now, why the chabasco was out to get him, and that he must do something right away.

He tried to call to the men in the forecastle. He wanted to know if any of them had a prayer book or a cross he could worship. But the men, of course, could not hear him. A high sea came at him over the bow, and to dodge the sea he plunged into the slicker locker. He saw an old calendar picture on the wall there, and he tore it free from its four tacks.

The picture was of a great man, he said, a very great man. "I carry him back to the chapel. I pray to him." The skipper intimated that when a man at sea is in a bad way for something to worship, he cannot be too particular. He must grab at straws and that usually the first straw will be the miracle. He did not know this then, he said, but he knows it now. He told me to remember his experience for my own good should I ever be in a similar fix. For the chabasco disappeared in about five hours.

I asked him the name of the picture, and he answered that the picture was still on the altar

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in the chapel. He asked me not to print a word of it in the paper for fear he might be called a "no speak truth fellow."

"Hardly that," I assured him. "But just the same I'll not mention it in the paper."

The promise was easy to keep. I walked aft to the chapel and saw the picture he had torn out and placed there — the picture, incidentally, being an ancient one of Al Smith.

CHAPTER 5 **Comic Strip** People

He is a cripple, and he moves about the waterfront on a contraption of three wheels. They are too low to be off a bicycle, and the framework is like a skeleton, a skeleton of a vehicle long dead.

The way I happen to know how he makes his living is because I was downstairs in the tugboat office when he wheeled himself to the doorway.

"Hello," Clarke Andrews said to him.

"Hello," the cripple answered. "I brought these new ones you wanted to

"Let's see them, then. Hey, you fellows, come see them. They're good."

The cripple brought out a booklet from inside his shirt. He began turning the pages. The characters were plagiarisms from comic strips. The characters were all drawings of comic-strip people undressed.

"How much?" Clarke Andrews asked.

"A dollar'n half."

"Pretty much but keep on turning."

"If I keep on turning you'll not want to buy it. They get better later on."

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"But you said you'd

loons. Perhaps this was the way the cripple had of getting back at men who were not cripples, perhaps this was the way he had of laughing at them by showing them pictures of themselves. Or perhaps again he simply wanted to make a living in the only way he knew. I don't

Once he found a crate of bourbon. It had slipped overboard while being transferred from a captured rum-runner to a police truck.

buy them and you didn't. You looked at them, but you didn't buy them."

"We'll buy this all right. These are good. These are rich. Keep on turning."

The cripple turned the pages. He turned them slowly, so the men could read the words in the bal-

know. I cannot even guess. All I can say is that when he got through showing the booklet, he turned to Andrews and held it out for him to take.

But Andrews didn't take it. He said, "Hell, that ain't got half the kick in it you said it had. Hell, a guy can get pictures almost as good as that right in them magazines. Hell."

The cripple bit his lips but said nothing. Besides, the law, too, was against him. He backed his contraption from the doorway. He swung the wheels around and started

"Here, I'll buy it," Olaf Smith said. Olaf is one of the shoreboat operators. He works for Andrews. "Here's the dollar'n half."

The cripple held out the booklet and Olaf took it. The cripple wheeled away then, leaving Olaf standing there with the naked purchase in his hand.

Olaf came back to Andrews and handed the booklet to him. "Here, Andrews. Take it home and show it to your kids. I've always wanted to give you a present, anyway. You've got it coming. You're such a swell fellow."

CHAPTER 6 **No More** Celebrities

Our harbor here has Chris Loch. We do not boast of him, but he is here, and for a living he drags the bay with hooks. He sells whatever he finds which can be sold.

A salvager, perhaps, is the technical title for him. Yet the title somehow does not fit. He is a deep-chested man, such as is shown in the illustrations for sailing-vessel stories. But I do not know if he ever has been on a sailing vessel, I never have asked him.

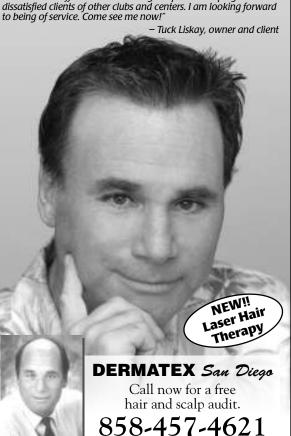
His beard is cement gray, coming to a brusque point, the beard of a duelist. He must have respect for the health of his hair for he keeps it brushed, though not parted. Yes, I am sure it is not parted, although it does wave heavily to port as if blown there by the wind.

He works bareheaded. A hat makes him feel cramped, he says, and grouchy and indoors.

He was one of the first of the waterfront veterans I saw on arriving at the waterfront. There is a character, I thought, who will make a feature story some day. I must keep him



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in mind. I kept him in mind. This was six years ago.

This was six years ago, to repeat. And if at that time some angel, like some sea gull, had fluttered on to the pier and told me that in six years I would still be here, still going the rounds of this sunny little world, I would have been surprised — as surprised as if some angel today would prophesy the same for the end of the

six years next to come.

Chances are, in this roulette of things, I shall still be here, keying myself into daily enthusiasm for the odds and ends of news in this harbor. Beyond doubt I am lost, though at times I would swear I am saved. These times are when I look out over the water and see Chris Loch standing to the oars in his tar-covered rowboat. He seems to hold the solution to so much. The dis-

ease of ambition has passed him by.

Why cannot I have

celebrities. It should be everybody's patriotic duty for awhile to remain hum-

It should be everybody's patriotic duty for awhile to remain humble.

the attitude of Chris Loch? For certainly the country now has need for no more ble. Why must I, too, crave to be publicized, so publicized that the hotel clerks

of each town will know me when I register, so publicized that I safely can say I do not care for publicity, and say it without the risk of having the reporters (I'm one) take me at my word. Time after time I hold such debates with myself as I look out at Chris Loch, and see him in the sunlight working away immune from our opinions about him, and see him thrilled at being his own captain, even if of a rowboat

His skin is of that Scandinavian lightness so quick to tan, so quick to register the weather, so sure of retaining red cheeks until right up to the last day of old age. But I do not think he is Scandinavian. I think he is Dutch. And finally I wrote the story on him.

I based the story on what type of articles he most frequently dragged to the surface, and where

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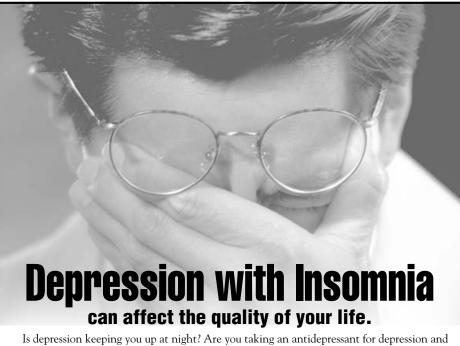
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Items such as these I put into my feature story, and to make the paragraphs the more complete Chris happened to live in a diminutive houseboat he had built from driftwood and from drift-logs. I put into the story — now that I think it over — not a tribute to him so much as a defense of myself. I belittled all my own secret desires to be something, somebody. I emphasized how he did not have to work except on those days when he desired to work, but if he did not work he could not eat so much. He was his own supply and demand, he personified the great equation between industry and needs. Personal publicity did not mean a thing to him, he did not know its meaning.

But, curious to see the effect his name in print would have for him, I took a copy of the paper to him. I did so rather guiltily, rather mindful of showing a happy animal its face in a mirror. He was aboard his houseboat at the time. He was seated on a rebuilt chair on what was equivalent to a veranda. But it was large enough only for a flower box and a chair. He was smoking. His day's work was ended, and he was looking off upon the shore.

The sun was at that hesitant moment just before setting, that curious moment when some of these evenings it will change its mind about setting from sight and will bob back up again. But this was not the night. Chris watched me as I rest, the world he had just created.

"Hello, Chris."
"Come down, eh."
The gangway was of one plank. The tide was

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neared the gangplank. He seemed to know I was coming to see him. His chair was tipped against the patched wall. He could have been God reconsidering, during a spell of

out, so the gangway was steep. For footing it had crosspieces nailed unevenly. No two pieces were alike.

I carried the paper concealed in a roll beneath

my coat. I would keep it in reserve for a minute or two. I would surprise him. We would talk first, then I would show him the story, I would show him for the first time how his name looked in print.

"Nice write-up, my fellow," he said.

"What, you've seen it!" With difficulty I retained my balance on the sharp plank. "You mean you buy the paper?"

"Always when there is a write-up about me, I buy it — always. Yours already is in my scrapbook. Ever seen my scrapbook?"

Where, then, on this waterfront is left an example of obscured and silent nobility upon which I may lean? Where? Now that Chris has gone. Now that he has deserted me. Now that he, too, is on the side of the enemy.

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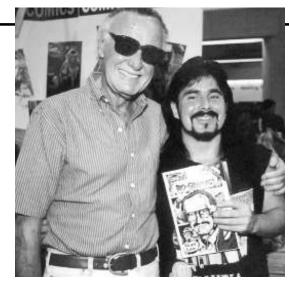
What folks don't seem to understand is that first, just 'cause someone's famous doesn't mean they're fun; and second, the job of writing about celebrities is exactly that: a job. It's not "hanging out." We earn those nosebleed seats, preview passes, screener videos, and stale backstage Boca Burgers, baby; it's hard work getting publishable quotes outta your average creative type. There's a mutual disdain and distrust between them, the "artists," and us, the press. They're tired of tabloid reporters

and fielding the same old ill-informed questions; we're tired of having to manufacture an interesting story from their self-serving PR spiel. Remember the scene in Cameron Crowe's *Almost Famous* where even neophyte bottom feeders in the celebrity biosphere have already ascribed reporters "the enemy"?

Over the course of 15 years of writing biographies (some authorized by their subjects, others not) and scribbling for rags like the *Reader, Starlog, FilmFax, Cult Movies, Rock 'N' Roll Comics*, and others, I've had plenty of celebrity interviews go horribly askew, caused by everything from stupidity (often not my own) to setting to circumstance to outright sabotage.

Worst beginning for an interview:

"I know you, you're the asshole who spelled my name wrong on the cover of your magazine." Roger McGuinn (4-29-91, the Bacchanal, Clairemont Mesa). I'd written an article about the one-time Byrds guitarist for the now-defunct *Soundwaves* magazine, which misspelled his name "McGwinn" on the cover. I pled innocent to any part in the editorial snafu, and McGuinn-with-a-*U* agreed to talk to me, but only if I could spell his last name aloud (I could and did) and answer a trivia question — "Name one song I wrote, and if you say a Dylan song, I'm walking away" (my "Chestnut Mare" reply got me the interview).



Stan Lee and the author

Vampira: "I'll have you know that I personally destroyed the only known photograph of James Dean and I together."

Worst disappointment:

There I was, backstage at a Bob Dylan concert (7-24-91), the lucky winner of a press pool draw. Not only that, but I was accompanied by a musician friend of mine, Rick Danko, who'd once been a member of Dylan's former backing group, the Band. *Score!* Danko promised to get me exclusive access to the reclusive Dylan, who was keeping to himself in a well-guarded enclave of trailers. Over the course of about an hour, a guy kept coming out from Dylan's trailer to tell us, "He's almost ready for you two, just a few more minutes." During that same hour, Danko managed to ingest, imbibe, inhale, or absorb various recreational substances of differing degrees of potency and consistency, from gases to powders to liquids, to the point where he was leaning against me and holding onto my shoulders just to keep from falling over, an effort that eventually proved fruitless.

When the trailer guy finally came over to say Dylan was ready to visit with his old friend and his friend's reporter buddy, Danko was sound asleep and dead to the world, lying on the grass, his head propped up against a cement cinderblock. With only one of us ambulatory, I was refused admittance into the inner circle of trailers. Danko and I stayed friends for years after that, but he always insisted that we *did* go into the trailer and talk with Dylan, even bragging about getting me the interview and accusing me of ingratitude for not being more

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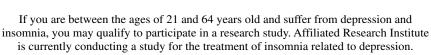


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editor's car for a night-

long "nap"). I would have

liked to at least ask the

renowned poet/jester, "Dude, don't you remember the lyrics to your own songs anymore?"

Worst locale for an interview:

Tijuana bordello (1-8-94)
— A few hours before the Mighty Mighty Bosstones were scheduled to play Iguanas in TJ, singer Dickey Barrett wanted to take a walk with me and find a good place to chat. We

ended up at a Zona Norte whorehouse called the Chicago Club, where loud salsa music drowned out my taped interview. Most of the conversation ended up being with swarthy club prostitutes anyway, as the two of us took turns describing the most outrageous and deviant sex acts we could think of, asking each woman, "So, how much would that one cost me?"

Worst health hazard:

After sitting for a lengthy interview (May 1990), Paul Reubens, a.k.a. Pee-wee Herman, offered me a tour of his L.A. home, a memorabilia-stuffed museum full of vintage toys and advertising, 3-D cameras and Viewmasters, and other pop-culture kitsch. Opening a small plastic garbage can full of snotthick green goo, he suddenly became playful and held the stuff over my head, giggling, "Look out, the Green Slime is coming!" Goo dripped wetly from between his fingers, and suddenly the viscous fluid went kerplop onto my skull. Immediately apologetic, Reubens tried to assist pulling the gunk from my shoulder-length hair, but it just got more matted. Then I felt a burning sensation, and my eyes began watering as if exposed to ammonia — the green slime, I found out later, was nearly a decade old, and the chemical break-

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down was having unpleasant interaction with my scalp, hair, and eyes. My photographer whisked me to a hospital, where I was attended by a middle-aged nurse who luckily remembered the alcohol-based concoction often called upon to treat green slimerelated mishaps of the early '80s. Reubens was still apologizing the next day when he phoned to make sure I'd lived to tell. He kindly picked up the tab for \$975, which covered the cost of my hospital visit and the hairstylist later called upon to "fix" those spots where slimeencrusted hair had been excised from my shaggy 'do. The resultant haircut can only be described as a cross between a mullet and a bonsai tree, and my scalp still itches like hell anytime I see something green and gooey. ("Honey, how come you always pick your nose and scratch your head at the same time?")

Worst timing for an interview:

Kurt Cobain, shortly before or possibly during a heroin overdose (5-2-93) — When I called the Seattle phone number given to me by Nirvana's publicist, I was expecting to reach Kurt Cobain to discuss a proposed Nirvana comic book. The person who answered the phone spoke only a few words — "Yeah, what do you want?" - before lapsing into fits of giggles and then long silences. I hung up and dialed back, but the line was busy all afternoon. The following day, I found out Cobain had overdosed on heroin the previous afternoon; no follow-up interview was ever arranged, and the "official Nirvana comic book" never happened.

Worst dueling diva dilemma:

While editing an adult-oriented line of very graphic novels called Carnal Comics,



Guns 'N Roses comic book

I was scheduled to meet in L.A., at different times on the same day, with Aja and Pamela Des Barres — the former a legendary porn

star, and the latter known as "the world's most famous groupie," whose book I'm with the Band famously detailed her liaisons with members of Led Zeppelin, the Who, and dozens more. It was to be my decision which starlet would be featured in her own massmarket comic book. First, there was lunch with lubricious Howard Stern Show fave Aja, during which I mentioned my upcoming meeting with Miss Des Barres. "My God," Aja grimaced, "how can that woman do what she does? I mean, fucking guys just 'cause they play guitar? At least with me, it's my job, my profession. I'm great at what I do, I get paid well for it, and then I go home feeling good about it all. She's nothing but a screwedup slut with delusions of grandeur!"

During dinner with Des Barres, I dropped Aja's name and said I'd met with her that afternoon. "What a filthy little thing," Des Barres frowned. "When I have sex with a guy, it's because there's something about him I'm already

attracted to. I know and respect his music, I feel something from him, and I want to share some of myself with him in return. That girl's nothing but a porn slut — hand her a few bucks, and she'll do it with anybody. That's just plain nasty." Carnal Comics ended up publishing the Aja comic, which went into three additional printings but passed on doing a comic version of Pamela Des Barres's I'm with the Band.

Worst question that got the best answer:

Asked of Joey Ramone (11-6-95), backstage at the Sports Arena: "So do giant mice still have to wear earplugs at your concerts to avoid exploding?" The obscure reference to a recurring gag in the film Rock 'n' Roll High School elicited a chuckle and a quote much more sparkling than the query merited: "No, but

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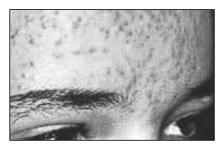
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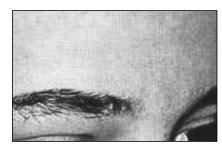


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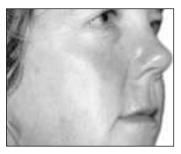


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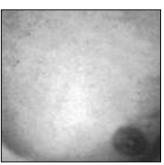
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Worst phone interview:

Actress Traci Lords, former underage porn star and Bmovie cult icon, was available for an interview, but only during my afternoon shift managing a music shop called Robert's. I gave her publicist the store number for Lords to call.

"Robert's, this is Jay,

may I help you?"

"Uhhhhh, is Jay there?" "This is Jay, can I help you?"

"I thought you said this was Robert."

"This is Robert's. I'm Jay. What can I do for you?"

"Who's Robert?" "You've reached Robert's.

Can I help you?"

"Yes, can I speak to Jay?" "This is Jay. Who's calling?'

"You said you were Robert."

"No, I said this is Robert's. I'm Jay."

"That's who I'm looking for. Jay."

"I'm Jay. You're speaking to Jay."

"Okay. Then why were you pretending to be Robert? I'm so confused."

And indeed she was. Shortly after we figured out who each other was, Lords terminated the interview because I hadn't signed the faxed agreement forbidding me from asking questions about her adult film career.



It was fun for a moment anyway, playing Abbott to her Costello (or Cheech to her Chong—"Dave's not here, man").

Worst awkward meeting:

Before I agreed to write the unauthorized biography

of Marvel Comics figurehead Stan Lee, co-creator of Spider-Man and the Hulk, I should have thought about the fact that Lee and I would likely come across each other on the comic convention circuit, promoting our respective endeavors. My bio raised a lot of still-open questions about who really "created" Marvel's best-known characters, scripter Lee or illustrators like Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko, who dispute their former boss's recollections as to who deserves the most credit — not to mention compensation – the bulk of both having long since been claimed by Stan Lee. This revisionist look at the foundation of Marvel's eventual empire caused a lot of discussion and controversy in both the mainstream and comic industry trade press.

Sure enough, Lee and I ended up scheduled side by side, signing autographs at the San Diego ComicCon. A small crowd gathered as I was introduced to him as the author of his unauthorized bio. Cameras flashed and onlookers seemed to be expecting (or at least hoping for) fisticuffs to erupt, such was the public animosity the book had stirred. Lee reached out, shook my hand...and told me, "I'm sorry." I was mystified. Why was he apologizing to me? Was he sorry to have met me? Sorry the bio exists? I asked what he meant. "I'm sorry," he said, "that I didn't lead a more interesting life, because perhaps then your book about me would have been more interesting." This gentlemanly way of telling me that he didn't think much of my work came accompanied with a diplomatic smile that stayed plastered on his face the whole time we posed for photos together.

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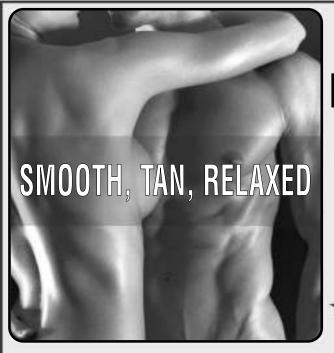
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my briefcase and asked if he'd autograph. (Hey, it's Stan "the Man" Lee, okay?) And I figured if his hands were busy signing my unauthorized biography, then he couldn't punch me in the head. He graciously did the deed (signing, not punching), we mugged for a few more snapshots with me holding up my prize, and then we parted, never to cross paths again — other than the personalized letter of rejection I later got when I applied for a job at his (since failed) Internet company, Stan Lee Media, signed, "Tough luck, True

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Worst sabotaged introduction to a rock star:

Meeting Doors guitarist Robbie Krieger (10-11-98), introduced by an unfriendly (to me, anyway) local promoter — "Robbie, this is the guy who wrote the Doors comic book you never got any money from."

Worst insult or threat from a rock star:

Axl Rose (9-30-92, Jack Murphy Stadium) to pub-

licist Tom Holtz, pointing at me—"If that motherfucker steps over the line and comes on our side, I don't care who invited stemming from a G'n'R comic book I'd written. Just a few months previously, in a cover feature for the April '92 issue of

Arthur Lee suddenly shouted that I was a "lying son of a bitch."

him, I'll smash his fuckin' face!" I was backstage as a guest of co-headliner Ice-T of Body Count, who was unaware of the bad blood between Rose and me

Rolling Stone, Rose had singled out my Rock 'n' Roll Comics #43 to badmouth — "A comic book says how Izzy comes to me and says, 'You know, I

just don't feel I'm up to this.' And I go, 'Yeah, and you're scared, too, aw shit.' Well, that ain't the way it went down." (The scene was laid out according to events described to me by Izzy himself.) Backstage at the stadium, someone in the G'n'R encampment pointed me out to Rose and informed him that I was the guy behind said comic book. He went ballistic, having to be held back as he hurled profane insults and threats my way, both amusing and flattering me, whereas I suspect his intent was to

frighten or at least intimidate. Later, while G'n'R played onstage, I crossed over to the group's wagon train of buses and trailers, snuck into their catering tent, and scattered around a dozen copies of the comic book that had so incensed Rose for the band's post-performance enjoyment. Nine years later, I mentioned this during a chance encounter with Slash, and he was nearly apoplectic with laughter. "Dude, I thought Axl's fuckin' head was gonna explode when he saw those comics!" Ahh, the

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Outspoken and cantankerous author Harlan Ellison and I were both booked to sign autographs at a 1994 Atlanta comic book convention. We were seated near each other behind a conference table; I was signing copies of Rock 'n' Roll Comics while Ellison promoted his upcoming Dream Corridor comic book. During one lull, I showed him a comic I'd written called "Deepest Dimension Terror Anthology," featuring an illustrated adaptation of a short story that Ellison had published in his own Dangerous Visions anthology book — "A Toy for Juliette" by famed Psycho author Robert Bloch. Ellison's mood visibly darkened. "Nobody told me about this," he growled (and I do mean growled — think

Schwarzenegger finding a parking ticket on his Humvee). He made the line of autograph seekers wait while he carefully read the comic (illustrated by Matthew Alice's own Rick Geary) from cover to cover. I could almost see the thunderclouds forming over his head as he got to a brief scene that hadn't appeared in the original text story from *Dangerous Visions*.

"Who the fuck gave a no-name son of a bitch like you the right to rewrite Robert Bloch?" he shouted so loud that people in line visibly flinched. "You put his fucking name on the cover; every goddamned word of this story should be by Robert fucking Bloch."

Ellison went on berating me without pause for another half minute (so I'm told — I was sure it was a half hour), his voice and gorge rising in tandem as he defended the sacrosanct nature of Robert Bloch's storytelling. Finally

running out of oxygen (if not epithets), he paused for breath, and I was able to tell him, "I spoke with Robert Bloch about the comic script, and he's the one who suggested the change and the new dialogue."

In a bipolar rush of reversal, Ellison's scowl was replaced by an unctuous Deepest Dimension comic. I highly recommend it." I understand that's the closest thing to a public apology ever offered by the mercurial wordsmith.

Worst actors from the worst movies:

"Vampira" (real name Maila Nurmi) is probably best known for appearing in

Gene Roddenberry: "I walk away for five minutes and come back to find you hitting on my wife."

smile as he closed the comic book and handed it back to me with feigned grace. "Oh, well, why didn't you say so? In that case, I love it. Good work." Ellison turned to the crowd of onlookers, bowed with Shakespearean theatricality, and said, "Every one of you should buy this the so-called worst movie ever made, Ed Wood Jr.'s *Plan 9 from Outer Space*. Nurmi agreed to an indepth, in-person chat with me at L.A.'s Glamourcon convention (November 1995) for an article about horror TV hosts — her glamour ghoul Morticia

Addams-style character debuted on TV in April 1955, hosting late-night horror movies shown on KABC Channel 7 in L.A., predating copycat Elvira by decades (Elvira's name even rhymes with Vampira's). I also wanted to ask about her fabled friendship with James Dean (who told reporters that he thought Nurmi was a genuine sorceress, before finding out she was a mere horror-movie hostess). After the young actor's death in September 1955, Nurmi claimed to the press on several occasions that she was in contact with Dean's departed spirit."The Ghost of James Dean" was a fivepage cover feature written by Vampira herself for Borderline magazine in January '64. When asked about this, the 74-year-old actress was put off by my query and reluctant to discuss Dean at all. I asked about an article from the FebruMagazine, a cover feature entitled "James Dean's Black Madonna" — "What did you think when tabloids published rumors that you were a jilted lover who put some kind of curse on James Dean shortly before his fatal car crash?"

Nurmi stiffened in both poise and tone. "The gossip magazines made that story up, after I wouldn't talk to them anymore about Jimmy," she said icily, adding, "I'll have you know that I personally destroyed the only known photograph of James Dean and I together, just so that people like you couldn't accuse me of cashing in on my friendship with him." This belied previous interviews she'd given, but I pushed on, asking about her failed infringement lawsuit against Elvira (1989's Nurmi v. Peterson; Nurmi lost because the court ruled "character likeness means an exact copy, not a suggestive resemblance"). This served only

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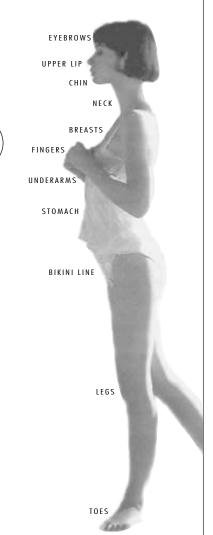
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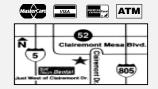
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to get her more agitated — "As far as I'm concerned, she stole the entire 'Vampira' concept from me, that's all I'll say."

With two strikes against me, I figured, what the hell, if looks could kill I would have already been wearing a toe tag. "Is it true your TV show was canceled in early 1955 because parents complained that you promoted witchcraft and because you made a joke on the air saying, 'My sister was lynched for raping a snake'?" This oft-repeated rumor first turned up in '50s magazines like Whisper and Con-

fidential, and I hoped to finally get either a confirmation or denial of its veracity, straight from the sorceress's mouth, but she gave me neither, instead standing up and turning swiftly on the heels of her sensible black shoes and marching away from me without another word.

Her tablemate at Glamourcon, 63-year-old Conrad Brooks, also had a role in Plan 9 (as "Patrolman Jamie"). He sat nearby watching as my chat with Vampira abruptly ended. "You can interview me," he offered with a hopeful grin, putting his arm around my shoulder with unnerving familiarity. My assignment was write an article with some kind of "cult movie star" angle, so I said, "Sure"

VHS copy of Baby Ghost into my hands, an apparently homemade Casper knockoff that, when I tried to sit through it later, made the worst entry in Ed Wood's

Courtney Love kept lifting her short, raggedy dress to her chin every time Tom Jones looked in her direction.

and went to start my tape recorder. "No, wait, you have to buy one of my movies first," he insisted, pushing a

inept oeuvre look like Citizen Kane. It ended up costing me \$15 (\$10 for the video and \$5 for an autographed B&W photo) to talk to Conrad Brooks, but at least he told me a colorful story about the time cross-dressing counterculture hero Ed Wood burst into tears because his favorite bullet brassiere had shrunk in the wash.

Worst trip down memory lane:

Richard Matheson's work for the classic Twilight Zone series ("The Invaders," "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," "Little Girl Lost," etc.) represents some of television's best writing. His agent arranged for a phone interview (1/18/89), though I quickly found the author hadn't been informed that my article was about the '60s anthology TV series Thriller — an assignment that, unbeknownst to me, Matheson considered the nadir of his television career.

MATHESON: Thriller? You're kidding, right? The Boris Karloff show? Well, I'll be. I don't think anyone has ever asked me about that particular show. It's not even on my résumé. Well, okay, I guess I'll tell you what I can. I only did the one episode. I have to tell you,

it's weird being asked about this. Just hearing the name of the show after all this time, well, it wasn't my favorite career experience, let's just say. Do I really want to get into this?

Q: How did you come to adapt that particular story, "The Return of Andrew Bentley" [by August Derleth and Mark Shorer]? Had you adapted work by others much at that point?

MATHESON: This is going to be an interesting interview. You want to ask me about other writers then? And about Thriller? Okay, let's get this out of the way quick so we can wrap this up. This isn't what you want to hear, or maybe it is, but I wasn't too happy with what happened to that particular script. There was some massive rewrite.

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Q: Oh really? It was revised after you'd turned in your final draft?

MATHESON: Well, yes, of course, why else would I be unhappy with it? What I had done, I don't know if you're familiar with a Twilight Zone of mine called "Nick of Time" [Bill Shatner and the devilhead fortune-telling machine]. Well, I put that couple into a bantering thing. I did a similar thing with Bentley, with that sort of bandying about, gradually becoming involved in genuine fear. And, uh, they played it pretty heavy right from the start. Which is not really my cup of tea. [AUTHOR'S NOTE: Surprising to hear from the guy who wrote "I Am Legend," about a vampiric plague and the last human on Earth, and Spielberg's TV movie Duel, both "pretty heavy right from the start"...]

Q: Did you know about the rewrite before it aired?

MATHESON: I had no idea. And I have no idea who redid it. A story editor? That's happened to me a number of times, but this was one of the earliest occasions and just being reminded of it is unpleasant, I can tell you. It's the business...I'm rather more well-known now, safe to say, but of course it's still something that happens and something I'd just as soon not dwell on or discuss at length. Or discuss at all, now that I've come to think on it. What say we both find something else to do now? Good luck with your article. [Cue dial tone...]

Worst interruption or distraction:

Courtney Love's cootchie (Civic Theatre, 12-12-94) — Backstage at 91X's Christmas concert, I was trying to have an earnest conversation with legendary crooner Tom Jones, but seated on a bench just opposite where we stood was Hole singer Courtney Love. Love kept lifting her short, raggedy dress to her chin every time Jones looked in her direction, knees akimbo more than necessary for us to ascertain that she wasn't

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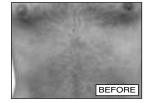
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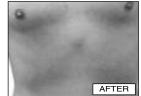
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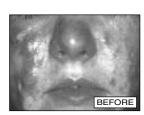
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wearing panties and that her hygiene routine didn't include razors or wax. Love winked at Jones with every flash, but the Welsh sex symbol, to his credit, didn't acknowledge the dark forest she was luring him toward. That is, until I turned off my tape recorder to leave, whereupon he leaned over and whispered in my ear, "On the bright side, I don't have to worry about her throwing her undergarments at me!"

Worst misunderstanding:

In February 1989, I was one of several people being considered to write a mass-market biography of Gene Roddenberry, the writer/producer to thank/blame for the revered/reviled *Star Trek* phenomenon. Roddenberry and

his wife, veteran Trekactress Majel Barrett (Nurse Chapel on the original series), sent word that they wanted to meet with me and with writer David Alexander on separate occasions, to get a feel for our respective approaches to the project. My interview took place over a poolside brunch at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and all seemed to be going well at first. Roddenberry was explaining how he wanted this to be an unbiased "warts and all" account when he excused himself to visit the men's room. This left me in the position of making small talk with his wife, who at the time had a recurring role on Star Trek: The Next Generation as Lwaxana Troi, the flamboyant mother of Enterprise crewmember Deanna Troi.

I mentioned to Mrs.

Roddenberry that I enjoyed the way her character was portrayed as being in the autumn of her life, yet still shown as very sexual, pursuing a twitchy Captain Picard and "Yours is one of the most sexual characters on the show," I was telling her, just as Roddenberry stepped back up to our table.

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taunting him with a rotating roster of competing suitors, once going into pheromone-frenzied "heat"; in another episode, turning up nude on the *Enterprise* promenade.

me—"For chrissakes," Roddenberry bellowed loud enough to make the orange juice in my glass ripple like the scene in *Jurassic Park* where T-Rex is approaching."I walk away for five minutes and come back to find you hitting on my wife and telling her she's the sexiest thing on Star Trek!" At first I thought he was pulling my leg, impressing me with his acting skills; but then he grabbed her arm and yanked her to her feet, muttering, "This is why I never bring my wife out in public anymore." Before his wife or I could clarify, they were off the patio, out the doors, and making their way toward the valet parking lot, leaving me with a breakfast bill of \$57 for three orange juices, muffins, coffee, and two fruit salads.

David Alexander completed his 600-page love letter to Roddenberry after the *Star Trek* creator passed away in 1991, and the book became a midlevel bestseller. I ended

up scripting two much-lesscirculated comic book bios about Roddenberry and his (lovely) wife, both of them unauthorized but neither unflattering. Majel Barrett recently autographed a copy of her comic for me, apologizing for the way her husband's jealousy resulted in my losing a primo writing gig. "God love him," she said with weary affection, "he believed I was the most beautiful creature on Earth and was convinced every other man in the world wanted to steal me away from him."

Worst case of getting too close to a subject:

I met *Penthouse* centerfold and cover girl Christina Angel at the San Diego Comic-Con, of all places, which she was attending in

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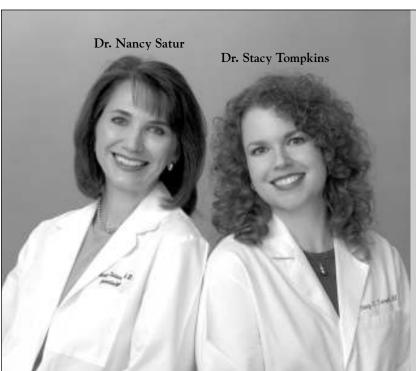
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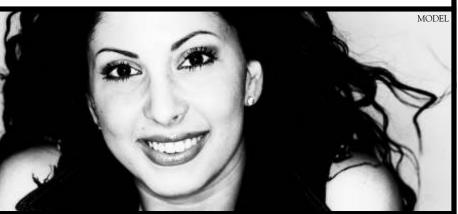
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the company of purported rock star Glenn Danzig. While I interviewed Christina for a profile, the two of us "hit it off." Before the convention was over, she'd taken up temporary residence with me, forsaking Danzig's hotel room for my two-bedroom house in La Mesa. This caused some consternation a few nights later when we showed up

arm-in-arm at a private Comic-Con party hosted by Danzig (we were "escorted" out of the building by several of the singer's well-muscled bodyguards). Soon after, I took to the road with Christina, attending showgirl conventions in Vegas and working strip clubs where she headlined, catching her clothes as they flew from the

stage. At the time, I considered myself the luckiest guy alive—homely, hairy, chronically underemployed, and yet I was jetting cross country having a romantic fling with a one-time Playboy Playmate who'd been voted among the ten most beautiful women in the world...

The problem, aside from living two hours apart, stemmed from Christina being married at the time (not to Danzig). That and her downhill spiral into lowbudget porn movies, a questionable career choice she chose to promote with an appearance on The Jerry Springer Show. I was watching the program when she brought up our extramarital relationship - I hadn't been given any warning this was coming. I decided on the spot that, when my life is being discussed on TV with Jerry Springer, it's definitely time to change my life, and the two of us went our separate ways. Male friends were bewildered if not downright angry that I'd walk away from a gorgeous centerfold model and porn star, seeing as how I normally couldn't lure a Wal-Mart cashier into my bedroom without chloroform or cocaine. But none of those friends ever had my experience. As the old cliché goes, the grass always looks greener on the other side of the fence, but that wouldn't be the case if people just watered their own fucking lawns.

Worst and most unsettling wrap-up:

"Let's come up with something that we can all make money on, and that way our attack-dog lawyers won't have to go after you and drag you like carrion to my doorstep."—Gene Simmons (8-2-93). This was pretty much the final word in a taped phone conference between Simmons, me, and the publisher of Revolutionary Comics, where I was managing editor. Our company had previously produced an unofficial, unauthorized issue of Hard Rock Comics about Kiss. Simmons "unofficially" liked our comic and, instead of suing us, wore a Hard Rock Comics T-shirt on the cover of Kiss Alive III and then phoned our office for the above-referenced conference. He was proposing a "joint publication" between the band and Revolutionary, albeit under vague threat of attack-dog litigation over the earlier unsanctioned comic. Simmons and RevCom never came to an agreement about the joint publication, and Kiss ended up producing the new biocomic themselves, published

in their Kisstory hardcover book. They hired the same creative and production team from our company's Kiss comic book, essentially getting themselves a Revolutionary comic without having to pay Revolutionary Comics. Oh well, at least I didn't end up getting dragged like carrion (or maybe he meant "carry on," as in luggage?) to Gene Simmons's doorstep (where he seems to have installed a revolving door, judging from the umpteenth Kiss lineup currently failing to sell out arenas on their umpteenth "farewell" tour).

Worst interview subject:

Dr. Dre (4-8-92) — The NWA lyricist didn't give up a single usable quote during this taped phone chat regarding his debut solo album, The Chronic. My article instead ended up being about how many times the rapper said, "You know what I'm



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sayin' "without actually saying anything — 178 times in just under 20 minutes, averaging once every six to seven seconds. I still got paid for the article, and now I'm being paid to write about the interview again, which is why Dre was the worst interview subject but not the worst interview ever.

Worst interview

Arthur Lee (7-23-94) — I met with the leader of the

legendary '60s L.A. band Love outside the now-defunct and then-funky Flash Café in Mission Valley. About ten minutes into what seemed like a perfectly normal chat, Lee who has a reputation for being, um, mentally unpredictable — suddenly shouted that I was a "lying son of a bitch," and I wasn't really a reporter, I was an undercover police officer trying to trick him into admitting on tape he'd done something illegal (I hadn't said a word about anything other than music). Lee snatched a \$200 recording machine from my hands and smashed it to the ground, kicking it across the asphalt and leaving the unit in pieces before turning to flee into the building.

Randy California's band Spirit was also on the bill that night, and California witnessed Lee's tantrum and the ensuing destruction from a few feet away.

"You're lucky he only thought you were a narc," California offered casually as I bent over to pick up the busted remains of one of the most expensive tools of my trade. "He hates reporters a lot worse than he hates cops."■

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I am writing in regards to your articles referring to Pilar Arballo having to run as a write-in candidate for San Diego Unified School Board District D (January 22), and also your more recent "City Lights" ("Freeing the Cheetahs Three," February 12) that explains connections between candidate Ben Hueso and Ralph Inzunza and Ron Ottinger.

As an elementary school

teacher who leads the class in the Pledge of Allegiance each morning and believes in our country's democratic system, I find it extremely unjust that in District D, one outspoken, eloquent school board candidate, Pilar Arballo, was denied her appeal to be on the primary ballot by one judge, whereas another candidate, Luis Acle, with identical circumstances and actually a few less valid signatures, was allowed to be on the March 2 ballot going before a different judge. Why would both the San Diego Unified School District and candidate Ben Hueso, endorsed by the outgoing Bersin-supporting board member Ron Ottinger, bring in prominent lawyers to argue against Ms. Arballo's appeal, but not do the same against Mr. Acle? Seeing that Mr. Acle had been approved by the courts to be on the ballot because of his goodfaith effort to collect such a large number of signatures within a short time period, why would they try to dissuade another judge in order to create not only unequal rulings but a tremendously unfair advantage for one candidate and a disadvantage to the other in this election?

Is it because there would be other strong candidates who have the courage and understanding to speak to the climate of fear and low morale as well as the misdirected priorities and funds that currently exist in San Diego city schools? Is it the fact that Ms. Arballo was endorsed by the San Diego Education Association and the Classified School Employees? Or is it the fact that Ms. Arballo has spoken to the superintendent and the former chancellor Anthony Alvarado about what she saw as injustices?

How fair is it that now only Luis Acle and Ben Hueso will appear on the ballot, whereas Pilar Arballo, as well as Guadalupe Corona, the other SDEA-endorsed candidate, must wage write-in campaigns, and only the top two vote-getters will go on to the November final election? Isn't the elected school board supposed to represent the community in education, not be under city council, big business and development political power control?

While many of our students' parents are risking their lives in Iraq in the name of freedom and justice and everything America stands for, shouldn't our political system and education reflect the fairness that we Americans hold so dear? Instead, many San Diego teachers have often felt that they are trying to teach in a repressive, dictatorial administration, and an obvious unethical political manipulation is allowed to occur in America's Finest City to try to silence a voice for our children.

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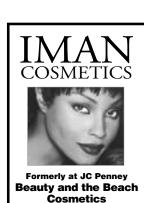


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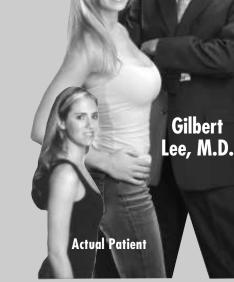
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perception of who Activist San Diego is and the nature of our relationship with Mr. Suarez del Solar.

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The casual ad hoc relationship implied in the article is not accurate. Mr. Suarez del Solar's organization, Guerreo Azteca, was founded, among other missions, to spread the truth about the war/occupation in Iraq and in other theaters and to establish a scholarship fund in his son's memory. Activist San Diego acts as fiscal sponsor, provides administrative and logistical support, and performs other functions as needed. As such, Guerreo Azteca is a formal program of Activist San Diego, with full programmatic, administrative, and fiscal responsibility. We are honored that this is so.

It has been, and continues to be, a pleasure and a privilege to serve the San Diego, national, and international communities with Francisco. We look forward to a long and ever more fruitful affiliation with him and his works.

Activist San Diego's tagline is indeed "Networking for Social Justice." However, since our founding more than five years ago, we have in many ways outgrown that single although still vital

In the past year alone, Activist San Diego, with the help and support of the thousands of our members and subscribers, has endeavored to expand the dialog and increase the voice of those outside the established power structure in the greater San Diego region. Yes, we are still committed to networking — our weekly e-zine and our

website garner thousands of hits weekly, and we have become one of the "go to's" for all those who want to plug into the progressive community in this city. We are strong proponents of relationship- and coalition-building and have worked with the Coalition for Peace and Justice since its founding, as well as with others who share our passion for justice and our insistence on integrity.

We have been, and continue to be, out front in support of the grocery workers' strike, forming relationships with the workers on the line, as well as facilitating dialog, solidarity, resolve (both for workers and for the overwhelming majority of San Diegans who have refused to cross the picket lines — in what has become a more than fourmonth struggle), and enduring partnerships that will continue long after the workers are back at their

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We have made vital connections with the faith community and other communities of conscience — we are committed to providing a place of acknowledgment, safety, challenge, and affirmation, not only for those in churches, temples, mosques, and other places of worship and reflection who fear (or know) their views and understandings are at odds with their peers, but also for those in the progressive community who wonder how to integrate their call of conscience with their commitment to justice.

There is more, like our cultural offerings and our forums that encourage intelligent, passionate, civil debate, but those interested can join the community of

like-minded San Diegans and visit our website at www.activistsandiego.org.

San Diego deserves alternative voices and visions, and orgs like Activist San Diego, who seek to listen to, magnify, and multiply those voices and visions, are an important contribution to the cultural, social, and political landscape.

Lace Watkins Co-Chair Activist San Diego

Psycho Dobie

A friend of mine forwarded me the February 12 article "Rescue People Are Very Angry" by Ernie Grimm ("City Lights"). Animal behavior specialist Marlena Young is quoted as saying, "There was a Doberman in New Jersey, in the last few months, that was adopted out after 87 days in a shelter where he never showed any aggression. The staff liked this dog, it was great, they adopted him out. Ten days later, he killed a woman." Ms. Young is leaving out some important facts about that incident, namely that the reason the Doberman had been turned in to the shelter to begin with is that it had inflicted bites on the neck, face, and back of its previous owner that required 46 stitches to repair.

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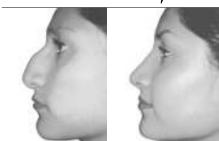
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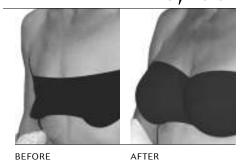
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owner (who should have euthanized the dog) and on the part of the shelter (for not euthanizing the dog or at least informing possible adopters about the reason the dog was in the shelter), Ms. Young has no reason to use this incident as a means for promoting the Sternberg style of testing. There is no guarantee this dog would not have passed the tests either. After all, this dog lived for three years before having an incident,

then spent 87 days in a shelter and 10 more in a new home before a second incident

Common sense says that a dog which attacks three body portions and inflicts 46 stitches' worth of damage to its previous owner should not be considered adoptable.

> Michael Jankowski via e-mail

A Concerned Catholic It was with sadness that I read the January 22 "Kid

Mrs. Albright stated that she had miscarried three babies in the last seven months. She said her body "won't do this anymore." It seems to me that I recall another column about a year ago describing her decision to begin taking Prozac. I wonder if she is still taking the drug, as spontaneous abortion is among its many serious side effects for some peo-

ple. If so, I would urge her

to avoid becoming pregnant until she quits taking

the drug. It's not fair to the

babies to be aborted before

birth, because they die

without the benefit of

Stuff" column in which

baptism.

Mrs. Albright's husband was then quoted as saying, "One more in Heaven." On the contrary, Christ has affirmed in Holy Scripture (John 3:5) that no one enters heaven without baptism. The church teaches that babies who die without baptism go to Limbo, where they do not see the face of God because, through no fault of their own, they bear the stain of original sin which only baptism can remove. They enjoy forever a state of natural happiness as they have not received the supernatural destiny which comes only with sanctifying grace imparted in baptism.

The loss of the beatific vision does not fill the souls in Limbo with regret, because they know it is beyond their capacity, was never due them, is impossible to attain, and they do not worry about it in the least. Also, there is no question of injustice in regard to Limbo. Sanctifying grace (a sharing of the life of God in the soul) is, by definition, something which is not due to us and is a free gift, which God gives to whom He will. Thus, if God gives His grace (a sharing in His life) to one individual but not to another, the latter suffers no injustice whatsoever.

Nonetheless, I would urge the Albrights not to continue becoming pregnant with the hope that a new life might be able to survive in the toxic environment caused by Prozac. Experimenting with toxic chemicals that poison and cause malfunction is not right when it affects the eternity of someone else. Why limit someone else's happiness because of a lack

of good judgment on our part? They are in my prayers.

A Concerned Catholic

Anne Albright responds: A number of studies have been conducted relating to Prozac and miscarriage. While a 1997 study suggested an increased risk for miscarriage in those women taking Prozac, later studies determined that the risk was related to the maternal depressive disorder itself, not the medication.

With regard to the state of infants who have died without baptism, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God.... Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused Him to say, 'Let the children come to Me, do not hinder them,' allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism."













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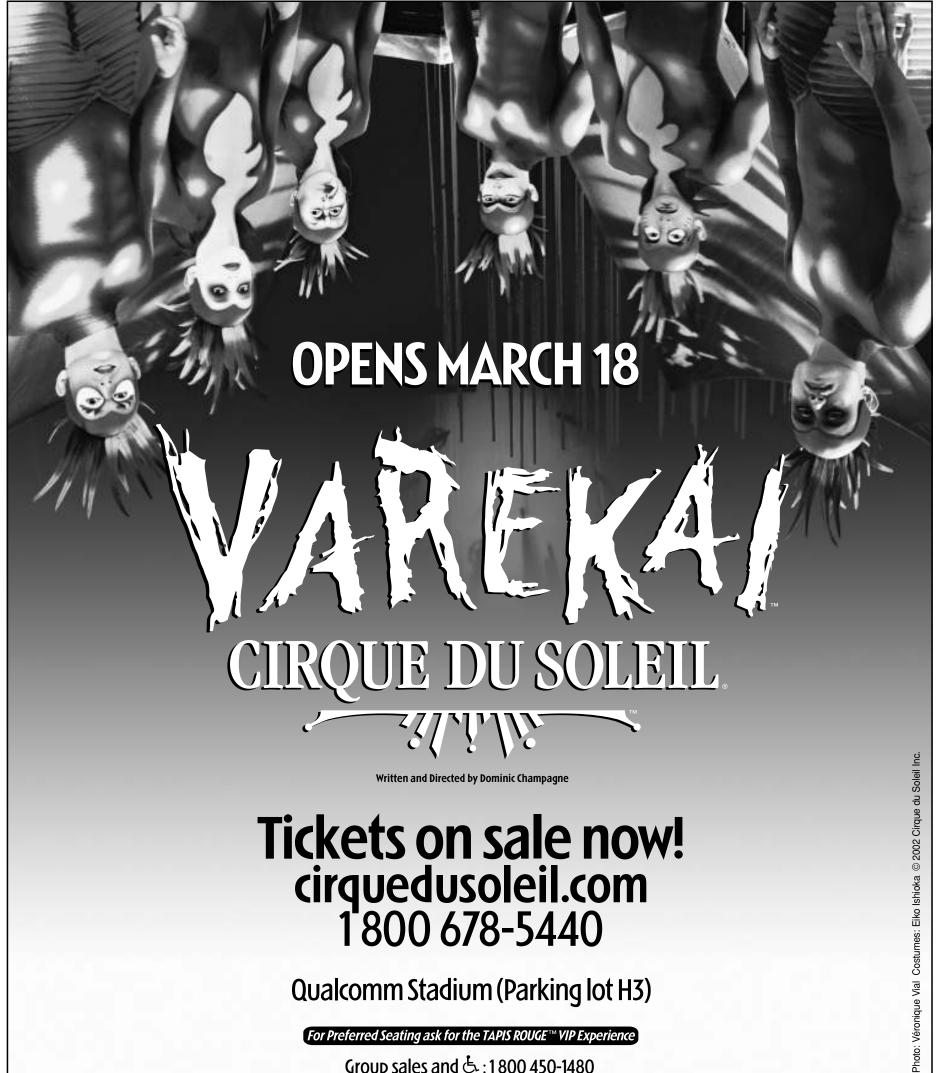
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I Scare People

Creative Person Time Management

s a creative person, I favor the right side of my brain, and the right side has no concept of time," says Lee Silber, author of Time Management for the Creative Person.

By his own account, Silber, who has written ten other motivational books, has personally conquered the worst habits of artists everywhere. Maybe that's why he often switches from first to third person when he talks about

them.
"They can't judge how long it takes to get from point A to point B," he says. "'Ten miles? That should take ten minutes. Sixty miles an hour, right?' But everything takes twice as long as you think it will."

The 39-year-old Silber, who lives with his wife in Mission Beach, uses beepers, kitchen timers,

LOCAL **EVENTS**

with large faces to keep him aware of time's

passage. Does he micro-schedule himself, right down to things like flossing? "I do, even though that's atypical of a creative person. When I write my to-do list, I note how long I think each task will take. And if I add it all up and it's 88 hours, I have ask myself, 'What do I want to do? What do I really need to do? What do other people want me to do?' That way, I eliminate unnecessary actions and get a more realistic sense of what I can accomplish in a 12- or 14-hour

Is he typically on time for appointments — or early? (It's a given he's not late.) "I'm early. Often, others are late because they're afraid being early will waste their time. But you know me: I bring my sketch pad and I have my tapes.

Silber claims to sketch at long red lights: "I'll draw the car next to me or the person picking their nose, or try to create what I'm hearing on the radio. I always have a sketch pad on the passenger seat." As for the tapes: "I scare people because I can quote from certain well-known tapes. I've heard them so many times. I can even do the inflections of, say, Zig Ziglar [author of *The View from the* Top Is Magnificent] and Tony Robbins [whose best-known title is Get the Edge].

Besides lacking time awareness, creative people are easily distracted, Silber says. It's a trait of "divergent thinkers" — or people whose "minds go in a million different directions at

Divergent thought is what wakes creative people up at three a.m., "because divergent thinking is hard to turn off," says Silber. "Usually the

reason why you were awakened is because you had a great idea, and if you keep some paper by the bed and just write it down, you can go back to sleep. It's when you don't download it, so to speak, that your mind keeps thinking about it." If after making a note the thought persists, get up and run with it, he suggests. "I get my best work done in the middle of the night."

Easily distracted people should organize their work space carefully, says Silber. "Think of your office as the command center in *Star Trek* where you just swivel around and everything is there." If you have to get up to get something, be wary, creative thinkers. "You pass a magazine. 'Oh, that looks interesting.' The next thing you know, you've wasted an hour."

Some distractions are not of one's own making, of course. Think of house guests. "They're on vacation and you're not. You need to set up a resource center for them — maps, bus schedules, things to do. Make them selfsufficient, so it's not a burden on

What about party guests who stay too long? What a time waster that is! "Sometimes a subtle hint doesn't work, so you have to make it seem like it's their idea to leave. So you ask, 'What do you have going tomorrow? Oh, that sounds like a lot of work. You probably need to get some sleep.' And then they'll say, 'I gotta go.'

How does a micro-scheduled guy deal with holidays, birthdays, and other schedule disrupters? "To those who have a large fan-base" i.e., lots of friends and family -"instead of 'Divide and conquer,' I say, 'Combine and conquer.' Have everyone together and see them all at once. 'Love you, love you, love you.' Yes, *you* have the one party that everyone comes to, at your house. Although it sounds like a lot more work, in the long run it's a time saver."

Silber is a frequent public speaker, which is not to say lecturer. "I never do a lecture." Instead, this weekend, as always, he will give "an interactive demonstration," with audience participation. "They'll not only listen, but they'll talk, they'll touch, they'll play. They'll use all five senses to learn. That seems to get people the message, and it stays with them a lot longer.

– Jeanne Schinto

Lee Silber, author of "Time Management for the **Creative Person**" Saturday, February 28, noon San Diego Technical Books, Inc. **4240 Kearny Mesa Road** Free 858-279-4990 or www.booksmatter.com

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RAIA

The Orchestra of Baja California performs works by Vivaldi, Beethoven, Revueltas, Lutoslawski in concerts beginning at 8 p.m. Febru-

ary 26-28. See the orchestra on Thursday at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), on Friday in Mexicali's Teatro del Estado and on Saturday in Ensenada at Teatro de la Ciudad. Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0182. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

"Baja California: Archaeology in Mexico," expo opens Friday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. Continues through March. (TIJUANA)

Selections by Beethoven performed by violinist Alyze Dreiling and pianist Myron Fink on Friday, February 27, at 8 p.m., at Café de la

Opera (Calle 5a, Colonia Libertad). 011-52-664-686-3280. (TIJUANA)

Ten Pianos in Concert, Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. Concerts begin at 7 and 9 p.m. each night at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Tickets: \$15 and \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600, (TUUANA)

Luis Miguel in Concert, Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 11 p.m. each night, at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets range from \$100 to \$350 U.S. Reservations: 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Dance Festival presented by University Dance Company, Minerva Tapia Company, and Lux Boreal, Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m., at Teatro IMSS (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). \$6 U.S. 619-594-6824. (TIJUANA)

Mountain Bike Ride slated for Sunday, February 29, 8 a.m., at Rancho Bustamente, Playas de Tijuana. Registration: \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-630-3496. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

The Comedy Contratiempo performed Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3, at Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Curtain rises at 7 and 9:30 p.m. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Ice Plant is responsible for many of the carpetlike splashes of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're now

seeing around San Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing ugly cuts or stabilizing steep, easily eroded slopes, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, road embankments in Rancho Santa Fe and Balboa Park, and front yards from Point Loma to El Cajon

Manzanita Shrubs are starting to bloom this month in the foothill areas of the Cleveland National Forest. The various manzanitas, characterized by smooth, reddish bark and tough, leathery leaves, bear myriad tiny white to pinkishwhite, urn-shaped blossoms. Large (decades-old) manzanitas can be seen around Julian. Unfortunately, some of the nicest Manzanita specimens in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park were incinerated in the recent Cedar Fire. Along the coast a similar but less attractive manzanita thrives - mission manzanita.



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See Native Flowers, Wildlife, and views during Black Mountain Open-Space Park nature walk, Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m., at 12115 Black Mountain Road. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-538-8021. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m., start-



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ing from park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover downtown Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m., starting at

southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free (ESCONDIDO)

Last Chance! 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.

Fire-Blackened Slopes in Mission Trails Regional Park are returning to green, and wildflowers will soon be in bloom. Experienced trail guide leads walk through chaparral and coastal sage scrub and discusses wildfire ecology and other aspects of natural history of area on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, February 28, 29, March 3. Outings begin at 9:30 a.m. at visitors' center, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275, (MISSION GORGE)

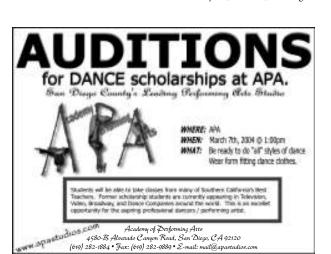
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Wildlife Assist Orientations. Saturday, February 28, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street), and Sunday, February 29, at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. For times, call 619-921-6044. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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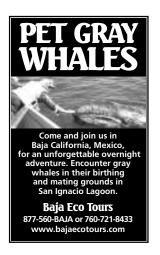
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Jupiter, the brilliant, starlike object glowing like a beacon in the eastern sky after nightfall, comes to "opposition" (180° away from the sun) on Wednesday, March 3. Rising at sunset and setting at sunrise, the giant planet is as close and as bright as it will get this year. Jupiter can be recognized not only by its exceptional brilliance, but also by its tendency not to twinkle as much as the other stars do. Jupiter's light, which emanates from a tiny "disk" (as opposed to a pinpoint) in the sky, is less susceptible to optical distortions when passing through Earth's atmosphere. Generally speaking, any planet seen in the sky twinkles much less than any stars appearing in the same part of the sky.

Architectural Heritage Tours offered by Committee of 100, first Wednesday of each month, including March 3. Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of visitors' information center, in Plaza de Panama. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

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DANCE

"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 March 14 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue).

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Bellydance Gala with performances by Seattle dancer Abhira, Talia, Lucia, Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., at Club Cleopatra in Nagi's Bar and Grill (501 West Broadway). \$5. 619-233-5933. (DOWNTOWN)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Dunya Dance with soloists Angell and Mariela and live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, February 27, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)



Rumba Dance Workshop: Yambu, Guaguanco, Columbia, hailing from Havana, Cuba, Juan Carlos Blanco teaches workshops 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, February 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)

Thor Sutowski's Full-Length Swan Lake is presented by California ballet Company, February 28 and 29, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Guest artists include Patricia Barker and Stanko Milov. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$29-\$75.858-560-6741. (POWAY)

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). (IA JOLLA)

Au Contraire makes the music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance on Saturday, February 28, 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)

Mambo and Latin-Style Workshops, Saturday, February 28, at a Time to Dance Performing Arts Studio (3982 30th Street). Workshop: noon to 5:30 p.m. (\$20); dance social: 8 p.m. (\$10); fullevent pass \$60. Registration: 619-297-6401. (NORTH PARK)

all levels, no partner required — new sessions taught by Jim and Margie of 2toGroove Dance start Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). \$60 for series, \$12 per class. (POINT LOMA)

The duo also presents swing dance classes for all levels on Wednesday, beginning March 3, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Pay \$60 in advance for series, \$12 per class. 619-291-3775.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performs 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, Heart Song, Rainbow

Joan Rivers at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort, February 27 (see In Person)

rected by Carlo Mazzacurati, screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, February 27, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). 619-237-0601. \$2. (LITTLE ITALY)

The 1953 Cult Classic *The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T* screens as part of the 100th birthday celebrations for Dr. Seuss offered by City of San Diego Libraries.

See the film, conceived and written by Geisel, on Saturday, February 28, 1 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). Repeats on Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (DOWNTOWN, MISSION VALLEY)

"Connie Stay Home," described as "an antiwar documentary filmed here in San Diego during the Vietnam War," screens Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Requested donation: \$10. 619-692-3686. (HILLCREST)

"La Traviata" screens with presentation by UCSD music faculty member Carol Plantamura, Saturday, February 28, 5 p.m., in Erickson B-210 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Nominated for Foreign Language Oscar in 2001, Elling centers on two discharged mental patients trying to find their places in society. The film — in Norwegian with English subtitles — screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

First Monday Films, series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" continues with *The Black Robe*, March 1, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

The German Film *Beyond Silence* screens for World Cinemas Series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"A Corner in Wheat," Revenge of the Kinematograph Cameraman, Felix the Cat Dines and Pines, The Electric House all screen when Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films performs Wednesday, March 3, 10 and 11 p.m., at UCSD's Ché Cafe. Audience members help



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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

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

"Consensus in Science: How Do We Know We're Not Wrong? Ponder this question when Scripps Institution of Oceanography climate research professor Richard Somerville speaks for Humanities Dialogues series, Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., in room 110 of Peterson Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

"Zoos, Gnus, and Views: Is the Zoo Getting Its Wildlife Education Message Across?" Question is mulled when Jen Borgen speaks at Audubon Society meeting, Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., in Peninsula Community Room, 3740 Sports Arena Boulevard, suite 2. Free. 619-682-7200. (POINT LOMA)

"Fragments and Fabrications:

The Restoration and De-Restoration of Roman Sculpture" examined when Nancy Ramage speaks for Archaeological Institute of America, Friday, February 27, 7:15 p.m., in Adams Humanities room 4176 at San Diego State University. Free. 619-887-6400. (SDSU)

"Understanding Women in African Art," exhibit of masks, figures, ceramics, and beadwork addressing gender concepts in Africa in Mesa College Learning Resource Center opens with reception and "Look for the Women" lecture by Barbara Winston Blackmun, Friday, February 27, 5 p.m. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-461-5930. (KEARNY MESA)

"Pre-Columbian Art" examined when UC Santa Barbara art history professor Jeanette Peterson speaks for docent guest lecture series on Friday, February 27, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Musical Scoring for Film" presented by commercial music instructor Christy Coobatis and film director Brian Poffenberger,



Swan Lake performed by California Ballet at San Diego Civic Theatre, February 28 and 29 (see Dance)

Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Free. 760-795-6612. (OCEANSIDE)

"English and Irish Wills and Probate" discussed by June Hanson and Mary Russell when British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m. to noon, Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266.

Learn About Untraditional "Party Sushi" when Junko Benoit leads class, Saturday, February 28, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. \$25. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Workshop Songwriting (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and house concert (7 p.m.) by Steve Seskin, hosted by Nashville Songwriters Association International, Saturday, February 28, at John Lane's Studio (10485 Viacha Drive). Workshop: \$30; house concert only: \$12; workshop and concert: \$40. Registration: 858-1884-1401.

Cross Talk, view Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ on Saturday, February 28, 1:25 p.m., at Pacific Theater (Clairemont Square, 4665 Clairemont Drive). Then discuss the controversial film at 4:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall at P.B. Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue), with dinner and panel discussion with rabbi, Catholic priest, Protestant minister.





Fees, reservations: 858-273-9312 x112. (CLAIREMONT, PACIFIC BEACH)

"A Woman's Eye View of Cuba Today: Cuba Sí, U.S. Blockade No!" Anne Hoiberg of United Nations Association of San Diego discusses her recent trip to Cuba for Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Free. 858-259-5690. (LA JOLLA)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at REI. Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, \$60; nonmembers \$75. REI, 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"A History of the Boy Scouts" offered by assistant Scoutmasters Pete Myers and T.I. Valla, Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m., at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861 Mission Avenue). Scouting videos and experts on hand to answer questions, noon to 5 p.m. Free. 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

Family Tree Maker Class (part two), this one-day class offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society and instructor Dorothy Miller, Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). \$17.50. Registration: 760-630-5720. (CARLSBAD)

"Garden Landscape Drawing (Plein Air) for Landscape Designers, Muralists, Nature Lovers" led

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ralist Linda Luisi, Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). \$50. Reservations: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts seminar on "The Wonderful World of Macaws," Saturday, February 28, in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way).

The topic is "Basic Avian Care" on Sunday, February 29. Both talks begin at 1 p.m. in room D-6. \$15 per talk. Suggested reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Ventriloquism Workshops planned by professional ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, Saturdays, February 28 and March 6, 9 a.m., in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. For adults and those over ten. \$20. Required reservations: 760-737-0901. (BALBOA PARK)

Watermedia Techniques demonstrated by Sue Hiatt for Southwestern Artists Association, Monday, March 1, 10 a.m., in Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Beginning/Refresher Genealogy Courses offered by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society and Carlsbad Library. Jump in on Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., for remaining five sessions. Free; registration required, 760-757-0528. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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signers, their influence on modern techniques. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK) "Life's Journeys...Hope. Growth, and Positive Change" is topic when author Judith Viorst speaks for Vista Hill Women's Council on Mental Health, Tuesday, March 2, noon, at Hyatt Re-

"Nature's Own Back Yard:

Historical Landscape Design in San Diego" addressed during lec-

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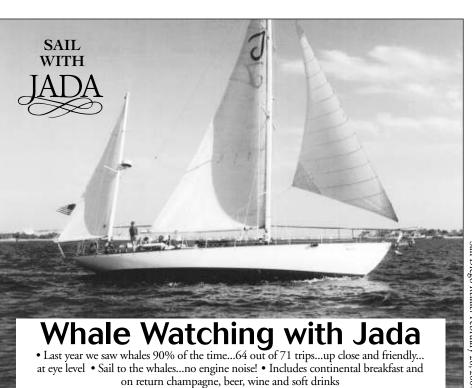
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University Avenue). 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 3. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Landscape Design" essentials covered by Dave Ehrlinger during "Home Landscape Class" at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m. \$9. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"Captured Moments." an exhibit by "thematic painter' H. Maleki, is on view through Friday, March 19, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304). Lecture by Maleki on Thursday, March 4, 11 a.m. (SAN MARCOS)

Pros and Cons of Possible Future Airport Locations discussed by Joe Craver of San Diego County Regional Airport Authority for Clairemont Town Council, Thursday, March 4. Meeting held at 7 p.m. in cafeteria of Clairemont High School (4150 Ute Street). Free. 858-274-5539. (CLAIREMONT)

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

The Musical Comedy Once Upon a Mattress is next production for tyros at Mount Carmel High School, February 26 through March 6. Shows begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 6. Find the school at 9550 Carmel Mountain Road. Tickets: \$5, \$8. $858-484-1180\ x3366$. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

"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)

Master Conga Drummer Wing! performs in celebration of Black History Month, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

"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



"Acts of Folly" by Phil Johnson at Tifereth Israel Synagogue February 28 (see In Person)

Wildlife, Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. 858-454-9176 or 512-635-6933. (LA JOLLA)

Billy Joe Shaver performs in concert hosted by AcousticMusic-SanDiego.com, Friday, February 27. Ellis Paul and Vance Gilbert take the stage on Sunday, February 29. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets are \$15 per concert. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Author Jennifer Coburn signs The Wife of Reilly, Friday, February 27, 12:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

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)

Four-Term Ohio Congressman and Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis J. Kucinich speaks on "The Role of the U.S. in Preventing Deadly Conflict," Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Requested reservations: 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

"Little Shop of Horrors" is presented by students of Guajome Park Academy February 27-29 at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$5 general. 760-940-0337. (CARLSBAD)

"Raising the Roof," folk music concert benefiting Habitat for Humanity, Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Requested donation: \$10. Performers include Anne Feeney, Pat Humphries and Sandy O, Rachael Davis, Rachel Bissex, others, 858-453-5990, (HILLCREST)

Comedienne Joan Rivers takes 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)

Cavalcade of Comedy presented by Rotary Club of Point Loma, Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., at United Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). \$20. 619-223-4149. (POINT LOMA)

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"Thicker Than Water" - incorporating song, percussion, and American Sign Language into her stories, Diane Ferlatte performs for Storytellers of San Diego, Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Ferlatte accompanied by Erik Pearson on banjo and guitar. Suitable for adults and those over 12. \$7. Reservations: 619-289- $6363\ or\ 619\text{-}260\text{-}4585.\ (\text{LINDA VISTA})$

"Acts of Folly" presented by comedian Phil Johnson, Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). The piece "chronicles his comic musical journey in the theater from singing for Grandma to Broadway." Tickets: \$20, \$25, 619-697-6001, (SAN CARLOS)

Master Storvtellers from Black Storytellers Association gather to present program for children and adults, Saturday, February 28, 3:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. Free. (ENCANTO)

"American Bandstand." annual variety show hosted by San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note. Saturday, February 28, 4:30 p.m., in auditorium at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets for show: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Reservations: 619-460-2472. (SAN CARLOS)

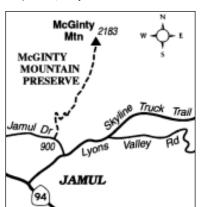
"Evening of Smooth Jazz with Richard Elliot," Saturday, February 28, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Silent auction at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20, \$30, benefiting L.R. Green School. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Demonstration by Lee Silber based on his book Time Management for the Creative Person, Saturday, February 28, noon, at San Diego Technical Books (4240 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 858-279-4990. (LINDA VISTA)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Rising like a scruffy whaleback above a sea of luxury homes and ranchettes in Jamul, McGinty Mountain hosts a rich but circumspect treasure of botanical oddities. Several rare and endangered plant species make their home here on soils derived from a relatively uncommon form of bedrock called gabbro. Over half of California's remaining specimens of Dehesa beargrass cling to the mountain's rocky spine. The endemic San Diego thornmint, its habitat reduced by 90 percent during the past century by urbanization, survives here, as does San Miguel savory, Parry's Tetracoccus, and Gander's butterweed. Some of these plants are believed to be relict species, once common but now almost squeezed out of existence by gradual climate changes occurring over the past 10,000 years or more.



much Today, McGinty Mountain lies within a preserve created by the Nature Conservancy, and a public trail leads intrepid hikers to the mountain's summit ridge. To reach the trail's starting point, follow Lyons Valley Road 0.7 mile north from Highway 94 at Jamul, turn left on Jamul Drive, and proceed 0.4 mile to the gated entrance. Park on the shoulder of Jamul Drive and walk in.

On foot, follow a wide path north up along a shallow draw. After 0.3 mile.

just shy of a crest, turn right on a switchbacking trail that quickly rises to the McGinty Mountain ridge. Trained eyes might pick out some of the rarer plants, but mostly you'll notice the typical sagescrub and chaparral vegetation — already turning attractively green and aromatic in response to the recent rains. Look for the somewhat unusual coast spice bush (a member of the citrus family) and the common Our Lord's Candle yucca, whose tall flower stalks bear white blossom clusters in the early spring. Clumps of Dehesa beargrass appear higher up, looking somewhat like poor cousins of the common yuccas. They can be identified by their diminutive stature and fibrous, pale green, ribbon-like leaves. Note also the perfumelike scent of Cleveland sage.



On the road to McGinty Mountain

The panoramic view expands as you get higher, easily encompassing most of the border-region peaks from Tecate Peak to San Miguel Mountain. Off to the west, beyond Mount Helix and Cowles Mountain, you can sometimes spot the ocean - dark blue or glistening with sun glare, depending on the time of day.

After about one mile in all, you meet an old dirt road atop the ridgeline. Turn left (north) to set a course for McGinty Mountain's rounded, 2183-foot summit, another 1.5 miles away. You'll be returning on the same route, so take note of any intersecting roads that might cause confusion on your way back. In a few places, the road is steep and slippery, so be sure to wear shoes or boots having a tread with plenty of traction.

"Golden Oldies Tribute Show and Grease Tribute" by Imitators

of Rock Legends, Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Live song and dance tribute to Jerry Lee Lewis, Aretha Franklin, Buddy Holly, others. Music in Our Schools benefits. Tickets: \$20-\$25. 858-748-0505.

Café Mojalet, benefit event for Mojalet Dance Collective, Sunday, February 29, 6 to 10 p.m., at San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Performances by Cindy Frerking, Mojalet Dance Collective, dancing,

food, silent auction. \$25. Reservations: 858-679-0979. (HILLCREST)

Suspense Author Scott Phillips signs and discusses Cottonwood, Sunday, February 29, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free, 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT)

The Chicago-Based Duo Small Potatoes performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Tribute to Canto Simon Bermanis" offered by Center for Jewish Cultural Renaissance, Sunday, February 29, 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Program includes arias, Broadway tunes, cantorial and Israeli selections, production numbers from Fiddler on the Roof. Performances by tenor Jose Medina, soprano Mary Jaeb, cantor Leon Natker, Broadway Bound Youth Theatre Students. Tickets: \$18-\$52. Reservations: 858-748-0505, (POWAY)

San Diego Poet Anne Wilson reads from her work, Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue). Reception for poet at 6:30 p.m.; open mike follows. Free. 760-480-4101. (ESCONDIDO)

Florida Crime Author Tim Dorsey visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign Cadillac Beach, Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Traditional and Contemporary Scottish and Irish folk music may be heard when Christopher Dean performs for First Wednesday series, March 3, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission is free, available on a first-come, firstserved basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Eldar Djangirov Trio performs for Jazz in the Park series, Wednesday, March 3, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Business Consultant and Senior Executive Ken Major signs and discusses Values-Based Leadership: A Revolutionary Approach to Business Success and Personal Prosperity, Wednesday, March 3, 11:30 a.m., in Hahn University Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-295-7140. (LINDA VISTA)

Poetry Unlimited — featuring poet Kelli Parrish, music by Rob Atesalp and Francis Teller - convenes Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

The First 22 Years in life of Ted Geisel examined in Kathleen Krull's Boy on Fairfield Street, which she'll sign and discuss, Wednesday, March 3, 7 p.m., at University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Willie Perdomo Reading, Wednesday, March 3, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Perdomo is author of Smoking Lovely, Where a Nickel Costs a Dime, Postcards of El Barrio, \$7, 619-230-1869, (EAST VILLAGE)

New York Poet Patrick Donnelly - described as "brilliant" by local poetry maven Steve Kowit reads from his work, Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., in library room L-238 at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Free. 619-482-6461. (CHULA VISTA)

Traditional Irish Music and Dance promised when Cobblestone and Marci Phelan perform Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz Vocalist Ellen Johnson and her "four-octave vocal range" may be heard in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University with Rick Helzer (piano), Gunnar Biggs (bass) in concert Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m. Free. 619-594-

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Traditional Irish and Appalachian Music on tap when Lime in the Harp performs Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m.,

at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007.

Former Marine Officer David Morris signs *Storm on the Horizon*, a study of modern combat, Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

The Valparaiso University Chamber Concert Band begins its West Coast tour with a stop on Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Band will perform contemporary concert band works and celebrate band works and celebrate band works and celebrate band works and relebrate Sousa's birth with several of his compositions. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"We Are Still Here" — this play by Leigh Podgorski is story of Katherine Siva Saubel and the Chuilla Indians, told through original legends, narratives, and scenes from Saubel's life. Play performed with all-Native American cast, Thursday, March 4, 6:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Free. 800-988-4253 or 760-750-4366. (ESCONDIDO)

The Return of Rock, comedian Chris Rock brings his Black Ambition Tour back to perform Sunday, March 7, 8 p.m., at Pala Casino (15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$65, \$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

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What thoughts I have of you tonight, Walt Whitman, for I walked down the sidestreets under the trees with a headache self-conscious looking at the full moon.

In my hungry fatigue, and shopping for images, I went into the neon fruit supermarket, dreaming of your enumerations!

What peaches and what penumbras! Whole families shopping at night! Aisles full of husbands! Wives in the avocados, babies in the tomatoes!

— and you, García Lorca, what were you doing down by the watermelons?

I saw you, Walt Whitman, childless, lonely old grubber, poking among the meats in the refrigerator and eyeing the grocery boys.

I heard you asking questions of each: Who killed the pork

chops? What price bananas? Are you my Angel?

I wandered in and out of the brilliant stacks of cans following

you, and followed in my imagination by the store detective.

We strode down the open corridors together in our solitary fancy tasting artichokes, possessing every frozen delicacy, and never passing the cashier.

Where are we going, Walt Whitman? The doors close in a hour. Which way does your beard point tonight?

(I touch your book and dream of our odyssey in the supermarket and feel absurd.)

Will we walk all night through solitary streets? The trees add shade to shade, lights out in the houses, we'll both be lonely.

Will we stroll dreaming of the lost America of love past blue automobiles in driveways, home to our silent cottage?

Ah, dear father, graybeard, lonely old courage-teacher, what America did you have when Charon quit poling his ferry and you got out on a smoking bank and stood watching

the boat disappear on the black waters of Lethe? (Berkeley, 1955)

— Allen Ginsberg

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The Most Swinging Big Band!

Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra return in concert, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$45-\$65, 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Comedian and Actor Paul Rodriguez entertains, along with guests Joey Medina and Alex Reymundo, Saturday, 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)

SPORTS

Critical Mass Community Bike Ride open to all ages and levels of bicycling proficiency, Friday, February 27. Enjoy "gently paced ride" around the city to "educate our community about an ecologi-

cally friendly" mode of trans-

portation. Begins at 7 p.m. at fountain in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Free. 619-347-3339. (BALBOA PARK)

Lyons Valley Ride led by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society, Saturday, February 28. The 55-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Gulls Hockey, San Diego Gulls host South Carolina Stingrays, Saturday, February 28, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Long Beach Ice Dogs arrive for game Sunday, February 29, 5:05 p.m. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

San Marcos-Bonsall Loop Ride, join Knickerbikers bicyclists for pedaling adventure, Saturday, February 28. The 35-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at Grappa's (328 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Bring money for lunch afterwards. 760-747-8622. (SAN MARCOS)

Epée, Foil, Sabre competition promised during Pacific Coast Youth/Junior Fencing Championships, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, at Balboa Park Activity Center (2145 Park Boulevard). Four hundred fencers, 8 to 19 years old, will participate. Free for spectators. 858-922-8112. (BALBOA PARK)

Saddlebred Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Pro-Am Bodyboarding Series, competition 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, on south side of Oceanside Pier (at foot of Mission Boulevard). 562-799-9611. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Players Wanted, Australian rules football practices on Sundays

at 10 a.m. at Standley Park (3585 Governor Drive); Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Robb Field (at western end of I-8). No cost to train or try out. 858-558-2239. (UNIVERSITY CITY, OCEAN BEACH)

Outback Express, time for a scenic 40-mile loop through "nearby unspoiled outback" with Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, February 29. Use a triple crank for challenging climbs; bring two or three water bottles, money for mid-ride snack. Outing starts at 9 a.m. near Starbucks (Town and Country Shopping Center, Jamacha Road and Willow Glen). 858-483-5877. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Spring Training! The San Diego Padres begin spring training games with a charity game in Seattle on Thursday, March 4, at 1:05 p.m. Future tickets: 877-374-2784.

Synchronized Skating National Championships hit the ice at San
Diego Sports Arena for competition March 4-7. More than 100

teams and 3000 skaters (8 to 75 years old) from across U.S. compete. Top two senior winners from this competition compete in Croatia in April.

Skating begins at 10 a.m., concluding after 10 p.m. each day. Tickets: \$18-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

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)

Climbathon, speed, difficulty, bouldering competitions planned during Outdoor Outreach event, Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Vertical Hold Sport Climbing Center (9580 Distribution Avenue). \$25 fee includes allday climbing, T-shirt, equipment rental and instruction for first-time climbers. Registration: 9 a.m. 619-238-5790. (MIRAMAR)

SPECIAL

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)

Tower After Hours, new series at San Diego Museum of Man gets underway with performance by 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, 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)

Zinfandel's Intriguing History in California explored during Planet Wine discussion and horizontal tasting, Thursday, February 26. Old World versus New World styles of "Magic Merlot" pondered on Thursday, March 4. Group gathers at 6:30 p.m. at Goldfish Point Cafe (1255 Coast Boulevard). \$15 fee (per week) includes tasting, presentation, study materials. Requested reservations: 858-459-7407. (LA JOLLA)

ConDor XI (pretty much nonstop) from February 27-29, at Del Mar Hilton (15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Guests of honor: Robert Silverberg, Karen Haber. Seminars and panels concerning science, sci-fi, fantasy, parties, dancing, films, gaming, art show, auction, dealers' room, more.

Tickets: \$45 for adults, free for kids under 12 with paying adult. 858-792-5200. (DEL MAR)

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mane Society, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Requested donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Exposed Roots: Majestic, Proud, Glorified," theme for 12th annual Kuumba Fest, February 27-29, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Friday night opens with African marketplace with vendors; art exhibit "Reflections of Our Heritage: Influences of the Diaspora" on view through festival.

Original gospel musicals *Black* in *Church* and *When the Past Speaks* offered, along with Take It (Dance and Step Showcase), educational workshops, more.

Ticket and schedules: 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Labyrinth Walk, use this "powerful tool for reflection, meditation, realignment, and a deeper knowledge of the self" on Friday, February 27, 6 to 9 p.m., at Midtown Church of Religious Science (in Spreckels Masonic Lodge, 3858 Front Street). Free. 619-291-4728. (HILLCREST)

Aromatherapy and Restorative Yoga Experience, Friday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., at YogaOne San Diego (1150 Seventh Avenue). No yoga experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, bring towel. Yoga instructor: Arati; aromatherapy by Ani. \$30. 619-294-7461. (DOWNTOWN)

National Ocean Sciences Bowl, Saturday, February 28, at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Twenty-three teams from 14 local high schools compete in the round-robin, double-elimination La Jolla Surf Bowl. Students tested on marine science knowledge with questions across a variety of subjects. Free for spectators. Competition starts at 10 a.m.,



"Whale Babies" at Birch Aquarium-Museum, February 28 (see For Kids)

finals around 3 p.m. 858-534-3474. (LA JOLLA)

Year of the Monkey Masquerade Ball, Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m. to midnight, at San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Live music, performances related to "the body sculpture," visual art in variety of media, live figure models for drawing, installations, more. Admission: \$7 general, \$5 "in costume/as art." 619-293-3858. (HILLCREST)

The 15th Annual Grapefruit Festival, commemorating end of grapefruit season, Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, in Christmas Circle. Free. 760-767-5555 or 800-559-5524. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Heritage Day Parade starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, at 49th and Logan, traveling east on Logan to Euclid Avenue, then north on Euclid to Euclid Medical Center (286 Euclid). Arts, crafts, vendor booths, live entertainment following parade. Free. 619-286-9989. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Red Carpet, Screen Tests, independent films, costume contest, light refreshments on offer during Oscars Eve Party benefiting San Diego Film Festival, Saturday, February 28, 8 p.m., at Caffé Calabria (3933 30th Street). Dress: "like a film star." Free. Required reservations: 619-584-4099. (NORTH PARK)

Peace Corps 43rd Anniversary Festival, Saturday and Sunday, February 28 and 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Horton Square (225 Broadway). Returned volunteers share artifacts and memorabilia, music, dance from all over the world. Free. 310-356-1108. (DOWNTOWN)

"Remember When" is theme for quilt exhibit sponsored by San Diego People of Color Quilt Guild, February 28 and 29, at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Show hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 619-527-3405. Free. (ENCANTO)

"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, Sunday, February 29,

2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). The short, silent film *A Natural Born Gambler* (1916) will also be screened. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

San Diego Stamp Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, February 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

"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)

"Self-Expression: A Harlem Renaissance," book discussion series concludes with *The Ways of White Folks* by Langston Hughes, Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). UCSD African-American literature professor Camille Forbes leads discussion. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

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



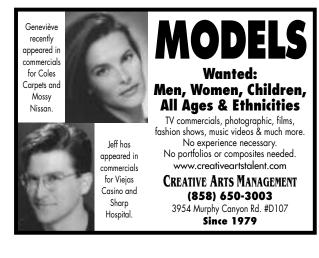
6 p.m. on Saturday, until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 (with return privileges). Ephemera exhibition runs concurrently.

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.

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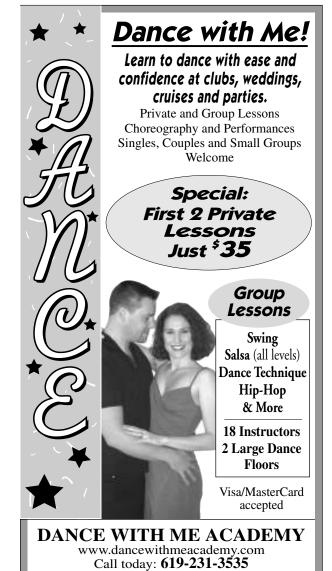
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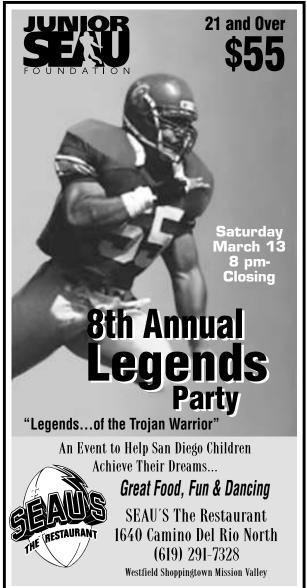
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Required "Grunion Greeter" workshop, Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Necessary reservations: 619-733-0725 by March 11. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

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)

"Sleeping Beauty" performed by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, February 29, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Country Mouse/City Mouse and The Monkey and the Crocodile presented by Puppet Express, March 3-7.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m.



Willie Perdomo Reading at Voz Alta, March 3 (see In Person

Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Center, Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

"Pinocchio" presented February 27-March 7 by cast of 40 young

North County actors at Hearth Theater (San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (except February 28, when the theater is dark). Tickets: \$6 youths, \$8 adults. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Rain Came Down" by Caldecott Honor winner David Shannon read during story time, Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Use Styrofoam Blocks for printmaking during Family Open Studio in conjunction with "Tamarind: 40 Years" exhibit on Saturday, February 28, 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Participants will use tools such as brayers, barrens, water-based ink. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. Free. For all ages. (LA COSTA)

What's It Like to Be a Whale Baby? Find out during class, Saturday, February 28, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum. Kids explore relationship between mother and calf, what babies eat, and how fast they grow. \$25. The aquarium is found at 2300 Expedition Way. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Botany for Kids, John conducts class, Sunday, February 29, 1 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Explore "José Guadalupe Posada's Mexico" during family festival hosted by San Diego Museum of Art, Sunday, February 29, noon to 4 p.m. Art-making activities, artist demonstrations, live entertainment, gallery tours in Spanish and English. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. Meet at visitor's center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Free, 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

MUSEUMS

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



Wayne Thiebaud Works on Paper at Tasende Gallery, February 28 through April 3 (see Galleries)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

California Surf Museum,

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter John-

son, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876.

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

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

Computer Museum of America,

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



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READING

When I Was Cool: My Life at the Jack Kerouac School



HarperCollins, 2004; 336 pages;

FROM THE DUST JACKET: As a restless kid on Long Island, Sam Kashner lapped up the beauty and madness of the Beats, living vicariously through the novels, poems, and stories of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and William Burroughs. Their words were revolutionary, and they turned their very lives into art. Kashner didn't want to just study the Beats, he wanted to be one of them. So when he heard that Ginsberg had founded an uncon-

ventional writing program in Boulder, Colorado, he convinced his parents that college could wait, and became the first certificate student of the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics.

In one motion, Kashner stepped out of a sheltered suburban life and plunged into the chaotic world of his idols. What

he discovered was both everything and not at all what he expected. The Beats were facing their twilight years and feeling it in their joints and in their minds. Some of them, like Ginsberg and Burroughs, had achieved international fame, while others, like Gregory Corso, had not, and were coming to the realization that they might never receive the recognition they deserved. In his new role as student, secretary, and psychiatrist, Sam Kashner was caught up in the hilarity of the hijinks and the crossfire of old arguments, finding himself in hot tubs with Ginsberg and on field trips to the marijuana ranch cultivated by Burroughs and his ill-fated son, Billy.

Out of this rich material Kashner brings us a funny, touching, and irreverent portrait of the Beats never before seen: one that explodes the myths surrounding these American icons, but one that is also deeply felt and full of admiration. After reading this book, you'll never look at the Beats in quite the same way again.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: With characteristic modesty, writer Kashner opens his memoir with a caveat to readers: this isn't an encyclopedic history of the beat generation. Rather, it's his own story of how it felt to leave home and learn to be a poet by hanging out with the great beat poets, albeit in their more gentled phase (past their road-tripping days, but still full of "crazy wisdom"). It was 1976 when Kashner, a fresh college dropout, decided to follow his dream and apply to the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, a yet-to-be-accredited division of the Buddhist Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado. As their first (and for a while only) student, Kashner's assignments included finishing and typing Allen Ginsberg's poems; preventing Gregory Corso from scoring heroin; cleaning the home of their guru, Rinpoche; and

mediating between William Burroughs Sr. and Jr., not to mention attending the odd lecture. Kashner undertook all this weirdness with fretful earnestness — e.g., forever worrying that Ginsberg would attempt to seduce him, that Corso would shoot up and he'd be branded a failure, that the school wouldn't get accredited and his parents would regret letting him go there, and that his lack of poetry expertise would be discovered by his teachers. Were this just the saga of an innocent in beat bohemia, Kashner's chronicle would be merely amusing, but his genuine love for his crazy-wise mentors makes this a curiously affecting coming-of-age story.

Booklist: Novelist and poet-at-heart Kashner has produced a kind of Almost Famous coming-of-age story both about the beginning of his life as a writer and about the end of the Beat generation of writers. A young Jewish boy without much life experience, Kashner is the perfect witness, simultaneously in awe and aghast. This memoir retraces Kashner's awakening to the very human flaws within his mentors and himself. Kashner is no Beat apostle or name-dropping "I knew them when" so-and-so. Instead, he's an honest, sensitive, and funny storyteller, a perceptive observer who sheds light and shares discovery with his readers. His memoir is about enlightenment, the kind that comes from looking back with compassion but with eyes wide open.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: "I was born in 1954," Mr. Kashner said one evening. He was speaking from his Virginia home, where he lives with his wife, a university professor. "I am going to be 50. Which is strange now because Gregory Corso, to me, was practically an ancient wizard when I was a student. And he was younger than I am now. But one of his lessons was that age is such a slid-

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

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

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China

were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Vic-

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

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

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose.

Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776 (JA MESA)

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

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

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

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

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

first operational jet engines.









ing scale that one shouldn't take it too seriously. I've given up caring whether I'm cool or not. After a while you just can't worry about such things.'

"No, no I really just live off my writing, unfortunately for my wife. She teaches. I do a lot of journalism — about what is mostly a kind of vanished world, that of older Hollywood."

'And vou have children?'

"No, sadly. That's a whole other book, our trying for years to have kids.'

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR ABOUT HIS BOOK: Mr. Kashner confessed to being "somewhat nervous about what readers would make of his book. There are a number of people around who are gatekeepers for Ginsberg and Burroughs. They haven't seen the book, but they were unhappy with the idea of it. I don't quite know what they were worried about. They didn't know what I did but this was not about chopping down the tall sequoias of American literature.'

'Also," I said, "those people you call 'gatekeepers' may well feel that the Beats are their industry, not yours.'

'There you go, exactly. But I guess they weren't so taken with the idea. I had letters and even poems that Allen had written for me and even a letter of recommendation from him to send me out in the world. I couldn't put any of it in the book because anything Allen put his hand to is considered his property. The people who survived Allen and who are in charge of the Ginsberg estate wouldn't give me permission to use it. So as sweet as some of it was, I couldn't use it. That was disappointing and frustrating. They were still worried I was writing a scandalous book about Allen and Burroughs. And I thought, 'Gosh, what a delicious irony this

is. They're worrying about Allen and Bill's reputations.' "

"As if no one cared that Burroughs shot and killed his wife." 'Yeah, no kidding. Yeah. So right. I mean, what was I going to do to tarnish their reputations?'

Your parents were so brave, I thought, to let you go off to Boulder. I was telling someone that the real heroes of this book are your parents.

"That's great. That's a brilliant reading of the book in a way because when I got through with it, I thought, 'Wow, you know, the coolest people in this book and the most effectual, ultimately, and the moral center of the universe of the book happen to be my mother and father."

"I was so impressed at how your dad, who was by no means well-to-do, gave you his Diner's Club card so you would eat well in Colorado.

"Right, yes, yes. I'm so glad you feel that way because to me that was the surprise of the book. My parents are much older now, obviously. And my father isn't even well. And so at this point to see that, it's very, very poignant to me, and if other people can come to feel that way by reading this story, I'm very moved by that and grateful for it."

"How many people with your parents' background would have let a child leave a college like Hamilton and go off to this goofy

"Exactly. Well, yeah; had they been 'better educated' or more sophisticated in some sort of obvious way, they may not have let me. At Hamilton I went to school with kids who were there simply because they had no choice. Could you imagine? It's sort of the George Bush continuum.'

"Why did you drop out of college and head for Boulder?"

"I was probably too young to appreciate having the privilege of going to college at all, doing nothing but reading and talking and learning and studying. But Hamilton seemed hopelessly square, and when I heard about the idea of Naropa, the Kerouac school, I mean, any opposition I may have had, I just sort of melted. I felt like I would step into one of Kerouac's novels.

We talked, then, about Ginsberg's work. "Allen," said Mr. Kashner, "is a terrible, terrible judge of his own poetry, in a way." "And there's so much of it."

"That's part of the problem. So much of it that he let us finish writing it for him. He gave me this poem, and I was just read-

"I was probably too young to appreciate having the privilege of going to college, doing nothing but reading and talking and learning and studying." ing it, and it was clearly a poem about giving his sort of legendary friend and muse, Neal Cassady, oral sex. I was a kid, 19 or 20. So at the time it was just completely beyond me and shocking, and what was I going to do with this? I had to finish it. I guess that was the first indication I had that I had fallen to the deep end of the pool and I wasn't even a pollywog. I needed water wings. He probably did it on purpose, in a way, as a kind of test.'

'Maybe he just didn't want to finish it.'

"Well, that could be. It wasn't a very good poem."

"Isn't it interesting how fascinated the Beats were with Neal? How the men and the women wanted to sleep with him? What

"I might have mentioned something in the book — maybe it got left out; I don't even remember now - about how fas-

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane - 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and

memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Flight," continuing through Tuesday, September 7, is described as "the largest display of significant fossils regarding the origins of birds ever shown outside of the People's Republic of China." The fossils on display are from Liaoning Province in northeastern China, rich in fossils dating from more than 120 million years ago. Exhibit includes 34 original fossils, 15 life-

sized sculptural restorations of fossils, historical models, over two dozen large photomurals and graphics.

"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien" features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

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

San Dieguito Heritage Museum,

the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711, (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

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cinated and afraid I was of the, for lack of a better word, 'gentile bully' in my high school named Jimmy Lederer, who was very tough and very blond and kind of skinny but in kind of a sinewy way, and he wore what we called 'hood shoes. You know, white, black-tipped shoes, and he drove a fast car, and he had girlfriends, and there's a rumor he had even made someone pregnant. I was terrified of him. He was a mean little guy. But there was something enviable to me about him.

"He was a bad boy, very comfortable with women. I was writing secret love poems to girls, and he was just treating them like crap. And they were coming back for more. So, the thing is, you're faced with this scary guy, but there's something very alluring about him; he represents that part of your personality that you don't dare give a flower to. "The reason I didn't go into this at any length has to do with Neal Cassady, because something clicked with me in thinking about Jimmy Lederer, and I realized that they must have felt this way about Neal, who was obviously a very damaged kid, perhaps a psychopath, don't you think? But very bright. Those kids often are. They can be very, very cagey and very smart — to be a good con man, you have to be smart. And especially when you're conning these kind of super intellects, as Neal was, and these kind of bookish men who really wanted to be Neal. I think he gratified something in their bookish natures."

"Jack certainly wanted to be Neal or like Neal."

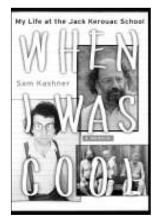
"I think he did. And, of course, Allen always was — I mean, whenever he wrote about Cassady, he would write about his musculature; he was very taken with him physically, although I also think Allen was very proud of how Peter [Ginsberg's longtime companion] could fix things up around the house and how easy it was for him to fix the plumbing. He really admired these manly household arts."

I suggested that Ginsberg struck me as the sort of man who liked what my gay uncle used to call "muscle magazines."

"That's true. I don't think it's in the book, but I remember the first time I went to the washroom at Allen's — after having some herbal tea, and I had a nature call, as we used to call it in school — there were about 50 copies of *Playgirl* magazine. It didn't dawn on me right away: I didn't understand it. Then it all dawned on me when I saw the Burt Reynolds centerfold.

"Állen didn't really acknowledge you from the neck down: Allen thought he was a disaster area. But he did admire that sort of physical culture. And it was a relief to him that some men could just simply be their bodies, and I think it's also why Allen had these fabulous crushes on the straight world and men in the straight world. It was very, very important to Allen that Neal's teacher in San Quentin had been a lover of the early homosexual activist Edward Carpenter (1844-1929), and Carpenter had been a lover of Whitman. So in this way they could trace their lineage.

"What do you think the



influence of the Beat generation has been on American culture?"

"Gosh. That is a daunting question. I'd like to know that myself. I think that they tapped into something in themselves and therefore in the American spirit that has to do with motion and the frontier. And the fact that we've almost physically run out of frontier. There's a whole other problem. I even wonder if the dangerous American adventure in other parts of the world has to do with the fact that we have run out of frontier or borders. It's an international phenomenon. Maybe this is the kibosh of my theory, but I do think that there's still something very compulsive in the American character. And something that even I think in other parts of the world people are fasci-

"There's something," I offered, "about the Beats, the romance of what I call the 'Beat holy angel.' This romance seems to have extended to rock stars."

"Yes. The Beats were geniuses at it, particularly Allen, in setting up a myth and creating one's own mythology. In the case of these Beatniks, they're creating this myth. On the Road is ultimately about finding a vocation, that of writer.

"Their work sanctified the life or the other way around. You go to the cafeteria where Allen and Peter hung out, and it's nothing to write home about. But vet they ennobled it by creating these mythologies. I think that's a very irresistible thing, particularly to a young person.

"And so, the mythology is created, therefore, you're present at the creation of these artists. And it would have been quite different had they had another vocation. But theirs was writer and artist, and I think that goes hand in glove with this idea of the angel-headed hipster, the beat holy angel."

"One thing I think about the Beats," I said, "is they made possible the rock personality."

"I think that's dead on,

actually. I don't think it's in the book but Allen Ginsberg at one point said at a dinner — I remember this very clearly how much he wanted to be like Dylan and wanted to be Dylan. Someone at the table said, 'Well, you know, that's kind of silly because he wanted to be you. So he'd gotten it kind of all backwards."

"Burroughs was such an odd duck, amongst all those

people."
"Yeah, yeah. I still don't completely get the attraction they had one for the other."

"I don't either. He was a bad, bad boy,'

"I think he was. And even if a lot of it in the beginning was a kind of pose and act or lashing out at family. He became irretrievable, I think, after a while."

"What is this disembodied business in the school's name — Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics?"

"Well, Allen was upset with himself that he ultimately called the school 'Disembodied.' I think he was in a way coming to terms with Kerouac's death and the fact that Kerouac kind of presided over the school in a way. Apparently Keats had either a bust or a silhouette or something of Shakespeare near his writing desk and felt that Shakespeare was a great presider over his works. I think in much the same way, Allen wanted Jack's spirit to preside over the school.

"He was there in spirit. And also, as you pointed out before, Allen was amusing himself, too, with the kind of triple entendre of the word, you know. So the school itself would be disembodied. Because they didn't have students."

"I was amused to learn that vou were the first student."

"In a wav it's a triple entendre, isn't it? It's a school that does not really exist, named for someone who is kind of all memory and ghostly now, and the school didn't really have students.'

"Did you know," I asked, "that Kerouac, early in his career, would kneel before his desk and scratch himself with a knife or pin and draw blood and write a prayer to God in blood that he would write well that day?"

"No, I didn't know that. That's incredible. That's a great story. But I'm going to keep my blood on the inside of my body as long as I possibly can.

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Another Terrific Young Quartet

The Beethoven is a masterpiece of Beethoven's ripe maturity, written only a year before the composer's death.

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he wonderful Pacifica Quartet gave an exceptional concert in the Hamburger Chamber Music Series at UCSD. It was no surprise to hear them playing so brilliantly, for the youthful group has held distinguished posts

as quartet in residence at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois (Urbana), and the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society.

Furthermore, they have two CDs currently available (on Cedille), both of which display their talents to the fullest.

One is devoted to Dvořák: the G major Quartet and the E-flat String Quintet (the additional violist in the latter is Michael Tree of the Guarneri Quartet). This is Dvořák as one wants to hear him: robust, passionate, lyrical, radiant with energy and sentiment. Even more valuable is the Pacifica's recording of the three quartets by Easley Blackwood, a major — and unjustly neglected – American composer who has spent most of his venerable career at the University of Chicago. The first two (dating from 1957 and 1959) are atonal and learnedly contrapuntal, yet highly accessible in the character of their themes and the richness and beauty of their sound: one hears Berg and Bartók as inspirers of the style. Blackwood's Third Quartet, composed only six years ago, takes its inspiration from an entirely different direction. It constitutes an intentional rejection of modernism and a reversion to melodic, harmonic, and structural principles of the full-fledged Classic-Romantic style. In fact, it sounds almost exactly like Dvořák; the Pacifica could have put it on their Dvořák CD, and one would scarcely have detected an anomaly. Pastiche or not, this is a lovely piece of music, and it ought not to be scorned because Blackwood was born in 1932 instead of 1841.

The recordings and the Pacifica's recent performance at Mandeville Auditorium share the characteristics that make this group so attractive: impeccable technique, vigor, stylistic insight, and an interesting diversity of personal approaches that are nevertheless fused into a warm, expressive ensemble. The continuity is particularly remarkable since there has been a turnover of

half the quartet's members since the Blackwood recording in 1999. In spite of the changes, at Mandeville the Pacifica sounded just as good as ever, and played much

in the same manner as before.

The two violinists, Simin Ganatra and Sibbi Bernhardsson, have clearly differentiated tones, the one sweet and penetrating, the other with a darker burr, which makes it easier to distinguish their different roles — something not always the case in string quartets. (I occasionally found Ganatra's portamenti a bit too soupy, above all with the additional Montserrat Caballé–like glottal gulp her sliding finger seems to be affecting these days; there is nothing comparable on even the latest Pacifica recording, from 2001.) The cellist, Brandon Vamos, is an artist of big scope and sound, with a strongly emotional musical profile. The violist, New York-born Masumi Per Rostad, has an intensity all his own, tempered by an almost uncanny aloofness — a fascinating combination I have encountered before in violists such as the Tokyo Quartet's Kazuhide Isomura.

Those of us at the Mandeville concert who enjoy hearing something relatively unfamiliar on a program might have wanted the Pacifica to play one of the Blackwood quartets, or perhaps one of the rarely performed quartets of Elliott Carter that have entered their repertoire. But it was equally gratifying to be offered (along with Haydn and Beethoven) the splendid Opus 22 Quartet of Paul Hindemith, which in my experience has never before been played in San Diego. Just as, by a fluke, San Diego is suddenly getting an explosion (well, a mild explosion) of fortepiano concerts, so this Hindemith work was preceded only a week earlier by the same composer's Clar-

inet Quartet, played at a Mainly Mozart concert. If any once-great, now-relatively-obscure composer deserves a revival it is this learned, inventive, utterly distinctive Classicist-Baroquist-Modernist; and the Pacifica's inspired performance of Opus 22 ought to do much to interest our local chamber music audience in Hindemith's copious oeuvre.

Opus 22 (which the Pacifica program referred to as Hindemith's Quartet No. 3, although the current usage is to call it No. 4) is a work of powerful Classical intelligence expressed in the composer's distinctive Romantic-Modernist language. The first movement is a finely workedout fugue. The second is a savage scherzo, with a pounding ostinato. The third explores a curious, hypnotically wistful theme, which calls to mind the atmosphere of the slow movements in Beethoven's Opus 59, No. 3 String Quartet and Schubert's E-flat Piano Trio; in the Pacifica performance, the contrast of timbre between Ganatra's violin and Berhnardsson's was especially poignant here. The fourth movement is a violent, virtuosic cadenza, which showed off the fiery temperament of cellist Vamos. The fifth is a vigorous rondo, in which each of the many themes both memorable and quintessentially Hindemithian. This was without doubt one of the best performances of the work I have heard, with the Pacifica's ex-

traordinary clarity, their strong emotionalism, and their compelling rhythmic drive.

It was an insightful idea on the group's part to juxtapose the Hindemith Opus 22 with Beethoven's massive C-sharp minor Quartet, Opus 131, for as it turns out the two compositions have much in common, structurally and emotionally (if not in their tonal language). Beethoven's quartet, like Hindemith's, has more than the usual number of movements (seven in Beethoven's case); it also begins with an extensive fugue; it also has a savage, pounding movement (the final Allegro); it also features an

unexpected, virtuosic cadenza (for the violin, in the third movement); it also intensifies its meanings by carefully indicated expressive markings (such as the sforzando on the fourth note of the fugue); and, as in the Hindemith, the emotionally diverse movements are connected by rhythmic and melodic echoes, as well as by deft transitions from one movement to the next.

The Beethoven is a masterpiece of Beethoven's ripe maturity, written only a year before the composer's death; whereas Hindemith's Opus 22 is a monument to the aggressive, radical style of its composer's youth



Paul Hindemith

Pacifica Quartet

Mandeville Auditorium (UCSD chamber music series)

Haydn, String Quartet in D, Opus 64, No. 5 "Lark"; Hindemith, String Quartet No. 4, Opus 22; Beethoven, String Quartet in C-sharp minor,



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(he was 26 when he wrote it). Brilliant as it is, it cannot match the Beethoven in musical wisdom and spiritual profundity. The Beethoven certainly poses a greater challenge to a young quartet, and the Pacifica met that challenge with confidence, demonstrating a deep understanding of the late Beethoven's idiosyncratic imagination, as well as all the technical resources to bring this difficult music to vibrant life.

The program included, in addition, a sparkling performance of Havdn's "Lark" Quartet (Opus 64, No. 5, in D), where my only reservation was a discomfort with those gurgling portamenti of Ganatra's in the soaring, first-movement theme that gives the work its nickname.

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Fiesta Mariachi! San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt joined by Mariachi Champaña Nevin, Ballet Folklórico Tlapalan, soprano Florencia Tinoco Barone for concerts on February 27 and 28. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Reservations; 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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Canadian Singers Michael Schade (tenor) and Russell Braun (baritone) perform duets and arias by Mozart, Schumann, Ravel, others in concert hosted by San Diego Opera, Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). \$50. Reservations: 619-232-7636. (LA JOLLA)

"Vovage of Music and Art: The Musical Passion of Liszt, Schubert, and Satie" explored during concert by pianist Wayne McEvilly, Saturday, February 28, 2 p.m., at Point Loma Library (3701 Voltaire Street). Program includes pieces by the aforementioned composers, as well as Chopin, Mozart, Bach. Donation. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Concert Artists Guild Winner 2003 pianist Tanya Bannister performs for Discovery Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, February 29, 3 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). "Prelude to the Afternoon," 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Rachmaninoff's "Second Piano Concert" performed by pianist Navah Perlman and Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Sunday, February 29, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, selections from Eugene Onegin, Pique Dame, others. \$45, \$65. 800-988-4253.

An All-Russian Program is promised when combined orchestras of San Diego State University and Grossmont College perform, Sunday, February 29, 3 p.m., at Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. Selections by Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Rachmaninoff. \$10. 619-594-1696, (SDSU)

Mostly Mozart, seventh annual Iames H. Kolar Amadeus Music Fund Concert, Sunday, February 29, 3 p.m., in French Parlor at University of San Diego (5998 Al-

calá Park), 619-260-4171, Tickets: \$8 general. (LINDA VISTA)

The German Motet Tradition explored when Bach Collegium of San Diego performs, accompanied by period instruments, Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church of San Diego (5055 Governor Drive). Pieces by Bach, Lasso, Praetorius, Josquin, Brahms. Offering. 760-738-1891.

Concert in Honor of Black History Month planned by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, February 29, 2 p.m. Free, 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tribute to Canto Simon Bermanis" offered by Center for Jewish Cultural Renaissance, Sunday, February 29, 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Program includes arias, Broadway tunes, cantorial and Israeli selections, production numbers from Fiddler on the Roof. Performances by tenor Jose Medina, soprano Mary Jaeb, cantor Leon Natker, Broadway Bound Youth Theatre Students. Tickets: \$18-\$52. Reservations: 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

 $\textbf{La Jolla Piano Trio}\ performs\ for$ mini-concert at noon, Monday, March 1, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Indian Classical Music performed by students of Kartik Sheshadri, Monday, March 1, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Hailing from Holland, the Osiris Trio performs selections by Bloch, Hummel, Frank Martin, Shostakovich for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street, \$25. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD's "Premiere Percussion Ensemble," red fish blue fish, performs works by David Lang, Tuesday, March 2, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Bang on a Can All-Stars joined by Terry Riley in concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Wednesday, March 3, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art, La Iolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes pieces by Glass, Nancarrow, Reich, Riley. Tickets: \$25-\$70. Preconcert talk with Terry Riley and David Lang, 7 p.m. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

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Light City

Daumier's art burned with pity and acidic glee for eccentricity and social trouble.

here's a fair amount of Paris in Balboa Park these days. The San Diego Museum of Art is showing pictures from its permanent collection that mark stages in French painting from 1850 to 1950. The Museum of Photographic Arts,

by sweet chance, is showing a choice group of Parisian images from its permanent collection along with a small batch of albumen-plate photographs that

include some first-rate samples of early French photography.

One route to 19th-century Parisian art goes through Baudelaire, whom most of us know as a poet but who was also one of the premier art critics of his time and whose writings tracked (not always accurately) significant developments in late Romantic and early modern painting. He was ideally positioned. A friend and champion of Delacroix, whose pictures he admired for their inventive colorist fervor, Baudelaire also wrote about Delacroix's opposite number, Ingres, whose crystalline draftsmanship and classical technique made him a large target for Romantic

Their lives were bound up in the career of Nadar (born Gaspard Félix Tournachon), the first great modern Parisian photographer, who made portraits of Delacroix, Ingres, and Baudelaire (who was convinced photography could never be a fine art because it was nature's slave). They all lived through the remaking of Paris. In

the 1850s and 1860s, the city was redesigned and reconstructed by Baron Von Haussmann, Prefect of the Seine, who destroyed many of the grim, narrow passageways so suitable for barricades during the 1848 revolution and brought into ex-

istence the Paris we know today. He designed a new sewer system, photographed by Nadar, and his revised Paris would later be photographed, street corner by street

corner, by Nadar's fanatically archivist successor and prototypical street photographer, Eugène

The dominant styles in Baudelaire's time were featured at the salons, juried exhibitions sponsored by the French Royal Academy that featured pictures thought to be the best of their time, though few would make the modernist cut. Although Delacroix, Manet, Cézanne, Renoir, and others submitted their work to the salon juries, they were often passed over in favor of academic painters such as J.J. Henner, whose slick, overobserved, and mildly titillating Susannah at Her Bath represents the sort of shellacked perfection the salon prized. One sees salon values in the transparent finish and stellar drawing of a little oil study by Ingres, but its formal excitements and engagement with its subject deliver it from typical salon inertness. For life, one turns to Daumier, one of Baudelaire's enthusiasms, whose art burned with pity and acidic glee for eccentricity and social trouble. In Leaving the Theater from 1865, each scrunched face is a caricature of



Leaving the Theater, 1865, Honore Daumier

Paris: A Century as Europe's Art Capital San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, May 30. For additional information, call 619-232-7931.

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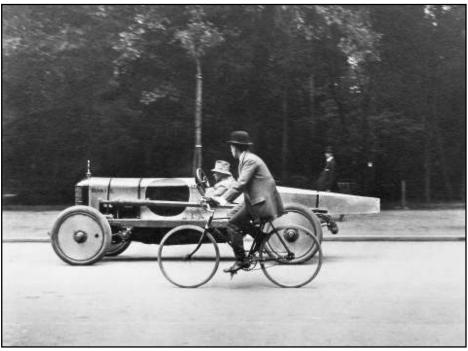
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La Singer de Course: "Bunny III," 1912, Jacques-Henri Lartigue

self-absorption, with its own spirit weather, mostly inclement. These theatergoers couldn't possibly have given over their self-possession to the drama they've just seen.

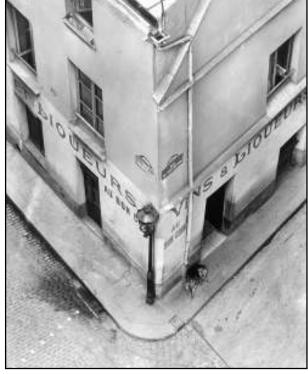
Everyone in those days seemed to be talking to everyone else, and some events seemed synchronized. Baudelaire and Ingres both died in 1867. The year of Delacroix's death, 1863, saw the debut of the Salon des Refusés, where the crafters of early modernism rejected by the salon showed their work, and Manet's reputation was fast on the rise. A spray of roses by Monet's friend Fantin-Latour rides the line between academic nicety and avant-garde boldness: the opalescent vase and papery petals show a hand trying to find effects that are more expressive than realistic. If I had any say in such things, I'd like to see the San Diego Museum of Art someday do a show of Eugène Boudin, whose seaside scene from 1890, in which creamy light plays off against abrasive volumes, is a perfect rendering of the pleasures of the Belle Epoque. By the turn of the century, the group that included Maurice Denis, Paul Sérusier, Bonnard, and Vuillard, who called themselves Nabis, were flattening pictorial depth even more than Manet

had done and, following Gaughin's example, adopting techniques of decorative Japanese screen painting, which they all admired. Vuillard turned domestic interiors into seamless wallpaper panels. In Tea at Madame Vuillard's, the consistencies of diverse objects run and crumble one into another: bodies, wall hangings, furnishings. Vuillard was the alter-Boudin. His interiors have the imperious suffocation of bourgeois rectitude; Boudin's small exteriors convey a vastness of space and the expansive pleasures of human interaction.

Until around 1890 the favored photographic image was the albumen print, made from a glass negative and printed on thin paper bathed in filtered egg whites and salt. It was a complicated process that involved double coating the paper and making the finished print by sun exposure, producing rich, absorptive textures and tones that ranged from sunset reddishness to a crushed silver-gold amalgam. The albumen print's specificity intensified the ferocious, foaming waterfalls in Frank Haynes's Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone Falls and made Atget's becalmed pastorals luxuriant. The exhibition of albumen prints conducts us to the more diverse imagery of

Paris: A Century in the City of Light, the century in question being the 20th. Fittingly, one of the first

images is a street picture by Atget, who recorded the new Paris created by Baron Von Haussmann as well as remnants of the pre-1850s city. Alfred Stieglitz, like many American artists of the time, spent a formative period in Paris. His 1907 picture of a horse race run in a city park — Stieglitz was a great lover of all things horsy — puts us squarely in Gilded Age country, women in flounced skirts and chunky floral bonnets stepping daintily from carriages. Photography was powerfully attracted to speed of all kinds, especially the new mechanized speed of cars, bicycles, and aeroplanes. Jacques-Henri Lartigue hailed from an affluent family that supported his experiments with the latest inventions, and he produced many images of early model cars, bikes, and aircraft. One of my favorites shows someone attached to a dragonfly-like contraption about to test his wings by leaping from a bluff. (It should be titled Go Jump Off a Cliff!) Photography was an art for and by the people. It observed no strict demographic. The leisurely working-class pur-



Paris, Au Bon Coin, 1929, André Kertész

suits of the new century are caught in Cartier-Bresson's 1938 On the Banks of the Marne, where a group of hardy picnickers sprawl on a river bank with their bread, cheese, and wine.

Still photographers played a big role in documenting and helping to create the celebritydom of the motion-picture business. One of the sharpest photos in Paris: A Century in the City of Light is by an unknown artist. The Stars in Front of Notre Dame plays off of the sacred against the secular, the exalted against the vulgar: in finely inflected rainy air, a finny car hogs the frame and a wasted blonde with smudged mascara looks back from the driver's seat, at us. Ah, weary stardom, while off to the left, dimly discovered in the frame, a bourgeois gent with an umbrella goes about his business.

It didn't take long for photography to figure out it could go anywhere, down in the Parisian sewers and catacombs (photographed by Nadar), up into the air (Nadar again, piloting his hot-air balloon le Géant), or into the wilderness (an American prerogative exploited by Timothy O'Sullivan, Carleton Watkins, and others). It could sample the delights of dissipation, as in André Kertész's slithery overhead shots of bars, and it could go to war, as in Robert Capa's nervous-making image of Allied troops and the Resistance fighters racing house to house in Paris. And, as I said earlier, it glided the entire length of the socioeconomic scale. One of the gems on view is Ruth Mayerson Gilbert's 1979 picture of a slaughterhouse worker dressed in a blood-clotted smock and a hood that eclipses part of his face — he's wearing his work — holding a side of beef in such an ambiguous way that we're not sure if he's loading it on a hook, displaying it, or weirdly embracing it. ■

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GALLERIES

"Wayne Thiebaud — Works on Paper" highlights several unique hand-colored prints by the artist, along with still-life subjects. Show opens with reception, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m., at Tasende Gallery (820 Prospect Street). RSVP for reception: 858-454-3691. Exhibit closes Saturday, April 3. (LA JOLLA)

"Captured Moments," an exhibit by "thematic painter" H. Maleki, opens with reception, Friday, February 27, 6:30 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). "Representational subjects are translated into intellectual and intuitive studies in oil." Closes Friday, March 19, 760-744-1150 x2304. Artist's lecture: Thursday, March 4, 11 a.m. (SAN MARCOS)

"Marginalia" by Ann Mudge on view through Saturday, March 27, at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). Centerpiece of exhibition — opening with reception on Friday, February 27, 6 p.m. — is Rootstock, a 15-foot-tall hanging stainless-steel wire sculpture. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Create. Destroy. Preserve." Paintings by Chris Reilly inaugurate new space for Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238). Exhibition title is based on a Hindu trilogy describing "the life-force that grows, dissolves, and sustains life." Show





continues through Saturday, April 10. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Un-London and Un-San **Diego,"** new photographic works by Sarah Thomas and Tibora Girczyc-Blum are currently on view in UCSD's Mandeville Annex Gallery. Closing reception: Friday, February 27, 7 p.m. Gallery is located in courtyard of Mandeville Center, B-1 level. 858-534-2860.

"Arte Jondo: Rhythm in **Color.**" an exhibition of flamenco and figurative dancer series by Marques Vickers, opens with reception, Friday, February 27, 7 p.m., at Gallery Saccade (1702 Kettner Boulevard). 619-546-9169. Through Saturday, April 10. (DOWNTOWN)

"Understanding Women in African Art," exhibit of masks, figures, ceramics, and beadwork addressing gender concepts in Africa in Mesa College Learning Resource Center opens with reception, Friday, February 27, 5 p.m. Followed by "Look for the Women" lecture by Barbara Winston Blackmun. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-461-5930, (KEARNY MESA)

"Dreams of Insomnia," an exhibition of paintings and mixedmedia sculptures by Mexican artist Andres Basurto, opens with recep-

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tion, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). Through Saturday, April 3. 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

"Town (and Country)," exhibit by featured artist Betty Hock may be seen at San Diego Art Institute Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) through Sunday, March 21. Also on display: regional, "One-Foot Show," ern California Youth Art Month" exhibits. Juror: Jens Jürgen Hermann. Shows open with reception for artists, Friday, February 27, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Silly Notions" — an exhibit of work by Jim Good, Rich Guffey, Roger Ray - opens with reception on Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue), 619-295-5393. Show concludes Sunday, March 14.

"New Technologies = New Perceptions" in botanical still lifes by Katinka Matson, gathered for viewing through Sunday, April 18, at No. 4 Gallery (4134 Adams Avenue, loft #4). Show opens with reception for artist on Saturday, February 28, 6 p.m. 619-624-0100. (KENSINGTON)

"Student Award Exhibition 2004" is on view through Tuesday, March 9, in Everett Gee Jackson and Flor y Canto galleries at San Diego State University. Awards and reception: Tuesday, March 2, 5 p.m. Find gallery in lobby of fifth floor of art department building. 619-594-6511.

The Multimedia "Indian Rock Native Plant Project" are installation opens with reception on Wednesday, March 3, 4 p.m., in Library Gallery at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Exhibit includes collaborative research and art projects by art and anthropology students. 760-750-4366. Continues through May. (SAN MARCOS)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, useful and beautiful wooden objects - chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker - A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30.

"Origami Masterworks - Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through April, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan - The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until Sunday, April 18. Included: tansu (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite,

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: "Niki de

The Vines/Jet April 10

Saint Phalle Remembered." Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355, (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

'Everything Matters: Paul Kos, a Retrospective," begins with the artist's early work and follows his career through development of video art to public art projects made as recently as 2000. This exhibition of work by one of the major figures in the conceptual art movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s continues through Sunday, May 2.

San Diego-based artist Anne Mudge exhibits one from a series of "TapRoot" sculptures commissioned for the new trolley station at SDSU in her "Cerca" exhibit, closing Sunday, April 4. The installation allows viewers an upclose perspective of the university's underground station.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001.

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art," featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, and video works by 33 contemporary artists, continues through Sunday, May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the region.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, stories of loss, struggle, and

personal exploration within landscapes scarred by technology and overuse are told in "Robert Parke-Harrison: The Architect's Brother,' on view through Sunday, April 4. "The images and the process of their construction embody aspects of theater, sculpture, painting, photography, and performance.

Twelve tintypes used in the film Cold Mountain are on exhibit through Sunday, March 14, in "Stephen Berkman: Cold Mountain and Other Journeys." His imagery is populated with "fictional oddities"; his intention is to "undermine the authority of the image and to evoke wonder and bewilderment."

"Paris: A Century in the City of Light," showcases the city "through a study of its people and their daily routines." Images were made mostly in late 1920s through the immediate post-World War II era. The show - continuing through Sunday, May 23, includes photographs by Robert Doisneau, André Kertesz, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

"The Beauty of the Albumen Print" examines a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of make ing 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)

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Cramped Shudder

Told his play's been tampered with, he asks, "Great, but does it work?"

JEFF SMITH

ne of Sledgehammer Theatre's most haunting images for *Macbeth* comes in Act Three, Scene Five. Hecate sits on a throne high above the raked stage. A pool of limelight flows over the Greek goddess of

the underworld (and "dark magic" in Shakespeare's time). Her long, yellowish-gray locks frame angry eyes, since she has just chided the three Witches

for not consulting her about Macbeth.

Shakespeare might have found the scene arresting and puzzling, since he didn't write it. Scholars, using computerized lexical research, agree that Hecate's speech was a later addition, most likely by Thomas Middleton, who wrote it to introduce two of his songs. No one's quite sure when this jazzed-up *Macbeth* got produced. But it must have been around 1616, the year the Bard passed away. "One would like to think that Shakespeare was dead and buried," writes Kenneth Muir, "or at least living in retirement, before his play was spoiled."

To each his Bard of Avon. Muir envisions a pristine text, written by an anal playwright shocked at the mere idea of emendation. But given the ephemeral nature of theater — a favorite subject of Shakespeare's — one can envision a different Bard on his deathbed: told his play's been tampered with, he asks, "Great, but does it work?"

Sledgehammer's Macbeth, a share-the-guilt

interpretation, does and does not.

Nick Fouch's scenic design does. The blackened stage rises in layers to St. Cecilia's rose window, which has never been put to better use. Smoky, diaphanous curtains shroud and reveal,

> offering behind-the-scenes looks at Inverness. Bouquets of thick brown shafts — the size William "Braveheart" Wallace used at Stirling Castle Bridge — flank

downstage. They could be spears, leafless trees, Macbeth's "barren sceptre," or the boughs of Birnam Wood set to move to Dunsinane.

Mary Larson's leather and Levi's costumes dress Macbeth in fatigues (he drinks beer and smokes a cigar), while others wear jogging outfits, kimonos, and British tweed. In a play teeming with evil and blurred differences, the costumes are oddly specific. They give characters too local a habitation and a name.

As does putting the Weird Sisters, and Hecate's minions, in gauzy white outfits. The look works, at first: who/what *are* these beings? And why (when they remember) do they blip like cable TV pixels on the blink? Since they frequent most scenes, however, wandering somnolent on and off, they soon become routine, then mundane.

David Lee Cuthbert's lighting, both subtle and blasting, and Jeff Mockus's otherworldly music create an effective, "hurly-burly" atmosphere. The Kirsten Brandt-directed production works



David Tierney in Macbeth

Macbeth, by William Shakespeare

Sledgehammer Theatre

Directed by Kirsten Brandt; cast: David Tierney, Janet Hayatshahi, Laura Lee Juliano, Ruff Yeager, Donald McClure, Monique Gaffney, Lisel Gorell-Getz, Brianne Kostielney, Jeremiah M. Maestas; scenic design, Nick Fouch; lighting, David Lee Cuthbert; costumes, Mary Larson; sound and original composition, Jeff Mockus **Playing through March 21;** Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. 619-544-1484

Eurydice, by Sarah Dart Ruhl

UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance, Mandell Weiss Forum, University of California, San Diego Directed by Daniel Fish; cast: Katherine Sigismund, Garrett Neergaard, Corey Brill, Jose Chavarry, Jennifer Chang, Mark Smith, Genevieve Hardison; scenic design, Melpomene Katakalos; costumes, Ivy Chou; lighting, Jason H. Thompson; sound, Chris Luessmann; choreographer/movement director, Peter Pucci

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best when it doesn't try to pin the play down. Which is Macbeth's curse. Once he slays Duncan, he must murder again and again to maintain his status quo. It's like throwing a pebble into a pond and trying to stop the expanding rings.

In a way, Macbeth resembles King Claudius in *Hamlet*. Both murder to gain the crown. But while "providence" and an infernal purgatory loom over Claudius, *Macbeth* takes place in a full moon and bloody universe, beyond ethics and morality, where everything, especially desire, opens into a bottomless pit.

Macbeth's world is so bleak it should make confirmed nihilists shudder. Having Hecate rule over the Sledgehammer stage cramps that vision. It's too facile an explanation for a tragedy that offers none. Harold Bloom: "Though Hecate has some potency in this nature, one feels a greater Demiurgical force at loose. Shakespeare will not name it."

Because Lady Macbeth's so



Eurvdice

"fiend-like," Macbeth's been labeled anti-women (even though "dead butcher" Macbeth vies with Richard III as Shakespeare's most bloodspattered serial killer). Rather than take sides, or sweep Lady Macbeth under a carpet, direc-

tor Kirsten Brandt makes a smart choice. She intensifies the dynamics. Brandt has women playing men, men/women (in one of the production's best performances, Laura Lee Juliano's Banquo is female). In the show's biggest eyebrow-raiser, Brandt has Lady M. kill Macduff's wife and children.

David Tierney and Janet Hayatshahi, real-life husband and wife, give the Macbeths strong sexual chemistry (and Brandt rightly stresses their symbiotic natures). Hayatshahi speechifies on occasion, though, giving her readings too formal a balance. Tierney could improve a competent performance if he could replicate Macduff's urge to "cut short all intermission." For Macbeth, there is no zero-to-sixty. He's so impatient, so eager to get things done, there is only zero, then sixty.

UCSD has staged some of the most unforgettable theater I've seen: Robert Woodruff's direction of *Heat*, Anne Bogart's 1951, *The Dispute*, and especially her majestic *Strindberg Sonata*, and now Sarah Dart Ruhl's *Eurydice*, directed by Daniel Fish. It's the Orpheus myth, but told by his wife. Eurydice dies and goes to Hades, where her father wasn't dipped deep enough in Lethe to forget. She almost escapes, but Orpheus looks back too soon.

Ruhl writes like Charles Mee, using inversions and surprises to recast the familiar story: including a young Lord of the Underworld, who grows downward, like a turnip, and is "ready to be a man now"; and a Chorus of Stones, who remind Eurydice that "father is not a word that dead people understand" (the play is *really* about fathers and daughters). Even in the original myth, Orpheus reveals symptoms of controlling narcissism, so Ruhl doesn't have to push hard to expose these traits (an artist, Eurydice learns, is "always going away from you").

In 70 intermissionless minutes, *Eurydice* dazzles, verbally and visually. But to describe what happens in detail would be like revealing the culprit in a mystery. I'll just say that UCSD's bold, thought-provoking, wonderful production includes an astonishing Jericho-effect — and that if you love live theater, RUN to this one. It closes Saturday night.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box











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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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

Ashes to Ashes and The Lover

6th @ Penn Theatre presents Harold Pinter's one-acts (Ashes to Ashes being one of his most enigmatic/intriguing). Robert May directed.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, THROUGH APRIL 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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



Berlin's Best/Porter's Picks

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-

AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY,

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 range from a virgin to a pedophile. Christopher Bigsby, one of the playwright's most astute commentators: "It is not the familiarity of the small-town setting that interests Inge: it is its strangeness...Tighten the screw a 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 isolation. But it's there, or at should be. Acting ranges from authentic to imitative. Jonathan Mc-Murtry shines as Dr. Lyman, selfloathing ex-professor. As Virgil Blessing, cowpoke, Stephen Payne reads real, as do Christian Kauffman's lanky Sheriff and Karen Zip-

pler's Snow White-innocent Elma.

Other performances feel tacked on.

Wearing a leopard-skin dress, Kate

Steele resembles Marilyn Monroe,

movie, but neither she nor Kevin

who played Cherie in the 1956

Mahoney's Carl, the bus driver, nor Ben Fox's Bo convince with their false accents and over-amped demeanors.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Chalk It Up To Murder

In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-theater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail. FIRESIDE RESTAURANT, 439 WEST WASHINGTON, ESCONDIDO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-561-8673 OR 888-237-2751.

The Constant Wife

Laguna Playhouse presents W. Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners about "high social infidelity and inequality of the sexes in 1927 London." Andrew Barnicle directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 14: TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Crime Pav\$!

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive mystery comedy takes place at the Sahara Hotel in Vegas, where "the family" runs more than shows. "A real mob scene!" IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505

KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1664.

Eurydice

Reviewed this issue. Critic's pick.

MANDELL WEISS THEATRE FORUM, UNI-VERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, 9500 GILMAN DRIVE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 858-534-4574

The Fantasticks

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's durable musical about innocence and experience. David Ellenstein directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, THROUGH APRIL 25: THURSDAY

THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055

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 veah'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. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some



dead. Using humor as an analytic

parody Hollywood's lesbophobia.

formed at Sushi, many years ago,

split-second blackouts and hum-

alive. Diversionary Theatre's cur-

rent staging has full production

values, including Shulamit Nel-

son's rich costumes and Paul Pe-

terson's awesome sound design

stage). Compared to the original,

the added trappings have a cum-

Thus, though Diversionary offers

tion also feels more one-note, just

many more visuals, the produc-

(like that plane crash just off-

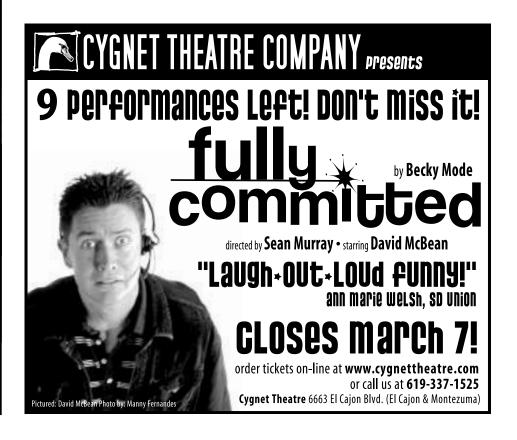
bersome, pace-lagging effect.

tool, the Five Lesbian Brothers

Brave Smiles catalogues cruel

fates. When the Brothers per-

ble minimalism kept the pace





Bus Stop

movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: *The Suppli-*

ant Women by Euripides, March 15.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, MARCH 15, 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 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 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH
MARCH 13; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT
4:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT
2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Hello Dolly!

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, irrepressible matchmaker. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MARCH 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 858-749-3348 OR 888-802-7469.

Henry IV, Part I

Poor Players stage Shakespeare's history play, promising an "edgy look at the tale of a Prince's education, a Soldier's Tragedy, and a Barfly's Comedy." Richard Baird directed.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-287-2406





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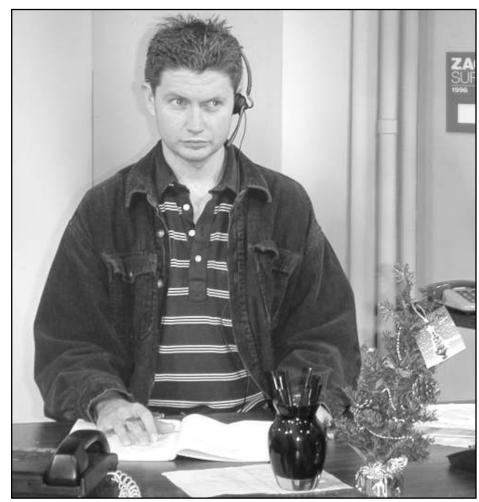
One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, *Perfect* covers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("you gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service video-tape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast, each with Broadway credits. They also have the smarts not to push for comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Chargers Tshirts — and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

If These Hips Could Talk

Billy Dee Williams stars in this touring production about four women on a talk show and their private "layers of deep-rooted shame, guilt, low self-esteem, and irreparable emotional damage. SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28. AT 2:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., AND 9:00 P.M., SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 3:00 P M 619-235-9500

Irish Dance Cabaret

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and his new wife want to stop pay-

Kuumba Fest 2004: **Exposed Roots: Majestic,** Proud, and Glorified

The San Diego Repertory Theatre hosts the 12th annual celebration of African-American life (kuumba is Swahili for creativity). For specific times and performances, call the theater or see the website: www.sandiegorep.com. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27. THROUGH SUNDAY. FEBRUARY 29. 619-544-1000.

Late-Night Catechism

The Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: a.) an almost nonstop evening of comedy; and b.) a thought-provoking look at education, religion, and much more. The sister, it turns out, is not kidding.

(Note: the Laguna Playhouse has extended the show's run five

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 8; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787

Macbeth

Reviewed this issue. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AND MARCH 21, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Mahalia

Community Actors Theatre presents Tom Stolz's "play with music" about the great gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, Jennie Hamilton directed.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, COLLEGE AREA. THROUGH FEBRUARY 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy, "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite

funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv. making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow vouth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.' Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

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

The Sopranos' Last Supper

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1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, DOWN TOWN, AND DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VAL-LEY, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

Starlight Express

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical. based on the children's story "The Little Engine That Could," comes to the Civic.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 202 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, MARCH 2, THROUGH MARCH 7; TUES-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.619-570-1100.

Triple Espresso: A Highly **Caffeinated Comedy**

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa

on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes

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.

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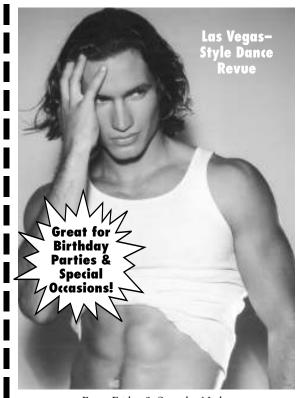
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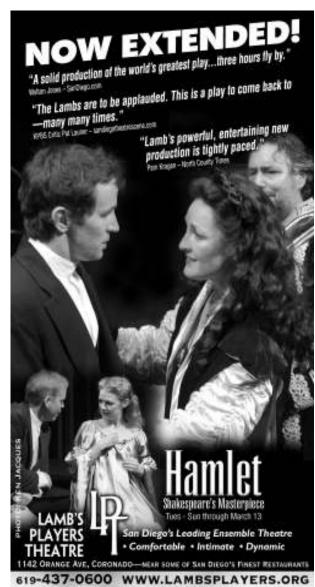
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"They kept saying,
"I'm disappointed you
didn't want to do this.' I said,
'I'm disappointed you want
to have a Beat Farmers

Outriders, the Sidewinders, the Paladins, and Syndicate of Soul, the scene was dubbed "aggressive country," "hayseed boogie," "cow punk," or "moo wave" by the press.

The Beat Farmers released four albums on MCA, but their first, *Tales of the New West*, was released on Rhino

the inside track

reunion without one of the surviving Beat Farmers.'"

Mojo Nixon has decided to pass on opening for a Beat Farmers reunion show in April.

Now a DJ on classic rock station KGB, Nixon was a singer-songwriter with a hillbilly bent who was a part of the infamous local music scene that identified San Diego as the home of a new roots-rock sound. Spearheaded by the Beat Farmers but also including Nixon, the Electric Sons, the Records. In honor of the 20th anniversary of its release, Rhino is rereleasing a limited edition of *Tales of the New West*. Only 5000 numbered copies will be printed, and the album will contain a 20-page booklet on the band.

Nixon said he originally indicated he would open the reunion show at San Juan Capistrano's Coach House. But he balked when he heard that one of the Beat Farmers, Joey Harris, wasn't even invited to play.

"It's kind of creepy to

have a Beat Farmers show anyway. Country Dick is dead," said Nixon about Dan McLain, the charismatic front man who was born in San



JOEY HARRIS — THE REBUFFED BEAT FARMER

Diego in 1955. He died onstage at a Canadian roadhouse in 1995. "The one way you could make up for that is by having both Buddy and Joey at the show."

Guitarist Buddy Blue was with the Beat Farmers from 1983 to '85 and appeared on *Tales of the New West*. Blue was replaced by Joey Harris, who played in the band for ten years until McLain died. Harris appeared on five Beat Farmer albums: three on

MCA and two on Sector 2.

"Joey didn't play on any of this music," said Blue about the music on this reissue. "As this CD is about the early years, it's only natural that we'd concentrate on performing that material with the three members who created it."

"These guys are fighting amongst themselves," said Nixon. "This has gone on forever. If Country Dick was alive, he'd say, 'Shut up and make money.' When I talked to Buddy, I asked him if Joey would be playing, and he was acting all Secret Squirrel. I assumed Joey was going to be there. I mean, come on, you are missing a key part of the Beat Farmers [with McLain's death]. Now you want to do this without another member. It's like going into a gunfight with a knife.... This is all sad but so predictable."

Original Beat Farmer guitarist Jerry Raney and bassist Rolle Love will play at the reunion.

Harris had no comment. The Rhino rerelease is \$19.98 and is available after March 18 through www.rhinohandmade.com. The package includes the 12 original New West songs, six from their U.K.-released Glad and Greasy, four demo songs, and five recorded live at the Spring Valley Inn.

The Beat Farmers A.D. (After Dick) appear at the Coach House in San Juan Capistrano April 3. The Joey Show (with Joey Harris) appears at Tio Leo's in Bay Park tomorrow with José Sinatra, must be 21, \$5 admission.

- Ken Leighton

"I'm the only person on earth who has written for both

Fox News and Mother Jones.... I did Kosovo War-related stuff for Mother Jones, and for Fox I'd write about hippies making those big protest puppets."

Singer/songwriter/
guitarist Ken Layne is back in
town for his first San Diego
gig in 14 years. His old band
the Outriders — along with
the Beat Farmers and other
local bands — helped show
the world that rock could

wang.

"It seemed like everyone in town was getting a deal back then."

Now, after 14 years as a journalist, Layne, 38, says he's back into music full time — overseeing his band and running his label. He is in town this weekend for an Americana music conference at the Town and Country convention center. His current band, Ken Layne and the Corvids (released on Layne's own Scrub Jay



OUTRIDER LAYNE (CENTER) BACK IN SD SADDLE

Records), is plugged into the thriving Americana/alt-country music scene.

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While the Outriders played many SDSU frat parties and Layne wrote for SDSU's Daily Aztec newspaper, Layne said he

never graduated from San Diego State or any other college. "I was 17 [in 1983] when I snuck in the back door at the Spring Valley Inn to see the Beat Farmers play. I sat there in awe. It was two years that changed my life.

That's what I did instead of go to college: I went to Beat Farmers University.'

Layne's band, the Outriders, also included drummer Sam Chammas (owner of the Whistle Stop, Live Wire, and Turf Club) and guitarist Rick Wilkins (now part of the Nards).

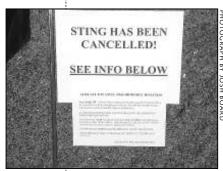
When the local roots-rock scene imploded, Layne said he got out of music and worked as a local news

journalist. In 1991 he left the States and worked in Prague, Budapest, and Kosovo.

Ken Layne and the Corvids appear tomorrow at Java Joe's Pub (the old Kelly's Pub, 619-442-7225) as part of a tour in support of their new CD Fought Down. The 7th Day Buskers open at 9 p.m. Admission is \$3, must be 21.

- Ken Leighton

"No wonder I found parking so easily," said a man at Copley Symphony Hall February 13, the night Sting canceled his show due to flu. (Sting also canceled his



BAD NEWS FOR HOLDERS OF SCALPED TICKETS

February 14 concert in Phoenix.) As the man read the sign posted on the front door warning of the cancellation, he shouted, "Get refunds at the point of purchase! I bought this pair for \$400 from a scalper! It was after the show sold out. I'm screwed."

Sting tickets had been advertised for as high as \$925 (at South Bay Tickets -

section C, aisle G, row 8). Sting tickets were among the highest of any "aftermarket ticket" prices in the year. The face value was \$79.

I asked a security guard about people showing up. He said, "No, I haven't seen anyone. We had one old guy that was working as an usher for the show. We told him the concert was canceled, and he didn't believe us. He was mad." The security guard went on to say, "I notice everyone that worked the ticket booth quickly got out of here. They didn't want to deal with the wrath."

The man who paid \$400 $\,$ told me his name was Andy. and he had driven from Oceanside. His girlfriend said, "I heard Star 100 say he [Sting] was sick. The DI didn't say the show was canceled though." Andy looked at her angrily and said, "They probably did and you just didn't hear it."

I asked his last name, and he replied, "You think I want my friends knowing what a dumbass I was?'

No word on if Sting will make up the two canceled shows, but that flu must be going around. Josh Groban also canceled a show at Copley Symphony Hall on February 2 because of an 'upper respiratory infection" (according to the woman who runs his website).

— Josh Board and Jay Allen Sanford These concert tickets were on sale at various ticket resale websites as of February 21.

Lisa Marie Presley, Belly Up Tavern, February 28, loft row 1, \$120 each (www.southbaytickets.com). Face price \$30.

Britney Spears, San Diego Sports Arena, March 2, floor A, row 1, \$1300 each (www.sandiegoticket.com). Face price \$66. Hopefully she won't get the flu.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"We thought we might have been committing career suicide."

Brian Karscig said he and his bandmates in Convoy wondered if they were making a bad career move by changing their name and their sound four months ago. They are now known as Louis XIV.

The four-year-old Convov toured with Aerosmith, appeared in a Sheraton TV commercial, played live on Craig Kilborn's CBS-TV show, and got national radio airplay for their song "Caught Up in You.

But in November, Karscig, Jason Hill, and Mark Maigaard took the plunge. They put Convoy on hold and emerged with a new sound that mixes orchestral strings with their original alt-

Karscig and Hill just returned from London, where they signed with a management company.

"We were flown out by Michael Jobson and David Rofe of MJM Management,' said Karscig. "They have the Doves.... They hired a London company called Nine PR," said Karscig. He said that public relations company helped generate a



CONVOY MORPHS INTO THE SUN KING

U.K. buzz at the New Musical Express awards February 12. (The New Musical Express is England's leading music magazine.) Karscig said, "Brody Dalle [of the Distillers] and Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age have been talking up the band. Brody played

three of our songs on her one-hour show on BBC's Radio One."

Karscig said he and his Convoy/Louis XIV bandmates have had to learn the music biz the hard way. When Convoy's "Caught Up in You" was added to the 91X playlist three years ago, Hybrid Records, Convoy's label, was criticized for not bothering to send a copy of the song to other alternative stations in the country.

"We don't want to make the same mistake we made with Convoy," said Karscig. 'You live and you learn."

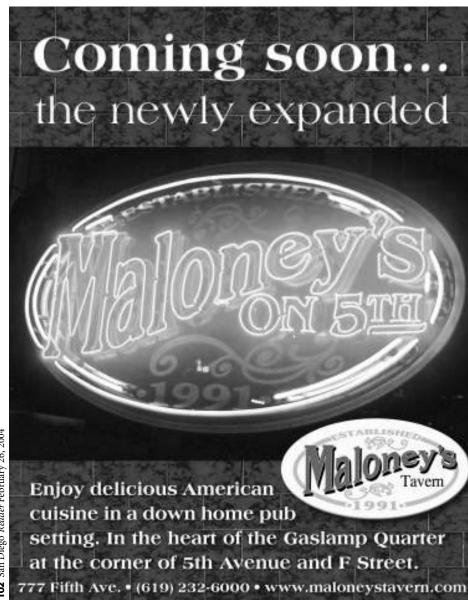
Louis XIV (www.louisxiv.net) appears April 10 at the Casbah and March 20 at Austin's South by Southwest Music Festival.

— Ken Leighton

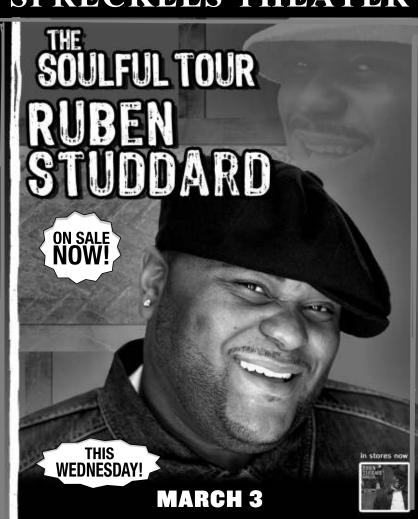
"We designed the website to share the culinary stories of music professionals with food and music fans," says San Diego resident Ali Spencer, cocreator of www. musiculinary.com.

Spencer started the site with chef Ray Miller. "We know so many cooks and chefs who are either musicians or DJs in their free time, and we wanted to see whether the opposite held true as well."

Rickie Lee Jones was asked about her most memorable culinary disaster.

















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The site also features local musicians.

"Gregory Page...[will be on February 25]. Tom Brousseau and his recipe [was] posted on January 21 [and will run again February 26]. We just moved here from Denver, Colorado, and we're hoping to attract more local bands. We're supposed to be getting a response from Steve Poltz any day now."

Brousseau's story was tragic. "One of the questions they ask is, 'What is your most horrid culinary experience?' to which I responded: the time I fed my ex-girlfriend a Caesar salad made with a fancy jar of finely ground anchovies. She was vegan. She was allergic to any and all meat and instantly broke out in a rash and had begun dry heaving. She broke up with me on account of my insensitive cooking skills."

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always come out for karaoke," Larry tells me, drinking a Cadillac margarita. "You can learn a lot about Anza-Borrego anthropology in here.

There's Dusty, a man in his 90s who belts out Zeppelin's "Rock 'n' Roll" and Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water," unlit cigar in hand and big smile on his face.

There's Jim, a Canadian snowbird who only sings Sinatra (and Bennett) – growling and getting on his knees during "I Left My Heart in San Francisco.

"Some of these folk take their karaoke quite, uh, seriously," Larry says. When I get up and do my "Jack Black" versions of "Copacabana" and "Ring of Fire," Larry's wife, Sinda Gregory, expresses concern that the patrons might think I'm making fun of them, but they clap and shake my hand

wow

THAT WAS KINDA

HARSH

A firefighter from Ocotillo Wells, wearing his badge on his belt, sings a Buddy Holly song so slowly and inaudibly that several people boo. He ignores this and drones on.

and tell me, "Good going!"

Larry is up next. He turns his collar up and goes into an Elvis Presley routine. "Since my baby left, uh-huh..." The karaoke MC joins in and the two duet with plenty of

reverb, which means they sound as if they're in a big bathroom.

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A cowboy sings "Roxanne" off-key and preaches about Jesus in between verses.

I go to refill my white Russian and ask the bartender, a ruddy fellow with thick blond hair, "Ever host live bands?"

"On rare occasions," he replies, "but it's hard to get a real band to come way out here and play."

– Michael Hemmingson

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"I'm from the old school. I don't download off the Internet."

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DAVE GOOD

ark Gleason lives in Kearny Mesa and works as a freelance camera operator, covering sports events for several television networks. He also works part-time as a camera operator for the local Fox affiliate and is

a part-time radio DJ. Gleason says his work keeps him on the road a lot and that he never travels without his iPod.

SPECIFICATIONS: Gleason owns an Apple brand iPod MP3 player with a 20-gigabyte hard drive DOWNLOADS: "I'm from the old school. I don't download off the Internet. Someone's getting cut out of money there."

MUSIC PREFERENCES: "The '70s are my thing." PLAYLIST CHANGES: frequent, to suit his listening needs

"My top 10 tunes?" Gleason says. "More like my top 490 tunes, I think," he laughs. "I have 1519 songs on it. That's all from my library at home. I used to — still do — work at 103.7 FM, the Planet. I burned every CD that I wanted from their library, maybe ten CDs' worth. That's, what...about 200 songs? The '70s — that's when I got my start in radio — I have a huge amount of songs [downloaded] from then. I started out at KCBO in 1975. Then I went to B100 in 1976. We were playing songs off of tape cartridges and records back then. I remember when radio converted to CDs in the '80s.

Now, most [radio station record libraries] are all on hard drives — there's not a CD in the place....

"I have a book that tells me what year each song came out [Joel Whitburn, The Billboard Book of Top 40 Hits]. It lists all the songs artists had in

Billboard magazine. It's about 800 pages — it's a big book. I've meticulously entered the year that songs [downloaded onto the iPod] were released." Gleason has organized

his music into folders with different subject headings. "I've made a playlist based on all the songs from 1975. On another playlist, I rated all the songs, so one of my lists is 'Five-Star Songs.' I have a playlist called 'Love Songs.' It's good for setting the mood, so to speak. It's got 102 songs that are good for the bedroom."

The bedroom?

Yeah. It works out great. I used to have a couple of CDs, but now I've got all these songs I can shuffle around to get the mood going. There are three or four Barry White songs in there, songs like Al Wilson's 'Show and Tell,' Andy Kim's 'Rock Me Gently,' Art Garfunkel's 'I Only Have Eyes for You,' Bad Company's 'Feel Like Makin' Love.' I have powered speakers I use in there my old computer speakers. I got a new computer, and I don't use the old speakers anymore, so I hook them up to the output of the iPod, which has a volume control on it." And those old '70s pop tunes really set a romantic mood? "Oh, yeah,"



he laughs. "They work great!...

"I haven't had the iPod very long. I bought it in December as a Christmas gift to myself. I learned how to use it quickly. I travel a lot, and now I don't have to worry about what CDs to take. I bought an iTrip — the little transmitter you can attach to the top of the iPod, which sends a signal to the stereo in your car. The sound is CD quality, as far as I'm concerned. I was concerned that the [iPod sound] quality wouldn't measure up to CD quality, but it does. It's awesome. I use earbuds most of the time, and I have a set of noisecancellation headphones for when I'm on an airplane. I bought it for convenience. I got tired of carrying CDs on the road. Now, in the space of a pack of cards, I've got every song in my library at my disposal. I call it my own radio station -KMFG [for Mark Francis Gleason]

Mark Gleason's top-ten "five-star" faves:

- 1. "Hot Blooded" Foreigner
 2. "Glory Days" Bruce Springsteen
- 3. "Get Down Tonight" KC and the Sunshine
- 4. "Love Won't Let Me Wait" Major Harris 5. "(Every Time I Turn Around) Back in Love
- Again" L.T.D.
- 6. "Brother Louie" Stories
- 7. "Rock Me Gently" Andy Kim
- 8. "Peaceful Easy Feeling" Eagles
- 9. "Fool for the City" Foghat 10. "I'm Not in Love" 10cc ■





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Sage Francis: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Loggins [529]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Thursday, February 26, and Friday, February 27, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Lisa Marie Presley and John Eddie [870]: Belly Up Tayern. 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 the Beautiful Girls: 4th & B, Saturday, February 28, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Richard Elliot: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 28, 7 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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] and Elizabeth McQueen: The Casbah, Sunday, February 29, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or

The Tai 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.

MONDAY

311 [212]: RIMAC Arena, Monday, March 1, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

TUFSDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Christopher Dean: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, March 3, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Ruben Studdard: Spreckels Theatre, Wednesday, March 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

O.A.R.: Jenny Craig Pavilion, Thursday, March 4, USD campus, Morena. 619-260-7550.

Buddy Guy [950]: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Blue Öyster Cult [504] and Sugarbone: 4th & B, Friday, March 5, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 5, and Saturday, March 6, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Crystal Method [122]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 6, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

"California Surfin' " starring Jan & **Dean:** East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, March 6, 8 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Dream Theater [477]: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 7, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Paco de Lucia [827]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 7, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, condido, 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [613]: Cox Arena, Sunday, March 7, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

George Winston [768]: East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Mose Allison: Dizzy's, Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., 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, condido, 800-988-4253 or

Saves the Day [218], Grandaddy, and the Fire Theft: SOMA, Tuesday, March 9, 7:45 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [440]: Sycuan case Theatre. Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002,

Sarah Brightman: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or

Loverboy: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Skid Row [532], Brothers from Another Planet [397], Compass, and **Kreep:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 12, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis: California Center for the Arts Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497

Calexico: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Flogging Molly [316], Denver Harbor, and Go Betty Go: SOMA, Saturday, March 13, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego 619-226-7662.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio" featuring **Claudia Villela:** Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

Keller Williams [857] and Craig Honeycut: 4th & B, Sunday, March 14, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downto 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dweezil Zappa and Lisa **Loeb** [614]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, March 15, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Newport Jazz Festival": East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Melvins [190]: The Casbah Monday, March 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtov 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Yngwie Malmsteen [431], Sirens **Wail** [535], and **Top Dog** [492]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [417]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Engelbert Humperdinck: Pala Casino Events Center, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263] and the **Downs Family:** 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 Tavern, Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Leon Russell [956] and Tommy **Castro:** 4th & B, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood & the Destrovers [458]: Vieias 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. 888-732-4264.

Blonde Redhead: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The 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 619-220-8497.

Musiq and **Goapele:** 4th & B, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B, Saturday, March 20, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or



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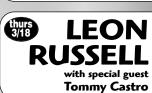






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The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Michael Feinstein with the San Diego Symphony: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497

Modest Mouse [466], the Helio Sequence, and Triumph of Lethargy: 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, x1139.

Rod Stewart [604]: Cox Arena, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Lupillo Rivera: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264

The Get Up Kids [307], Recover, and Rocky Votolato: The Epicentre, Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 27, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

N.E.R.D. and the **Black Eyed Peas** [459]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. and midnight,

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345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Eek-A-Mouse [734] and **Stranger** [730]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 27, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

David Crosby [854]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The San Francisco Modern Jazz Collective with Joshua Redman: Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Strokes [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], Campaign for Quiet, and Searay: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Occan Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Dramarama: The Casbah, Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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.

A Perfect Circle and Mars Volta: Cox Arena, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Starlight Mints [206], the Killers, and the Evening: The Casbah, Friday, April 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Tony Bennett [609]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

The Go-Go's [483]: 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.

County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277. The Proclaimers: The Cashah.

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Friday, April 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

"Aussie Invasion Tour" with the Vines [144], Jet, the Living End, and Neon: SOMA, Saturday, April 10, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Jonatha Brooke [862]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.





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Keiko Matsui [674]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [650]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, April 16, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400

The Darkness: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, April 16, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Yes [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

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

Pinback [398] and Enon: The Casbah, Wedneday, April 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boule 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.

Stereolab [301] and Mice Parade: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 30, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, a Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MAY

Belle & Sebastian: Spreckels Theatre, Monday, May 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Kottonmouth Kings [129]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, May 11, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Missio 619-220-8497.

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BY DAVE GOOD

It was one of those moments. Two years ago. at a folk festival, right at the point when the lights had gone dark and the crowd silent, my date turned to me and in a voice loud enough to command an army said that I needed a breath mint. The comment drew looks and giggles, even a few angry stares. Fortunately, Small Potatoes was onstage. They ripped into a cowboy number (I think it was "Talk a Little Texas to Me"), but it offered enough vipping and yelping to draw the attention to where it needed to be.

Generally, folk music draws a kinder. gentler fan. At concerts, I've seen everything from unshaved women strumming ukuleles to urban crackers rapping to Leo Kottke-style

picking. Small Potatoes gets booked into this mix, but they are far from your average folk novelty act. For one thing, they come with heavy credentials. For five years running, the Chicagobased husband-wife duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso has been invited to perform at the ultimate picker's festival: Walnut Valley in Winfield, Kansas. They also once got singled out as the *Best of Bound* for Glory, Phil Shapiro's folk music radio show on WVBR-FM in New York.

Small Potatoes has been around since 1992.

Prezioso met Manning when he was an accomplished lingle writer: Manning claimed in the Chicago Tribune that she learned to sing at Girl Scout camp. They are both premium musicians, they are funny, and they are weird. Manning — pretty, and with a great voice, yodels and sometimes sings in tongues. She can work Grace Slick's "Lather" into the hop-

SMALL POTATOES per along with swing, blues, roots, and Celtic hymns. Label it folk if you must, but I say it's

entertainment that defies description.

SMALL POTATOES. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Sunday, February 29, 7:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Heritage, 858-566-4040, \$15,

¡Cubanismo! [676]: California Center for the Arts, Friday, May 14, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandro Sanz [610]: Cox Arena, Thursday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429. Dido [215]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 29, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Dashboard Confessional: Cox Arena, Sunday, June 6, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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ALTERNATIVE

Abigail's Attic [249]: Dream Street The Accident Experiment: Soma Acevalone: Belly Up Tavern

The Alternatives: Surf N'Saddle American Luxury: The Casbah

Joe Beat's Non-Prophets: 'Canes The Biddy Bums: Lestat's

Black Molly: Brick By Brick The Blackletter Days: Soma Bus Driver: Belly Up Tavern Campaign for Quiet: The Alibi Caution Children: Martini Ranch

The Class of Zero: 'Canes Compass: Sham Rocks Shack A Dead Giveaway: Epicentre Dead Meadow: The Casbah **Deadbolt** [114]: The Kensington

The Deere Johns: The Casbah The Demons: The Casbah

Denali: The Casbah

The Dirty Angels: Brick By Brick Dirty Sweet: The Casbah

The Disaster Squad: Soma The Dragons [115]: The Casbah

Earthless: The Casbah The Eccentrics: Epicentre

Sage Francis: 'Canes The Gimme Fund: 'Canes Grand Buffet: 'Canes

The Guitar Outlaws: Brick By Brick

The Hangmen: The Casbah Hellsbar: Brick By Brick

Kelly Hogan: The Casbah Hornswaggled: Soma

The Humble Gods: 'Canes

Ilya [204]: The Casbah The International Playboys: The

Jack the Original: Lestat's

Laguardia: The Casbah Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

The Last Laugh: 'Canes Ken Layne & the Corvids: Java

lowcloudcover: The Casbah

Mac Lethal: 'Canes Made: Brick By Brick Carolyn Mark: The Casbah Momma: Java Joe's

Mower [239]: 'Canes

My Hotel Year: California Club

Naked Aggression: Soma The New Mexican: Soma No Value: California Club

Offtrack: Epicentre OPM: 'Canes

Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod, The Peeves: The Waterfront

Persona: Dream Street The Phunk Junkeez [287]: 'Canes

Pilotram: The Casbah

The Pine Mountain Logs: Belly Up

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The Stairwell Sisters: Dizzy's

Stellar: Dream Street

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Swandive: The Casbah Swindle: Soma

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Thunderhead: Brick By Brick Tommy Homicide: Brick By Brick

The Travel Agents: The Kraken Vex Tripp: 'Canes

The Urban Gypsies: Belly $\mathrm{U}p$

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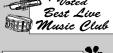
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

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Brain Bucket: Tiki House

Colporter [530]: Soma

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The Fryday Band: Pacific Beach Bar

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Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

Irradio [464]: The Kensington Club The Jackson 3 [495]: McP's Irish

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Little Effort: Blarney Stone Pub (El

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Nectarine [457]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Night Shift: Boar Cross'n

Nitehawk: Carvers

The Northstar Session: Lestat's

Pale Black: Janie's Cocktails Lisa Marie Presley: Belly Up

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Rock Trio: Java Joe's

The Rolling Radio Show: Island

Rose Street: Lestat's Coffeehouse Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

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3Against1 [456]: Epicentre

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The Truckee Brothers: Lestat's

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Viva Santana: Humphrey's The Woodrows [424]: Coyote Bar

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

James Bianchi: Bahia Hotel The Kathi Burg Band: Borders

A Flock of '80s: Henry's Pub The Innovations: Cannibal Bar

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom

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John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

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Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Cannibal Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

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Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro &

Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro &

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]:

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria

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Sergio Pessoa: Brazil by the Bay

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rico Tumbao: Sevilla

Calvin Romance: U.S. Grant Hotel

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel, Moray's Lounge, Elario's Bistro & Sky

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Peter Sprague & Pass the Drum:

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham

The Barry Allen Trio: Pasquale on

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Marriott Hotel

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Backwater Blues Band: Belly

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote

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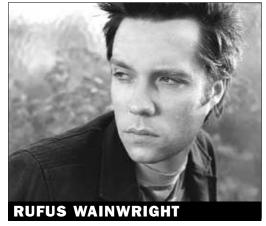
BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Rufus Wainwright may or may not be God's gift to music lovers, but he's certainly God's gift to music writers. He is a natural interview subject, a born talker with a compelling story (not to mention a flair for posing in photographs). As such, he regularly shows up in magazine profiles — even in magazines that wouldn't think of devoting space to other cabaret-style performers. If you read any of these articles, you know the story arc: Son of famous parents (singers Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle) grows up in a musical family, comes out as gay in his teens, puts out two albums to rave reviews, gets caught up in his own celebrity and almost kills himself with drugs and fast living,

cleans up his act and records the most ambitious music of his career (last year's Want One and the forthcoming follow-up Want Two).

The story is no doubt genuine, but there's a strong whiff of old-fashioned celebrity self-aggrandizement in it. It isn't so much VH-1's Behind the Music: Rufus Wainwright as it is A&E's Biography: Liza Minnelli. Like '80s-era Sinatra, Wainwright complains, "I tried to dance to Britney Spears / I guess I'm getting on in years." But don't feel too sorry for him - he's only 30.

This kind of self-dramatization propels Want One, which opens with Wainwright neglecting most of his vocal range in favor of softly moaning, "Oh what a world my parents gave me" while the accompanying quasi-operatic music sounds like something that Verdi would have rejected as too bombastic. It's impressive stuff, but only if you already love Wainwright.



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(To hear a sample of Rufus Wainwright. call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4811.)

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The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Neko Case [780]: The Casbah

Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn Nitro Express [762]: Don's Cocktail

The Ranch Rockers: Mulvanev's

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

Fred Benedetti: Dizzv's

Annie Bethancourt: Humphrey's

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Bridget Brigitte: Humphrey's Christy Bruneau: Tiki House

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub

Edie Carey: Brick By Brick

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

James East: Dizzy's

John Eddie [870]: Belly Up Tavern Melissa Ferrick: Brick By Brick

John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

The Global Party Allstars: The 101

Gregory Paul: Lestat's Coffeehouse Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub

Josh Hall: Lestat's Coffeehouse The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould

Robin Henkel [914]: Dizzv's

Jody [908]: The Metaphor

The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish

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BLUES / SOUL

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The Johnny Voodoo Band: El Cajon Grand Cocktail Lounge

Keb' Mo' [949]: Viejas Casino

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Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Nite Life [934]: Pal Joey's

The Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II

The Soul Persuaders [945]: Humphrey's

The Swingin' Kings [916]: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Taj Mahal Trio [941]: Belly Up

Earl Thomas [946]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Belly Up Tavern, Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Billy Watson: The Book

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

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Therapy: Fridays, industrial, EBM. electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. 21 and up.; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163. Information, 619-465-5827.

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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.

CLUBS BY AREA

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Shemekia Copeland and Earl Thomas, blues. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Backwater Blues Band, 9:15 p.m., Pine Mountain Logs and the Urban Gypsies, alternative. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., Lisa Marie Preslev and John Eddie, rock. Sunday, 7 p.m., the Taj Mahal Trio and Fred Eaglesmith, blues. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Acevalone, the Visionaires, and s Driver, alternative

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, *Night*



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Album Name: Nine (2003)

Artist: Blueorange Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Nites Like These 2) Restless 3) Not That Kind of Guy 4) Scream 5) What Was Your Name? 6) Floating 7) Can't Buy Me

Love 8) Butcher's Daughter 9) Bird in a Catpit Price/Where Available: \$10: e-mail

blueorangeband@yahoo.com, and they'll tell you where to send Band Members: James Tuckwell (vocals), Michael Ramirez

the money

(quitars), Bill Hamby (quitars), Paul Richards (drums) Extra Info: In pairing Britain's pop hooks and Southern California's grunge, the band aspires to mend the rift between

Website: www.blueorangeband.com

mods and alternative rockers.

Formed in the late 1990s when two guitarists from Ocean Beach hooked up with a singer and drummer from London, alternative rockers Blueorange place Britain's finest pop hooks within the context of the SoCal

grunge scene.

Heavy guitars generate '60s feel-good-rock sound in the band's second fulllength album. Though there are no blatant rip-offs, portions of songs sound like something heard before. At times the mimicry is apparent, as with the grinding guitars in "Scream," which hints at the Clash. The grittier vocals and ebbing guitars of "Floating" evoke images of "Strawberry Fields," but instead of Lennon and McCartney, the lead singer is more like Johnny Rotten, and the sound accommodates turbulent, guitarlaunched utterances.

A vintage pop/alternative sound permeates the album, but there is the occasional burst of hard rock, played with a pleasant edge. Standout tracks include "Not That Kind of Guy" and a cover of the Beatles' "Can't Buy Me Love."



The only drawback with this album is that it slightly loses momentum as the guitar work gets a little repetitive. Not to worry, though, the band bounces back with a balmy sound that adds euphonic complexity to the redundancy.

(To hear a sample of Nine. call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4544.)

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Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., J. Turtle, acoustic

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Carvers. 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Nitehawk*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Woodrows, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the Swingin' Kings, blues. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to

10:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, rockin' reggae. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Johnny "B" Blues.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 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, 3 EZ Pieces, rock. Friday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Saturday, Travel Agents, alternative.

La Costa Tournament of 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.









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The Metaphor Coffeehouse,

258 East Second Avenue, Escondido 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, the Troubadour of Divine Bliss, New Orleans folk. Saturday, Jody, contemporary. 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, 9:30 p.m., hip-hop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., rock en español. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

The 101 Artist Colony, 25 E Street, Encinitas. 760-809-3251. Friday, 8 p.m., Sasha Butterfly, Al Torre, and the Global Party Allstars, acoustic/folk.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Call club for information.

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, Call club for information

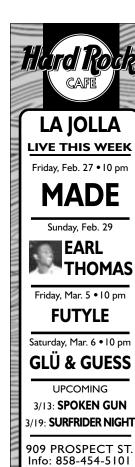
Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Zen Dogs*, rock. Saturday, the Alternatives. Wednesday, open

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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *James Bianchi*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844, Live bands nightly.

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Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach 858-488-1081 Thursday, 9 p.m., *Innovations*, Top 40. Friday, 9 p.m., *David Patrone*, swing/jazz. Saturday, Y3K, classic

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to P. 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. Friday, *Persona*, Backpocket, THEnick, and Dustin Shev. Saturday, Stellar, Me vs. Nixxon, The Mirrors, and Abigail's Attic.

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.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, call club for information. Sunday, 5 p.m., Earl Thomas, blues.

Hilton Torrey Pines, 10950 North Torrev 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*, pianos 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.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, . 858-483-6550. Friday, Tubby, rock. Wednesday, live blues.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m., Rick Ross, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday through Tuesday, Larry Fogel, singer, pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach 858-272-7278. Friday, the Fryday Band, rock.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-509 8900. Friday, 9 p.m., the Barry Allen Cohen Trio, jazz.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Iolla. 858-453-5500. Friday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Brain Bucket, acoustic rock, Friday, *Christy Bruneau*, alternative folk. Saturday, *the Boogiemen*, R&B. Sunday, Chris Kelly's Open-Acoustic Night. Wednesday, Big Back Yard,

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Live bands nightly.

SAN DIEGO

The Alibi, 1403 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-295-0881. Saturday, 10 p.m., Campaign for Quiet,

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.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., the Kathi Burg Band, adult contemporary.

Brazil by the Bay, 3770 Hancock Street, Suite G, San Diego. 619-692-1410. Sunday, 4 p.m., Sergio Pessoa, Brazilian music

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday. Melissa Ferrick and Edie Carey. Friday, Hellsbar, Dirty Angels, Whole Hog, and Tommy Homicide. Saturday, Guitar Outlaws, Silent Treatment, Made, and Black Holly. Wednesday,
Thunderhead, Innocent, Wither, and the Abuse.

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 Caion Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Saturday, *No* Value. Sunday, Watch It Burn and My



MUSIC ➤ Live salsa music on Thursdays; DJs on Fridays and civilians Saturdays; more live music in the **HOURS** ➤ Monday–Wednesday,

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ Salsa night on Thursday; Saturday is "Ladies' Night." no cover for females before 10 p.m. (and probably one of the few places that still has a ladies' night after the recent lawsuit); bingo on Monday and Wednesday nights ("One lady won \$3200," a manager tells me); "Battle of the Bands"

CLIENTELE ➤ 18 and up to enter (ID for alcohol): must be in military or accompanied by somebody that is active duty, retired, or a dependent; 75% of the crowd is in the military, and 60% of the crowd is male; average age, early 20s

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DRESS ➤ no tank tops, hats, or sandals; I saw lots of fatigues and

DANCE FLOOR > 30' by 30' **FIRE EXITS** \rightarrow five – two on the sides, one going out onto the patio, one leading to buildings next door, and main entrance **BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had three

urinals and two stalls; possibly the cleanest bathroom I've ever been in; couldn't check women's because I didn't bring a date

CAPACITY ➤ 448

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ the patio is large with 20 tables and patio heaters; arcade area; pool hall (you must be enlisted to enter the pool hall area, though); six computers with Internet access

FURNISHINGS ➤ nice dining room area with bar: main hall has a smaller bar, a stage, DJ booth, TVs. and iukebox

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 107 when the Rico Tumbao Band played; 96 last

week at the Blvd in San Marcos. **QUOTABLE** ➤ "Maybe you won't meet a million women here, but it's nice to come and unwind."

The E Club shouldn't be confused with the E Street Alley downtown. Adam, the manager, told me that when the Marines took over the Miramar base from the Navy, they changed the name from the E Club to Area 51 (which is the sign outside). "Officially, that's the name. But we still list it on our website, and everyone refers to it. as the E Club or the Enlisted Club."

Another manager named Adam tells me, "We've had country music on certain nights, a reggae night, R&B.... You get a group of guys in here, then they ship out, and it's a new group that comes in. We're always retooling and finding out what they want to have."

-Josh Board

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, 7 p.m., 3 Against 1, Offtrack, A Dead Giveaway, A Vital Few vs. the Trivial Many, The Eccentrics, and Rumor Has It, alternative.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers, blues.

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 p.m., The Soul Persuaders, funk/dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., The Ultratones, '50s and '60s dance covers, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco/pop. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Viva Santa

Latin rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Michael Paulo*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Jose* Smith, Annie Bethancourt, Bridget Brigette, Mango Bay, Blizzard Rock, Katie Strand, and Shemm.

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, Ken Layne & the Corvids, Shawn P. Rohlf, and Steve Pavey, alternative/folk. Saturday, the Rock Trio and Mara Sunday, Miff's Jam Night.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Deadbolt*,

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alternative/rock. Saturday, Irradio,

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *the Biddy* Bums. Friday, the Truckee Brothers, Gregory Paul, and the Northstar Session, rock/acoustic. Saturday, Jack the Original and Josh Hall, alternative/folk, Sunday, Rose Street, alternative rock. Monday, open mike.

Marriott Hotel, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's: Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-276-5637. Friday, the CeeCee James Band, blues. Saturday,

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, Gregory Page, alternative Tuesday. Irish iam 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 and blues.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live alternative/rock band.







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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Lill'bit & the Customatics and Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, The Joey Show, rock. Saturday, The Fremonts, blues. Monday, swing. Tuesday,

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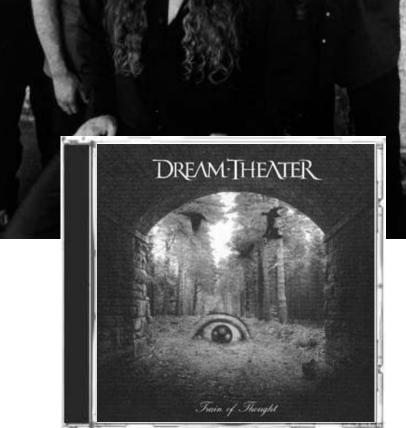
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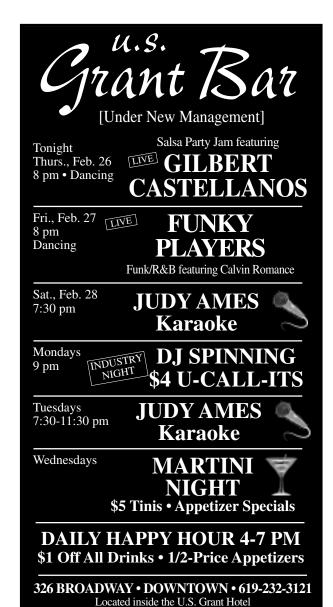
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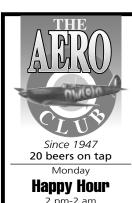
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Val Night at the Villa

During the day and on full-moon nights, from the veranda of Brockton Villa you can watch the surf crashing on the sands just across the coastal road. Both historic and romantic, the building's a rambling white redwood frame with cedar shingles, hugging a hillside overlooking La Jolla Cove. Built in 1894 as a doctor's vacation bungalow, it looks like some breezy old Cannery Row chowder house with its open-truss hip roof. You trudge up a long flight of stairs to the wraparound dining terrace, toasty from the heat of the propane stanchions. A short flight farther up, you enter the dining rooms, which are warmed by a fireplace encrusted with the opalescent shells of the giant abalone that used to live here before our forebears ate them all.

Just before Valentine's Day last year, a reader e-mailed me looking for advice. Newly arrived in San Diego, he was seeking a place for a romantic dinner with a view — and moderate prices. Admitting that I'd never eaten there but was taken by its good looks, I mentioned Brockton Villa (a.k.a. "BV") among other possibilities. That's where he went and then reported back: "The food was out of sight. I had a lobster tail with crab cakes, and she had the filet mignon. The service was excellent and the view was incredible.

This year, I decided to see — and taste for myself. Putting duty before romance, my sweetie and I invited two other couples to share our Valentine's Day dinner. We were promptly seated in a private room that was once part of the open-air veranda. The restaurant's special four-course menu that evening (priced \$39 to \$54, depending on your choice of entrée) was divided between dishes drawn from the regular menu (some with different garnishes for the occasion) and two entrées prepared just for the occasion. The owner later told me that this combination of old and new is aimed to please the restaurant's many regulars who come for holiday dinners and want something slightly different from their usual

A large placard near the stairway proudly announces that all Brockton's breads are from the Bread & Cie bakery in Hillcrest. It was a treat to dive into a breadbasket filled with their wares, including several slices of their irresistible black olive bread, with a ramekin of seeded butter alongside. Bread products play an important role in several



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dishes here, so it's good that they're using the best.

The evening's appetizer choices, drawn from the regular menu, were the very ones I wanted to try, including one that relies heavily on bread quality. In the classic American crab cakes, one of

BV's signature dishes, the crabmeat is seasoned with slivers of herbs and mellow roasted red pepper mince, amended with an equal amount of soft crumbs from a fine-

crumbed, faintly sweet bread. Each cake sits atop a silver-dollar pancake loaded with sweet corn kernels and is topped with a tasty daub of red pepper aioli. Even if they aren't the world's crabbiest specimens, they're emphatically mouth friendly. I later learned that the recipe came from Deborah (Mixx) Helm, who spent nine months as consulting chef at the Villa while gestating her own restaurant.

But Oysters Brockafeller — oy, oy! The large, juicy bivalves are too delicious to deserve that pasty, floury white sauce. The shells hold spinach, mushroom, bits of artichoke heart (I guess the latter innovation puts the "B" in "Brockafeller"), and the

broiled topping is a tasty Parmesan, but I wish the kitchen would double the spinach and halve the flour.

The BV Bruschetta forecasts another pandemic problem: A great many dishes from this kitchen are based on fresh tomatoes — and even in sunny

San Diego, the last good tomatoes were harvested three months ago. Loved the crusty bread, loved the goat cheese crème fraîche, but the cottony, anemic love apples left

much to be desired. I often wish restaurants that insist on serving tomatoes in winter would bite the bullet and spring for those "on-the-vine" hothouse-grown Early Girls — at least they're reasonably

The tomatoes were better when they were fully cooked, in a thick and chunky tomato-basil soup substantial enough to impersonate a pasta sauce. A crouton of Parmesan toast floated in the center, softening in the broth to the texture of a caress and offering a good nutty cheese flavor to balance the acidity. But a little of this soup went a long way. One bowlful could have dressed two entrées worth of ravioli.

Brockton Villa

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The Caesar salad tasted just like my last four restaurant Caesar salads — although the romaine here was a little sweeter than average, and the bread croutons more inviting. (I'm really starting to wonder if all the restaurants in San Diego are using the same Ready-Pak Caesar that I buy at the supermarket when I'm in a rush.) The romaine is chopped (not whole leaves), and the standardissue dressing seems generations removed from the inspired Tijuana original or even its delicious anchovy-laced early descendants. (While raw eggs have probably grown too risky for restaurant use, pasteurized eggs have been invented for this very purpose.) The other salad featured young spinach, sautéed mushrooms, slabs of hard-boiled egg, and





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warm sun-dried tomato vinaigrette. I wasn't mad for the combination, probably because the dark brown color of the mushrooms fooled me into expecting crisp bacon, not slippery fungi. Most classic spinach salads of whatever national origin do include something crunchy (bacon bits, pine nuts, sunflower seeds). The mouth craves crispness to contrast with the velvety young leaves.

The restaurant was slamming all evening, with six chefs crammed into a space for four. There were slight compromises on some of the entrées. The one I liked best was a special of grilled sea bass with herbed cream sauce. The fish was tender, the sauce smooth and sensual. The accompaniments were good roasted new potatoes and sautéed tomatoes (the bruschetta guys again, sweetened by longer cooking).

A prime-grade filet mignon (from the respected Newport Meat Company) arrived rare as ordered, butter-tender and well marbled, with more beef flavor than is usual for this preciously insipid cut. On the normal menu, it comes with a bleu cheese topping. For the holiday, it had a portobello mushroom-onion sauce that reminded us of Lipton's soup mix, even if it was made from scratch. But its veggie accompaniments were delicious: mashed potatoes made with a slightly sweet potato variety — plus simple sautéed spinach.

A pork chop with dried fruit compote isn't on the regular menu but ought to be. The chop was slightly overcooked

but still moist in the center. It wore an aromatic topping of sautéed onion, crisp bacon bits, and rehydrated dried mixed fruits, a siren of intoxicating scent. Alongside were the same good mash as the steak and sugar snap peas sautéed with onion and plenty of fresh basil. The flavors were wonderfully complex, even if the pea pods themselves were cooked to mush.

Two shellfish dishes did not bear up under the crush of the crowd. The crab-stuffed lobster (available at market price from the regular dinner menu) that my e-mail buddy raved about starts with a butterflied lobster tail, shelled, cooked and laid atop its former shell. Then a crab cake (reappearing from Act I, Scene I) is slapped on top (not exactly stuffed), and it's all heated again to crisp the top of the cake. That night, the crab cake squeaked through without damage, and so did the part of the lobster tail protected by it. The other half of the lobster tail, sprawling beyond the boundaries of the crab umbrella, was cooked to cardboard, heat-fused to the chitin. The accompaniments were asparagus, pilaf, and a ramekin of melted butter, which proved as fine a dip for the thick, flavorful asparagus spears as for the lobster.

Last and very least was Villa Paella, another entrée drawn from the regular dinner menu. It proved to be an identity crisis on a plate. The rice in the paella was seasoned to the fullout spiciness of a Cajun jambalaya, with both fresh and dried hot red chiles overwhelming or replacing the normal saffron. (Spanish cuisine can be a little spicy with Iberian hot paprika — but it's never cayenne fiery.) The rice gained interest from black olives, artichoke hearts, and capers, but

the grain itself was dried out by excessive or overlong heating. The shellfish (black and greenlip mussels and clams) were chewy, and fin fish chunks were cooked to sawdust. I suspect that you can only succeed in preparing paella (especially seafood paella) for a mass of people if you can dish it out all in one fell swoop, leaving nothing to keep warm or reheat. But as long as they're upping the fire quotient, Brockton Villa would be smarter to substitute a jambalaya entirely — say, a chicken thigh-sausage version on a holiday when they're this busy. The extra liquid and fattier meat make that dish better able to withstand restaurant-

kitchen realities. Before dessert, I slipped off for a cigarette on the stair landing. Venus was setting, glowing orange low over the swelling sea. Off to the right, at the eastern curve of the cove, the lights of the Marine Room glittered and beckoned. I felt like Jay Gatsby looking at the light on Daisy's dock.

Normally, desserts are made in-house, but with so many mouths to feed, Brockton Villa brought in their Valentine's night desserts from Beryl Ann Byrd's Just Fabulous Desserts in Kensington. There were pleasingly restrained chocolate-raspberry truffle heart cakes and terribly sweet whipped cream-wrapped passion fruitlemon mousse cakes. Our favorite was actually the Villa's own chocolate mousse, light textured, not too sweet, and studded with refreshing bites of fresh fruit.

We returned for breakfast late on the following Monday morning, totally forgetting that it, too, was a holiday — a legal one, with everybody in town heading for the beach. There

was a line of breakfasters waiting on the Villa's steps. Luckily, it moved quickly.

Brockton Villa started out as a breakfast and lunch place, and its masterpiece is its breakfast dish, Coast Toast. It's the Platonic ideal of French toast large slabs of airy, fluffy Italian bread with a chewy crust, the interior texture of a soufflé and an alluring orange liqueur flavor. (It's made from the one bakery bread that isn't from Bread & Cie, by the way, and is soaked overnight.) Another interesting choice is Eggs Ipanema. On top are two perfectly poached eggs napped with a lively tomato-coconut sauce (the one dish here that employs canned tomatoes, and all the better for it). Under each egg is a slice of raw tomato. Then you've got a choice of either turkey sausage patties or Canadian bacon (or, for a few bucks more, crab cakes) to anchor the eggs, and finally, at bottom, the halves of an English muffin. But the raw tomato slices were ruinously unripe, and the sausage patties constituted a harrowing voyage into the lowest depths of American charcuterie. They even despoiled the innocent muffin halves they sat on. Next time, I'll take the Canadian bacon. Or else I'll just order the crêpes. The coffee is excellent, by the way. You can also get espresso drinks, among them something called the "Keith Richard." Coffee with a shot of heroin? Nah, just four legal shots of espresso.

And yes, I'm sure there'll be a next time. Some summer evening, when the sun sets late, I hope to find myself on the terrace with my binoculars and my sweetie, with no other couples to share dinner with, and nothing to do but casually nibble and canoodle and watch the pelicans swooping and the waves crashing on the shore.

ABOUT THE CHEF

The owner and executive chef of Brockton Villa is Megan Heine, the offspring of a longtime La Jolla food family that in 1968 founded the Pannikin coffeehouse chain. In the early 1990s, Pannikin obtained the lease to the somewhat rundown Brockton Villa, until then a private home, and began to renovate it and adapt it for use as a restaurant — their efforts garnering an Orchid Award for Historic Preservation in 1993. "The house was never in as bad shape as the Red Roost and the Red Rest bungalows down the street from us. says Megan, whose voice sounds remarkably like Melanie Griffith's. "We expanded it, and since it's over 100 years old, there was quite a lot of renovation we had to do to get it up to code for commercial use. But the footprint of the house has not changed. The kitchen is where the kitchen always was. We [first] had to shore up the house. We covered the veranda, and we moved the entrance and the dining terrace to the coast side of the house, so as not to disturb the residential properties on the shady side next door. The patio that we built gets full sun most of the day and the sunset."

In 1994, when renovations were complete, the family sold the Pannikin coffee business and launched the Brockton Villa Restaurant. Two years later, with the receipt of a coveted beer and wine license, Megan expanded from a breakfast/lunch menu into dinners. "My first chef here was Shari Robins, a dear friend of mine," said Megan. "We were college classmates, and then she went on to the Culinary Institute in New York. To do a full restaurant, instead of another Pannikin,

I felt we needed professional advice, and I called my friend Shari. She was working as a chef in New York, where she's from. She came to San Diego to do consulting with us and ended up moving here. She stayed with us for about two years after the opening, until she was recruited by Barney Greenglass in L.A. to open their restaurant. She's now the executive chef of James Beach up in Venice."

"I'm the chef now. I have a kitchen staff, some of which have been with me for 10 years. We usually have 4 guys, but on Valentine's Day we had 6, some of them to do prep for the next day's breakfast even while we were doing that night's dinner. It's an unbelievably tiny kitchen, and we have almost no storage space, but we make everything fresh from scratch, "I've been through 5 chefs in 12 years, and I decided that what I wanted to do were things I could do on my own. I'm a gourmet cook, and though I'm not classically trained as a chef, I grew up with gourmet cooks as parents and selling gourmet products. Each chef that's been here has added to the personality of the menu and always left on good terms with no problems about their recipes. Some other dishes are from my family or our friends. 'Grandpa George's Chicken Curry,' for instance, isn't an Indian curry but is a family recipe that my grandfather brought home after he was in the Navy, stationed in Iceland. It ended up being our traditional Christmas dinner recipe. He usually made it with lamb, but I had to scale it down for the menu, to pick and choose the number of toppings on it. I made it a chicken recipe, which is how I cook it at home. My grandfather made it with whale, but I don't think that would go over too good on the Brockton Villa menu." ■

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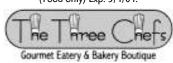






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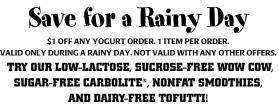
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rmenian bread," I'm saying, "has that sesame seed taste."

"Yeah, but this place has beer,"

savs Hank.

"So does this place — \$1.50."

We're standing outside these two places, up in Hillcrest. The café-pub on the left, the Wit's End — great title — and the Grill on the right. No prize for originality, but it has a magic word. "Mesquite." And inside, a real fire glowing away — plus on its menu, just about every

dish seems to have Armenian bread with it. So we toss a quarter. Hank takes heads.

Heh-heh. Tails. South Carolina, 1788, "The Palmetto State.'

"Okay, the Grill. Let's go," I say. "Never keep a nice grill waiting.'

It's small. A woman sits at one of the three tables, bouncing a baby on her knee. She hands it to her husband. "¡Ay! ¡Qué guapo!" he says as he holds his baby high over him. The mom is Claudia, the dad's Alex, the baby's Axel. "After Axl Rose — Guns N' Roses," says Alex. "He has the greatest singing voice. If Axel grows up with a voice like that, I'll be very proud."

"So, those \$1.50 beers, dude?" Hank looks expectant.

'Uh, dude, can you hold off for a moment? I've got a Jackson with me. Twenty. That's it.' 'Okay." He sighs. "So let's order.'

Hmm. They have starters like chicken soup (\$2.95 small, or \$4.95 large), baba ghanoush (eggplant dip) and pita (\$3.25, \$5.50), or an

interesting-sounding tidbit called Pita Tostada — toasted pita with hummus, tabouleh, and avocado (\$2.95). There's a bunch of salads, including Greek (\$6.00) and salmon or mahi (\$7.95), and wraps stuffed with salad

and avo plus a main item, like filet mignon (\$6.95), afi (turns out this is ground beef with onions, tomatoes, parsley, garlic) for \$6.25, or hummus and tabouleh in the "All Green" (\$4.95).

The biggest and most expensive items are the "plates,"

featuring pretty much the same selection of filet mignon, mahi, salmon, shrimp, chicken, afi, or veggies like yellow squash and zucchini, plus rice, Armenian bread, and salad. Veggie Plate's cheapest at \$6.50. Filet mignon and seafood cost most at \$8.50.

Then they have smaller bowls of the same for five to seven bucks, and skewers of mesquite-grilled meat, fish, shrimp, or veggies over Armenian bread for between \$2.85 (for the grilled veggie) and \$5.95 (for fish and filet).

Damn. Can't decide between the plate of shrimp and a simple skewer of chicken on Armenian bread, which would liberate funds for the \$1.50 beer deal.

'Guess I'll try the sampler," Hank says. Huh. Just saw that. Choice of meat plus rice, tabouleh, hummus, baba ghanoush, and pita, \$8.00. He chooses mahi for his meat and seasoned rice, which is 50 cents extra. So \$8.50.

Oh, heck. G'bye, beer. I order the shrimp plate with Armenian bread and salad, \$8.45 with seasoned rice.

Fact is, what I'm most desperate for is a \$1.75 corn on the cob cooked in the mesquite ashes. Can almost taste the burnt corn kernels.

'To drink?'

"Naa," says Hank.

"Iced tea?" I say.

Alex hands me an Arizona lemon tea. I hand over Andrew Jackson.

"That's \$20.15.

"Oh. Right. Uh, Hank, got that peseta? The Palmetto State?"

"Jeez." He hands over the quarter. Ten cents' change. I see the tip pot. It's empty. The tinkle of the lone dime's gonna qualify me for the Worst Tipper of the Year award. It has a notice taped onto it. "Tipping Is Not a City in

We sit down. I glance around. "Brick" lower walls and yellow faux finishing above. Pix of long-mustached chefs. A sign: "Cooking over mesquite takes a little longer, but it's worth the

"You realize you could have had the beer for a quarter less?'

I look at the menu. Aargh! "Arizona tea,

"Or that corn on the cob...\$1.75, too," I

say.
"Oh, why not?" says Hank. He jumps up and orders two. What a guy.

Alex heads for the smoldering grill fire be-

hind thick glass. Then — wow. He takes a hair drier and blows the mesquite charcoals into life till they glower an evil red. He says it's also to clear the ash away. Then he lays down our two corn cobs right on the embers and heads to the fridge for the mahi and shrimp.

Ten minutes later it all appears, on two 12-inch paper plates. Basically, we're talking rice with neat rows of six mahi on Hank's plate and six shrimp on mine. Hank has his hummus, tabouleh, baba ghanoush, and pita, and I have a big salad. We dive in.

"Really good," says Hank, after a moment. "That mesquite works." I get what he's talking about. My shrimp has a serious, tangy, lemonyburnt flavor. The parsley-spiked rice spreads the taste. Nothing wishy-washy here. God, if I'd only ordered the beer.

The owner's Armenian," says Alex. "I'm from Mexico, but what I've learned is this food is very healthy. Only olive oil, no fat, no grease, no lard, no skin on the chicken, everything fresh — I have learned a lot about eating. It will help Axel grow healthy with a good voice...

Driving back in Hank's Camry, I'm feeling something...missing. "Hey!" I sit up. "My Armenian bread. With the sesame seed. It wasn't there, dude. Turn around."

"Maybe you didn't say the magic words, dude."

"Magic...oh. 'Open sesame.' Very funny. Turn around, dude — turn!" ■

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h, youth — its energy, its passion, its willingness to believe in the possibilities. onsider the case of Cava, the name given to Spanish sparkling wine made in the traditional way. According to veteran Spanish wine importer

Jorge Ordoñez, "Because of the dominance of two companies" -Freixenet and Codorniu — "everyone across the world thinks of Cava as a \$7 wine." Something, that is, good for parties and mimosas, but hardly exalted bubbly. "Not one person can imagine spending \$25 on a bottle of Cava,'

continues Ordoñez, despite the existence of some very fine examples. Some of those examples are made by those same two companies (in much smaller quantities and at much greater expense); several others are produced by Rimarts, a relatively tiny, highly old-fashioned winery operating in the shadow of the giants.

It is on this venerable, little-known producer that young importers Tom Lyons and Josh Hall have pinned their hopes. Lyons and Hall — aged 24 and 23, respectively — make up Oenos Global, Inc., the sole U.S. importer for Rimarts. The two San Diegans have grand plans for the future. But for now, 6 of their 11 wines hail from Rimarts, and the 3 most costly are Cava.

The showpiece of the collection is the \$30 Reserva Especial, aged eight years on its lees. (Lees are dead yeast cells that decompose after sparkling wine has undergone its secondary fermentation in bottle, slowly surrendering their organic goodness to the developing wine.) It recently picked up 86 points from Wine Spectator, a respectable score, if still lower than the 89- and 88-point

scores given the Rimarts six- and four-year Cava by Wine & Spirits. Lyons was ecstatic, even if, as he says, "we still have this sort of idea that Cava has a ten-point bias." It's not from France, or even California, where several French producers have founded successful wineries. It may include

Chardonnay, but not the other traditional grape of Champagne, Pinot Noir. (Rimarts is planning to release a Chardonnay-Pinot Noir "Super-Cava" called Uvae this year.) Often it includes neither, consisting instead of Macabeo, Xarel-lo, and Parellada. In short, it ain't Champagne.

"Champagne as a region has done such a great job of presenting itself as the end-all, be-all sparkling wine of the world," says Lyons. "Champagne will run full-page ads in Wine Spectatorthat's something like \$25,000." The image of Cava, on the other hand, is heavily influenced by the people who own Freixenet and Codorniu, he says. "Why would they want to help out the importer of Rimarts?"

So Lyons and Hall do their own marketing, touting Rimarts's adherence to slow, low-tech methods and its avoidance of dosage — the sugar-syrup addition often injected to sparkling wine to help balance its naturally high acidity. My Oxford Companion to Wine notes that dosage is sometimes referred to as liqueur *d'expedition* — which I presume translates as a little something to expedite matters, to hurry the bottle along to market. It goes on to say that "bottle age or extended autolvsis are excellent substitutes for dosage, however, and, in general, the older the wine, the lower the necessary dosage to produce a balanced wine, and vice versa. Some champagnes are made with no, or zero, dosage." Some Champagnes, and all of Oenos's Rimarts Cava.

Besides serving as something of a shortcut, Lyons says that "the

whole thing about adding a dosage is trying to create flavors in a wine that aren't there naturally. The advantage of a dosage is that it guarantees a sort of flavor concentration because it's a liquor made in a lab. If your aging has been accelerated, you can throw in a dosage to sort of wrap the wine in a solid flavor." He suggests that it may hide certain flaws in a wine, and that non-dosed wines must therefore be made with exquisite care. Such care is further evidenced in Rimarts's refusal to freeze the sediment in the bottle neck as an aid in removal, opting instead for hand-removal without freezing. Says Lyons, "The winery says that using the ice plug compromises the juice right in the neck of the bottle.

Non-dosed wines also exhibit purity, he says, a purity that casts mercy over the morning after. (This may have something to do with the absence of residual sugar.) "We've been over there at Rimarts and drunk so much of this stuff sitting around the



Tom Lyons and Rimarts enologist Ernest in the winery's underground caves

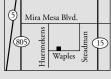
table. We were thinking, 'Man, we're going to have such a hangover.' But the feeling it gives you is just a feeling of happiness. It's such a pure wine. On the back label in Spain, it says in Catalán, 'This Cava makes you happy.' I translated that and tried to put it through with the federal government here. They said, 'No way. You can't suggest that something is going to make you happy.

That it will be 'the medicine to cure all sadness,' " adds Hall.

Label or no label, Lyons and Hall soldier on, providing in-house tastings, pouring at local shops and events, knocking on restaurant doors, and calling distributors. "We're younger," says Hall, "so we bring a younger crowd to places we go. We're exposing new products to new generations." And they're learning to position themselves. "We just finally got in contact with the Spanish Trade Commission; they sent us a list of 175 Spanish restaurants across the U.S. We want to let people know that

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Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingre-dients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an everchanging array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

D.B. Hackers Seafood Cafe And Grill 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a codlike species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex - no cumininfused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any tra-ditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy *chile* rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

Firenze 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. - N.W. (11/01)

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Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-therice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is muy popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of 1- 5), Encinitas, 60-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting stan-

dards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gournet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry sfogliatelle, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries (baked by former owner, Rosanna's, which grew up into a restaurant on Highway 101). The eat-in/takeout menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big castiron smoker (rather than grilled over a

fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

Ashoka The Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-youcan-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off 1-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Hernandez' Hide-Away Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, chilaquiles, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tony's Giant Pizza 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121.

Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperon pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquitegrilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Val-

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LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/00)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For en-trées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the - if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta search ınch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The ex-hilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ul-tra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland



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or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is

only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy



chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appe-tizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate.

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay, The building looks like a converted Mc-Donald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew, Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

Sam Woo Bar-B-Q Restaurant

#A103. Clairemont Mesa. 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely Tung kong salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honeyglazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably jook, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with boba (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the *boba* up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself

"The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in subur ban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disney-land — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, teppanyaki, and assorted Asian nib-bles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes reg-ularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines generic hot and cold sake available Reservations for large groups only Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — N.W. (10/02)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop vourself and a side of tasty fresh kim chee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

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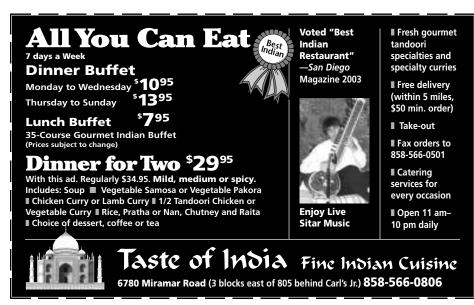
Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale

eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate.

— N.W. (3/02)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sun-day brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. -N.W. (2/02)

Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *tara-masalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, saganaki for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are











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among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarianfriendly menu. Belly dancing Fridanights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Harbor Island Fuel Dock 2040 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-6443. (If dock gate is closed, go to Harbor Island West Marina office by ramp, 619-291-6440, for pass.) You want to flash back to old waterfront San Diego? Come where the real salts eat, at this dinky, little timber shack floating out in the channel on a pontoon. Enter and look for the glassfronted cooler. Your choice: bagel dogs, burritos, a "Pierre Jumbo Flamebroiled Jalapeño Cheeseburger," or Pierre's "Jumbo Bar-B-Q Chicken Breast Patty Sandwich." That's it. Heat in the self-serve microwave, maybe grab a cerveza, go out, sit on a bench, and watch the waterworld go by. Open seven days. In expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-06066. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and biergarten, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday, Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

Lotsa Pasta 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. The menu of this large, loud family restaurant offers a clever gimmick: You pick your noodles (from 9 flavors, 6 shapes, plus 7 stuffed pastas), then choose one of 17 sauces to dress them. For a little extra, you can add ingredients such as garlic shrimp, bread-heavy meatballs, or good spicy sausage, or create a pastacombo. Entrées come with salad or soup (with 3 flavor choices either way) and garlic bread. But don't expect authentic Italian cooking, or even Italian-American; the fare is more small-town American-Italian, with uniformly thick pastas, mainly weighty sauces, and co-pious wafts of oregano. (The vodka sauce and Thai peanut sauce aren't too bad.) The biggest deal here is *timpano*, a bread-shell enclosing a cornucopia of pastas, sauces, cheeses, and meats (made famous by the movie *The Big* Night). A retail counter offers most items for take-home do-it-yourself. Wines are cheap, and taste like it. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

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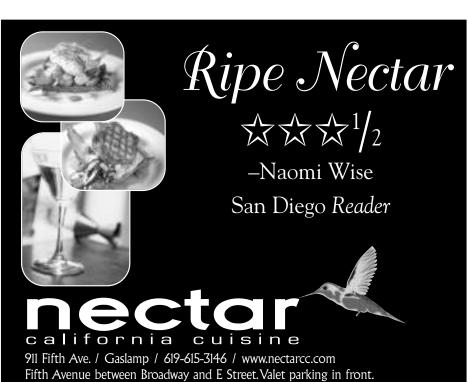
El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelosstyle cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of carne asada), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the carne de adobada (pork dish), caldo de res (beef soup), huevos rancheros, and menudo or pozole soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken





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fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, dolmades. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken *souvlaki* (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Izzy's Cafe 1252 Broadway, El Cajon, 447-5067. Good-ol'-boy eatery in

the middle of Box Town. You're look ing for quantity? You've come to the right spot. Izzy's — named after coowner Lorrie Sellers's middle name, Isabel — is all cream walls, country-scene pictures, little wooden hanging milk bottles. They have great breakfasts, two guaranteed to test your belt buckle: chicken-fried chicken in country gravy, with two eggs, potatoes, and bread; or "Izzy's Frittata Bar," an open-faced omelet with spuds and biscuits and gravy. You can add anything from sausage to zucchini — up to four ingredients — without paying extra. Or, oatmeal or a short stack will fill you just fine and leave you with more walking-about money. Breakfast and lunch till 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Mario's De La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the burro (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal sur-rounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the carnitas rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the carne asada; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dryroasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is stud-ded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesdsay through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106 El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pep per steak (given a Thai twist) to chicker yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the masaman curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet co-conut milk. Other tasty dishes include prik pow beef, som tum (papaya salad) panang curry, and mee ped (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Woodstock's Pizza 6548 El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando), College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers - local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat - are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at

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"ALL IN ONE" CHICKEN PAD THAI

BY RIKO BARTOLOME

Owner/Chef, Asia-Vous (scheduled to open spring 2004), Escondido

This is a Thai dish, a broad rice-noodle dish. Most Thai restaurants would serve this with shrimp, but I like to do this most of the time with chicken because my kids will eat it. You can make it all in one pot. When friends are coming over, you want to spend time socializing and you don't want to get into too much meticulous prep

This is an easy dish that can be made in about 45 minutes, and it doesn't leave you with much of a mess. You don't have to do a lot of dishwashing.

It's a hearty dish, but it's one that you can have in the winter or in the

summer because it's not too heavy. I always encourage people to taste, taste, taste as they cook and not to worry about exact measurements. It makes everybody feel like chefs.

The rice sticks are rice noodles that come in the thickness of linguini or fettuccini. They are available at any Asian market. Markets to try are 99 Ranch Market, Seafood City, the Asian markets along El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights, or Chai Market in Escondido. The fish sauce is available at Asian markets as well, and at some high-end grocery stores. Two brands I

recommend are Tiparos. from Thailand, which is saltier, or Three Crabs, which comes from Vietnam and is milder. Most chefs prefer Three Crabs, but you can use any kind of fish sauce.

Ice-cold beer goes really well with this dish. Or you might want to make yourself a mint tea or an iced Moroccanblend tea

HOW TO DO IT

Place rice sticks in room-temperature water and let soak while preparing the rest of the meal. Remove giblets and fat from the chicken cavity and rinse chicken under

warm water. Place the chicken in a 3- to 4-quart pot along with the onion, carrot, celery, and bay leaves. Cover with water. Cover pot and bring to boil. Season the broth with salt and white pepper. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until chicken is done, at least 30

Remove chicken from the broth and set aside to cool. Strain the broth through a mesh strainer and reserve. In the same

the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk: the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Înexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and **Saloon** 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Holly wood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip desti-nation. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other

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great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a bander-illera, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional casera (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sand-wich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrivederci 3845 Fourth Avenue. Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combina-tion. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it de-livers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Pennsylvania), (at Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalac chi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dan*gereuses, or there's the streetside casual level Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Be ing Sicilian, they have plenty of the nato-sauce-dominated dishes (like

torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like insalata di fileto with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hev, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with spaghetti della casa. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. E.B. (2/04)

Gelato Vero Caffe 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

Harney Sushi 3694 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixedethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian, Good sake list, Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available





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pot, wiped out with a paper towel, heat peanut oil to just hot, not too hot, and sauté the garlic and ginger, stirring until the garlic just begins to brown. You don't want to burn the garlic. Add the curry paste and stir to coat the garlic and ginger.

Cook it until it starts to caramelize.

Deglaze the pot by adding vinegar and scrape up all the bits on the bottom of the pot, incorporating them into the sauce. Add the ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, fish sauce, and oyster sauce, cooking and stirring to create a paste. Add the reserved chicken broth gradually. Mix together well with a wire whisk and bring to a rapid boil. Reduce heat to a lazy

boil, or simmer for 20 minutes or until broth is reduced by half. Remove broth from flame, but keep warm.

Remove skin from the chicken and debone it, shredding the meat or leaving it in large pieces. Set aside. Remove the rice noodles from the soaking water. Drain well. The noodles should appear plastic-like. Taste the broth mixture. It should be a little salty, a little sweet, a little spicy, and a little sour. If it's not sweet enough you may want to add a dash of sugar.

Reheat broth and add the noodles, cooking until noodles begin to soften. Taste a noodle to see if it still feels like plastic. If it does, cook some more to soften. Add the chicken. tofu, and the peanuts. Mix well until completely combined. If the noodles appear "soupy," drain off excess until they appear "wet." If you desire, you can add 1–2 tablespoons of butter, but it is not necessary. Add the cilantro or basil or both and the bean sprouts. If using scrambled eggs, add them now. Mix thoroughly and you're

Transfer to a large serving bowl or to four to six individual bowls. You may garnish with leftover herbs, sprouts, or peanuts.

INGREDIENTS

1 package Rice Sticks (rice noodles as wide as fettuccine) 1 3- to 4-pound chicken ½ cup yellow onion, chopped 1 carrot, peeled and sliced
1 celery rib, cut in ½-inch slices
3 bay leaves
Salt, to taste
White pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon peanut oil
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
2 teaspoons fresh ginger,
chopped
2 teaspoons red curry paste
½ cup rice wine vinegar
¼ cup ketchup
2 teaspoons Worcestershire

2 teaspoons Worcestershire
sauce
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1 tablespoon oyster sauce
½ package firm tofu
¼ cup peanuts, roasted and
ground

1–2 tablespoons butter
(optional) ½ bunch
cilantro or basil or both,
rough chopped
1 cup bean sprouts

2 eggs, scrambled and chopped (optional)

in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian vindaloo. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chill sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot

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salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Old Town Mexican Cafe 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A

meringue-based banana tres leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Speakers' Corner British Pub & Grill 2664 Fifth Avenue (near Nutmeg Street), Banker's Hill, 619-232-5456. Think British and most people will go straight to the Shakespeare or Princess Pub. But Speakers' Corner boasts a loyal following of Brits and Colonials — and lots of locals — who come not only to drink, play darts, and exchange job tips, but also to eat. Yes, the food's awfully British, but not that awful. The fish and chips are darned

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good, with the batter made daily. Curried chicken pizza is clearly a transfer from the Raj, Britain's "Inja" adventure. And, de rigueur to any redblooded Englishman, steak and kidney pie, steak and mushroom pie, shepherd's pie, or bangers (sausages) and mash are always on the menu. Best deal: fish and chips at lunchtime. Lunch to late dinner, six days; kitchen closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Taste Of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily, Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921

Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers nononsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional delimeat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Downtown Johnny Brown's

1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sportminded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Delion the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks,

lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W.~(3/02)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, superTuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Square (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-687-6080. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon



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en croute. Among the entrées, the porcini-crusted ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are worthy of attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel diners, you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people with 48 hours notice, and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hardedged modern and can be noisy. Full

bar, good mainly-California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.* (12/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, ex-

ecuted with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal - chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days, Inexpensive. — E.B (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, whitetablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flipp flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos)

are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Clayton's Mexican Take-Out 979 Orange Avenue (round corner on Tenth, at the back of Clayton's Coffee Shop), Coronado, 619-437-8811. It's a hole-in-the-wall, it's where Coronado High School and the military come for their Mexican fix, and it might just have one of the best carne asada burritos north of the line. Especially when Manuel's on. He gives you lots of meat. There are other good things, like rolled tacos, chicken tostadas, cheese enchiladas, and combination plates, but nearly everyone asks for the burrito. It has to weigh over a pound. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — £B. (5/02)

Grandma's Pantry Restaurant and Bakery 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their "All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat" special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB's pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. Hamonado, binagoongan, and sinampalokan turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like kare kare, beef tripe and

oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheese-burgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m, weekdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)



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El Nido 67 Boulevard Juarez (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival), Rosar ito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dryaged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bar-gain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (codorniz al mojo de ajo), or veni-son, especially the savory machaca de venado (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant break-fast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirp-ing, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. "The Hidden One," located in a converted mansion, boasts two gar-dens and patio dining, and is especially beautiful at night. The roasted baby goat, roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente. Proceed on Agua Caliente past the racetrack, approximately one-half mile. Turn right at Las Palmas.

Two short blocks up, turn left at the "Pescaderia Playas" sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas Behind Ejido Mazatlan strip mall (marked by large yellow sign), Juarez and Calle de Mayo, Rosarito, Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sun-day (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (bor-rego) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (birria de chivo) to all manner of tacos, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediter**raneo** Escuadrón 201, Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442 or 686-6443. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is \$14. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11 p.m., Sunday to 10 p.m. Low to moderate. Take Revolución until it turns into Boulevard Agua Caliente Continue until you see the Hotel Grand on your right. There, turn left onto the side street Avenida Carlos Robirosa You'll see Blockbuster Video. Saverio's is across the street. - E.W.

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquitegrilled, skewered, steamed, or pankofried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is pro-cessed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical

products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and din ner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle. 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Land — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread, "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes rang-ing from *sfilatino con bistecchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sor*rentina - pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat it-self is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista,







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Dust to Dust

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ooking ahead to the Oscar ceremony this weekend, we are as a matter of course looking back over the year it purports to celebrate. An ideal occasion, this, to recollect a few of the contemporaneous films obscured by

the mists of time — and in so short a time, too. I am not proposing here some sort of

if-I-were-king exercise in futility: the rampant ritual of second-guessing the field with what ought to have been nominated. With the Oscars, as with any election, you get what you deserve. No, I am proposing instead something truly useful, something instructive, to keep in mind for the future; something with which to steel vourself against the cacophonous crescendo of TV teasers, newspaper ads, critical blurbs, celebrity interviews, personality profiles, magazine covers, product tie-ins, high hopes, bold predictions, box-office reports, etc., orchestrated around the release of films both big and small. How soon we forget can tell us a lot about how much we anticipate. Leafing through the pages of my moviegoing calendar for the preceding twelve months, by which I mean

my record of movies I actually saw, has yielded the following roll call (a mere sampling only) of the faded and forgotten. If some of these loom larger in your own memory than in mine—if their release on DVD seems to have

given them a new lease on life — well, then, make your own list. Think back, think back....

The Recruit. "The first must-see movie of 2003" (Clay Smith, Access Hollywood). And the Colin Farrell express train to stardom approaches the station.

The Guru. From the director of Party Girl, Daisy von Scherler Mayer. The promotional bobble-head doll, at any rate, is a keeper.

Daredevil. Ben Affleck, Superhero. And the Colin Farrell train keeps on a-comin'.

Dark Blue. "The first great movie of 2003" (Thelma Adams, US Weekly).

The Life of David Gale. Yet the death penalty has still not been abolished.

Till Human Voices Wake Us. "You will be mesmerized" (Jeffrey Lyons, WNBC-TV). And when you awaken, you will remember nothing.

All the Real Girls. Special Jury Prize



Daredevil

for Emotional Truth, 2003 Sundance Film Festival.

Poolhall Junkies. The advent of Mars Callahan, writer, director, star. A name to watch for, if you can recall it.

Morvern Callar. "A mesmerizing cinematic poem from first frame to last" (Glenn Kenny, Premiere Magazine). From the director of Ratcatcher,

Lynne Ramsay.

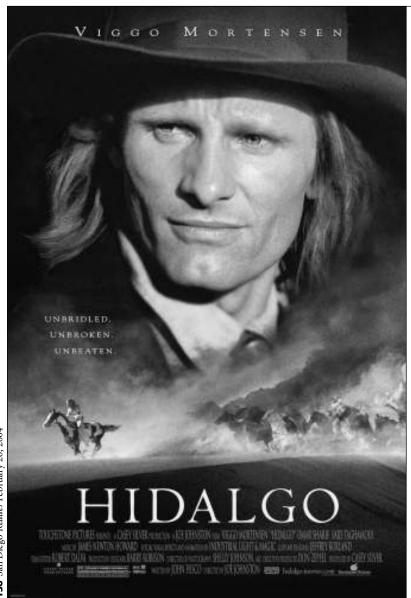
Bringing Down the House. "I laughed 'til I cried" (David Sheehan, CBS-TV).

Tears of the Sun. "The best military thriller since Black Hawk Down" (Richard Horrmann, Parade Magazine Radio). So why does Black Hawk Down seem more recent?

The Hunted. Tommy Lee Jones on

the scent again. From the director of *The French Connection, The Exorcist, To Live and Die in L.A.*, etc., William Friedkin.

Dreamcatcher. "Probably the best Stephen King movie ever" (Jim Svejda, KNX-CBS Radio). From the director of Body Heat, The Big Chill, The Accidental Tourist, etc., Lawrence Kasdan.



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Basic. "Totally mesmerizing" (Lisa Petrillo, WFOR/CBS).

The Safety of Objects. What's this one about, again?

Gerry. Gus Van Sant's hommage to Béla Tarr.

Head of State. Chris Rock behind the camera as well as in front of it.

Assassination Tango. Robert Duvall ditto.

Anger Management. A big hit, sure, but that was a lot of big hits ago.

The Good Thief. "The year's first must-see movie" (Lou Lumenick, New York Post). From the director of Mona Lisa, The Crying Game, The End of the Affair, etc., Neil Jordan.

Phone Booth. "This is as good as a movie needs to get" (Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal). Arrival of the Colin Farrell train expected any minute.

A Mighty Wind. A gentle breeze. Levity. The irony of the title turns out to be either a double irony or no irony.

İdentity. "One of the best whodunits ever" (Anderson Jones, *E! Online*). Remind me who did it.

Holes. In the head.

Confidence. Edward Burns in short hair. Look out, Ben Affleck. From the director of At Close Range, Glengarry Glen Ross, Fear, etc., James Foley.

It Runs in the Family. Reunion of the Douglas clan: more Douglases than ticket-buyers. From the director of The Devil's Playground, Plenty, Last Orders, etc., Fred Schepisi.

Raising Victor Vargas. Earthbound. X2: X-Men United; 2 Fast 2 Furious; The Matrix Reloaded; Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle; Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde; Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines; Bad Boys II; Lara Croft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life; Once upon a Time in Mexico. With all the summer sequels, is it now possible to feel with any certainty that each of them came out this past summer and not the summer prior?

The In-Laws. Andrew Bergman directs the remake of the comedy he originally wrote. Albert Brooks collects a paycheck. But will anybody buy a ticket to watch Michael Douglas?

The Italian Job. Unmemorable remake of an unmemorable original.

Bruce Almighty. Omni-impotent. Alex and Emma. From the director of When Harry Met Sally, Rob Reiner.

Hollywood Homicide. From the director of *Dark Blue* (see above), Ron Shelton.

Owning Mahowny. From the director of Love and Death on Long Island, Richard Kwietniowski.

The Dancer Upstairs. John Malkovich behind the camera but not in front of it.

Man on the Train. "The best film I've seen this year" (Joe Morgenstern, Wall Street Journal).

Down with Love. Ewan McGregor and Renée Zellweger summon the spirits of Rock Hudson and Doris Day. The spirits don't respond.

Hulk. Ang Lee goes Hollywood, with the idea to do a "dark" adaptation of a comic book, an idea as fresh as a raisin.

28 Days Later. A forecast of the reasonable termination point of its stay in your head.

Love the Hard Way and The Hard Word. Which is which?

Blue Car. A star is born. Quick now, name her. (Not Anita Brookner... not Anton Bruckner....)

Johnny English. Film Advisory Board, Inc., Award of Excellence.

Camp. "Drop-dead funny" (Stephen Holden, New York Times). Northfork. "A masterpiece! A vi-



Hulk

sionary epic!" (Roger Ebert).

Masked and Anonymous. Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Val Kilmer, Penélope Cruz, Jessica Lange, Angela Bassett, Ed Harris, Luke Wilson, Christian Slater, Giovanni Ribisi, Bruce Dern, Mickey Rourke, Fred Ward, Chris Penn — oh, and Dylan.

S.W.A.T. The Colin Farrell train may be running a little late.

Uptown Girls. From the director of Fresh and A Price above Rubies, Boaz Yakin.

Buffalo Soldiers. Casualty of 9/11. Step into Liquid. Dana Brown follows his father's footprints in the sand.

And Now Ladies and Gentlemen.
A man and a woman and Lelouch.

Passionada. "A movie to love and embrace" (Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times).

The Magdalene Sisters. "The Oscar race has begun" (Robyn Carter, CBS-TV).

Matchstick Men. "Oscar-worthy all the way!" (Bill Zwecker, Chicago Sun-Times). "One of the best movies in years!" (Mark S. Allen, UPN-TV).

The Rundown. "One of the great

action comedies of all time" (David Poland, *Movie City News*).

Underworld. Kate Beckinsale, Superhero.

Cold Creek Manor. Mike Figgis in the mainstream.

La Casa de los Babys. Yes, there was a John Sayles film in 2003.

Anything Else. Yes, a Woody Allen, too.

My Life without Me. Terminal illness, for pity's sake.

Out of Time. Star and director of Devil in a Blue Dress, Denzel Washington and Carl Franklin, together again. Out of luck.

Duplex. Danny DeVito in darkness again. Out of sight.

Veronica Guerin. A cameo sighting of Colin Farrell.

Demonlover. "The first great film of the millennium" (Village Voice).

Wooderland No. not the Michael

Wonderland. No, not the Michael Winterbottom film of the year 2000. Anything but Love. No, not another Woody Allen.

Sylvia. Paltrow plays Plath. In the Cut. Hey, anyone wanna see Meg Ryan naked? The Human Stain. Removed. Vanished. Gone. Despite Robert Benton, Nicole Kidman, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Philip Roth, race relations, political correctness, Viagra, Vietnam....

Beyond Borders. Lips with a mission. Elephant. Gus Van Sant's hommage to Columbine. "Mesmerizing" (Desson Howe, The Washington Post). "Unforgettable" (Elvis Mitchell, The New York Times).

The Singing Detective. The British miniseries condensed for Americans.

The Matrix Reloaded. End of an

The Missing. A good name for it. Mona Lisa Smile. Julia Roberts invents feminism.

Peter Pan. Although it has not completely left town since Christmas, it somehow seems never to have arrived. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

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 Daly. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;
FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4;
GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6;
LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION
MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;
OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

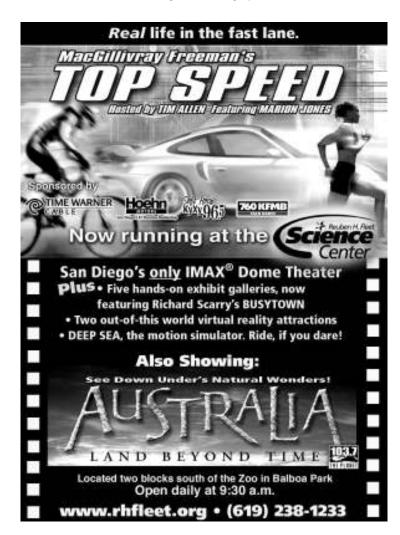
AKA — Duncan Roy's autobiographical tale of homosexual high life, set in the Seventies and presented in triple split-screen.

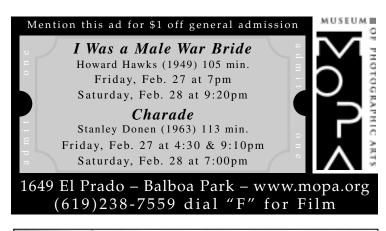
(KEN, 2/27 THROUGH 3/4)

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 Seymo Hoffman, Debra Messing, Alec Baldwin.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

The Barbarian Invasions — Writer-director Denys Arcand's follow-up to his Decline of the American Empire, albeit following along at too far a distance — seventeen years — to have much meaning for those who never bothered, through follow-up viewings, to commit the predecessor to memory. It may be that this highbrow weepie — the accelerated sunset of a self-described "sensual socialist," who bears a striking resemblance to Lon Chaney, Jr. — is as smart and sophisticated as advertised, but surely not cinematically. Even theatrically or literarily, the smartness







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and sophistication are apt to register as a bit precious, a bit unctuous, a bit ostentatious. And the plot mechanics of obtaining a private room on an unoccupied floor of a hospital, plus a sub-rosa supply of heroin in place of the prescribed morphine, are a shade too smart and sophisticated for their own good. A millionaire in the family can make things easier on everyone, especially on a wily, weaselly scriptwriter. With Rémy Girard, Stéphane Rousseau, Marie-Josée Croze, Dorothée Berryman, Marina Hands

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/27)

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; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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 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 MOLINTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and co-directors Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gruber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternate universe subdivisions. It concerns a college student (Ashton Kutcher, with scholarly beard) who had suffered from memory blackouts as a child, and who now discovers that by rereading his diaries he can return to the lost moments and rewrite the outcome, emerging from the experience with nothing worse than a bloody nose. But every time he changes one thing, it changes the entire future. This might sound as though it ought to be more interesting than it is. (Or else it might sound exactly as confusing as it is.) The makers' reliance on "shocking" subject matter — pedophilia and kiddie porn, dog burning, baby bombing, etc. — bespeaks



Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen

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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: VOGUE)

Catch That Kid — Miss this movie. Teen rock climber, go-kart mechanic, and photographer turn their talents to bank robbery — flattery will get them everywhere — in a good cause, of course: a \$250,000 surgery in Denmark. (Origin of the movie of which this is a remake.) One could wish the focus were on the mastermind's mother, the bewitching Jennifer Beals. With Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, and Max Thierot; directed by Bart Freundlich. 2004. ■ (MIRA MESA 18: PALM PROMENADE 24:

Charade — High-grade Hitchcock knockoff by Stanley Donen, with Cary Grant on hand to supply pedigree. Audrey Hepburn, composer Henry Mancini,

PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

cinematographer Charles Lang, designer Jean D'Eaubonne, and the city of Paris all add their share of glamour. With Walter Matthau, James Coburn, George Kennedy.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/27, 4:30 AND 9:10 P.M.; 2/28, 7 P.M.)

City of God — A slice of "kinetic" cinema (or what would be called "hyperactive" if it were a child) that grabs you by the shirt collar and shakes the living daylights out of you: an antsy camera, fast-motion, splitscreen, 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)

Club Dread — Horror comedy from the Broken Lizard troupe, directed by Jay Chandrasekhar.

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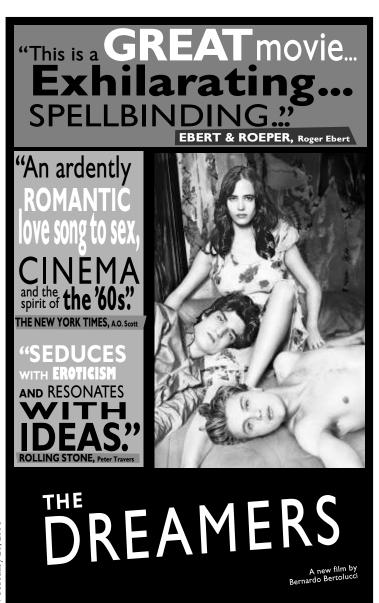
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way of the prize-winning novel by Charles Frazier, spools and spools of storyline, strung out to a slight sag: back and forth in time, from the Siege of Petersburg in 1864 and its immediate aftermath, to the antebellum quietude of the North Carolina hills; and then, after the convergence of the two time lines, back and forth in space only, from the eventful homeward trek of a wounded Confederate deserter, to the struggle of the womenfolk to keep the home fires burning. On both fronts, it's the gentle sex who bear the heaviest burdens, particularly moral and philosophical ones: "[If] I had my way, they'd take metal altogether out of this world, every gun, every blade." No doubt, too, the film gains interest as a companion piece to director Anthony Minghella's earlier English Patient, in once again promoting personal priority over general cause, and the lover over the fighter. The large cast has plenty of interest of its own. Renée Zellweger, as an Erskine Caldwell - or even Al Capp - poor white trashy Southerner (strike up the fiddle and banjo), runs rings around Kidman's wellbred belle once she is let loose almost an hour into the film; and there are strong contributions from Eileen Atkins (a backwoods goatherd meticulously realized

down to the dirt beneath her fingernails), Kathy Baker, James Gammon, Ray Winstone, Brendan Gleeson, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman. But then again, the cast also has Philip Seymour Hoffman and Giovanni Ribisi in it. 2003. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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 — Her Highness is exiled from the island of Manhattan to the cultural wilderness of Dellwood, New Jersey, a new world to conquer. The adult perspective (i.e., sardonic condescension, campy ornamentation) doesn't broaden the appeal beyond girls only — little ones. With Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia, Glenne Headly, Alison Pill, and Carol Kane; directed by Sara Sugarman. 2004.

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Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights -

Cuban dance competition on the eve of the Revolution, with Romola Garai and Diego Luna, directed by Guy Ferland. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPI ACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16:

TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/27) The Dreamers — Lumpy potage of Sixties

politics, "revolutionary" sex, and ravenous cinephilia, whipped up by Bernardo Bertolucci. Last Tango in Paris would seem to be the career milestone — or is it millstone? — to which the filmmaker here reverts: same city, same era, same revolution. Yet the recipe's main ingredient turns out to be the old-school cinephilia of the vouthful trio of dreamers. There are clips from Shock Corridor, Queen Christina, Blonde Venus, Breathless, Band of Outsiders, Freaks, Scarface, City Lights, Top Hat, Mouchette, among others; 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 origins cannot account 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 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 flagwaving finale of Bertolucci's 1900. Michael Pitt, Eva Green, Louis Garrel. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

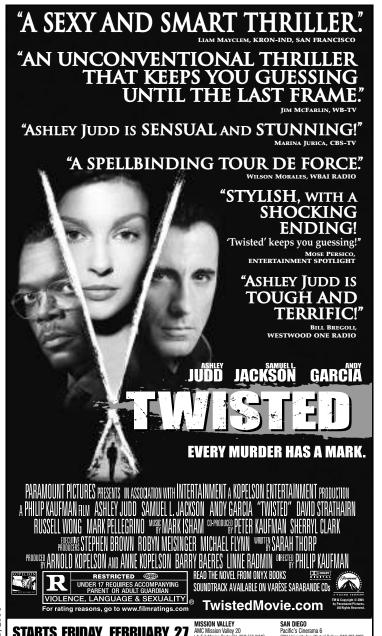
Eurotrip — Horny American teenagers experience European stereotypes on summer vacation. Rated "R" for Raunch. With Scott Mechlowicz, Jacob Pitts, Michelle Trachtenberg, and Travis Wester; directed by Jeff Schaffer. 2004.

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50 First Dates — High-concept romantic comedy about a love-'em-and-leave-'em ladykiller, 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. Directed by Peter Segal. 2004.

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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







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will be difficult to disentangle from what you think of him in specific, and war in general. The eleven lessons, taken straight from the horse's mouth, run along the lines of "Empathize with your enemy" and "Rationality will not save us" and "In order to do good you may have to engage in evil. Each of these and the eight others are neatly tied in to events from McNamara's life, illustrated with well-chosen archival footage to supplement Morris's nose-to-nose (or rather, nose-to-lens) interview material. Basic biographical information gets filled in along the way: infancy in World War I, college during the Great Depression, marriage and military service in World War II (when he would first team up with that Vietnam ogre, Gen. Curtis LeMay, architect of the firebombing of Tokyo), postwar prosperity with the Ford Motor Company, and then an invitation to Camelot to sit at the Round Table with Kennedy and Kennedy and Company. The movie compels your interest. But it might be better to say that the man compels your interest: an imposing man, and in the eyes of history an important man, by all accounts a brilliant man, seemingly, at this stage, selfassessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. But the movie can't, or anyway doesn't, supply sufficient information to sort out his motives or his truthfulness in here reshaping his legend and his legacy. It is no small thing for a man in his position to confess that his understanding of the essential nature of the conflict in Vietnam was incorrect - and no small "scoop" for a documentary. But although he, together with the handholding filmmaker, cultivates assent on that and many other points — and although the ticking-bomb background music of the ever-monotonous Philip Glass insists on the urgency and the magnitude of the business at hand — these are social and political and historical rather than artistic issues. The artistry is little more than functional. 2003. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 2/27; LA JOLLA

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-inprogress by taking it upon herself to reposition a chair (yes, X-rays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted over a chair in Woman with a Water Jug, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterwork. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way the maid's breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow - in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the lockerroom jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist Tracy Chevalier, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the firsttime director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy. There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland, although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for

casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market with facsimiles. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, Tom Wilkinson, 2003.

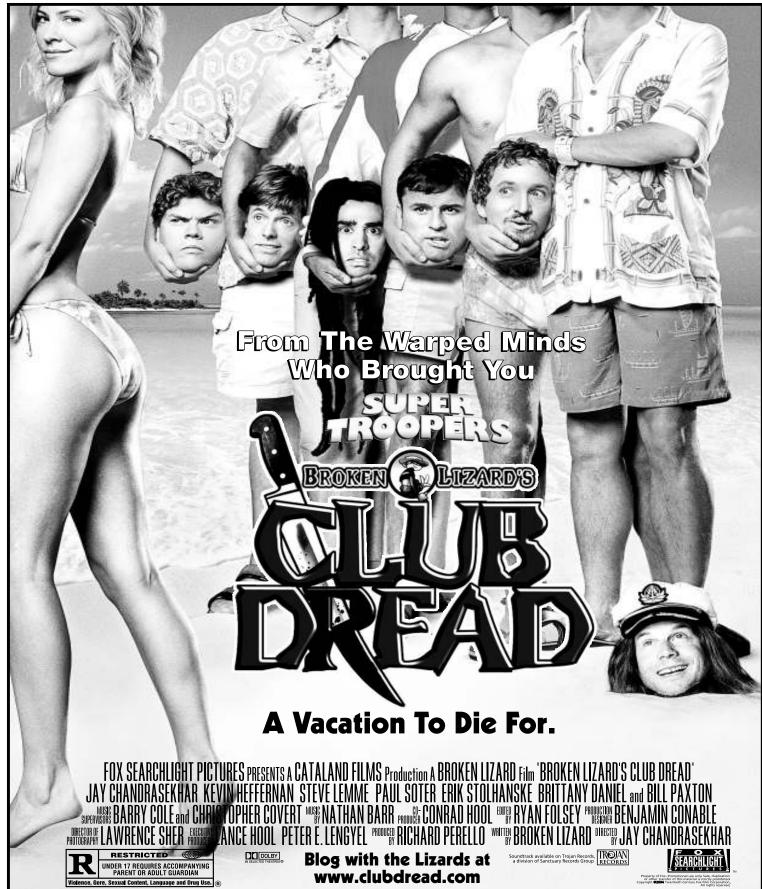
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House of Sand and Fog — The house in question, a modest bungalow within a stone's throw of the Pacific, has been inherited by a subsistence-level housecleaner currently undergoing drug rehab, who gets evicted through a bureaucratic error and her own neglect to open her mail. It is then bought for a song at auction by a former Iranian colonel currently reduced to road repair in Northern California, who is simply looking to make a quick turn-around on the real-estate market after the construction of an ocean-view deck. A sticky situation, for sure, but the best-selling novel (thank you, Oprah) by Andre Dubus III doesn't seem to lend itself to playable scenes, with a meager

handful of exceptions: the former occupant's self-injuring attempt to halt construction on the deck, her new boyfriend's attempt to intimidate the present occupant with his police uniform, and the latter's extreme expression of paternal love at the climax. The parallel construction, pingponging between the languorous sensuality of Jennifer Connelly and the rigid asceticism of Ben Kingsley, produces little tension and a bit of parallel corn: simultaneous sex scenes Ponderously directed by a new name, Vadim Perelman; atmospherically photographed by an old hand, Roger Deakins. With Ron Eldard, Frances Fisher, Kim Dickens, 2003.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12)

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



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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. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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

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progress. In short, a sort of Dances with Akitas. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presumptuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with him), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera; never mind what's so fascinating, let's fix our sights on who's so fascinated. (Cruise's head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido — his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of "honor" — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture's favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as The Challenge, The Karate Kid, Ghost Dog, Bulletproof Monk, and Kill Bill. The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; 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 - 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

★ (ENCINITAS 8; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VISTA VILLAGE)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola's

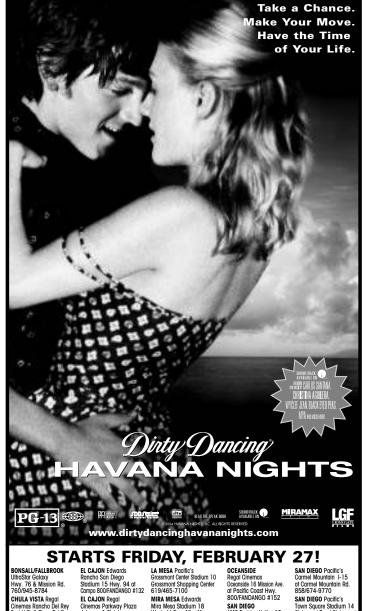
sophomore effort marks an advance over The Virgin Suicides: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written 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)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the oeuvre of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of The Mosquito Coast.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copperskinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violinand-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany, 2003.

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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 portraval — 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 *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?" 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. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

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SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Monster — Dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty cause célèbre, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as per the first-person voice-over at the outset, "be in the movies" (Well, one out of three, at least.) The title, you will gather, is ironic. Already a sometime hooker but not a killer when she discovers her inner lesbian with a broken-winged college girl, she goes back on the streets only to fund her budding relationship, to buy a little privacy. As depicted, the first killing is unambiguously an act of kill-or-be-killed self-defense, to cap off a graphic bout of torture at the hands of a misogynistic john. In truth, the killing is far more understandable than the relationship. What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timorous slummer? A falling-in-love montage to the accompaniment of the goopy old Tommy James & The Shondells tune, "Crimson and Clover," will not help to clear this up; and it is particularly hard to

swallow the notion that a novice lesbian would be quite so open, so confident, so defiant about it in public. Her concurrent murder spree has been carefully calibrated to distance her, a step at a time, from sympathy. She lets one john off the hook, early on, because he has never done this sort of thing before and she takes pity on him. She kills another who turns out, through a photo in his wallet, to have a wife in a wheelchair and thus a good excuse. And she kills one who is not a john at all - the final straw — but a Good Samaritan who offers her money for nothing and a warm bed at home with his wife. With that, all bases are covered, as well as the ass of the writer and director Patty Jenkins: plenty of wiggle room whether accused of playing softball or hardball. Quite apart from any bestowal and withdrawal of sympathy, the protagonist emerges as nothing so much as a cat's-paw for Charlize Theron, a stepping-stone to one of those total-transformation performances — one of those big bold bravura jobs — that maintain maximum separation between the player and the role, and are commonly mistaken for the farthest reaches of the art of acting. Perhaps in a sense they truly are, but in reaching so far they irretrievably throw off the balance. Porked up for the part, not nearly to the dimensions of De Niro in *Raging Bull* but easily to those of Zellweger in Bridget Jones's Diary, wearing a denture as obtrusive as a prizefighter's mouthpiece, sporting a galaxy of freckles suggestive of an accident under the sunlamp, shifting her weight in perpetual motion, compulsively smoking, swigging, gesticulating, and generally carrying on like a junkie overdue for a fix, Theron creates a problem of scale, such that her ostensible partner, poor little wastedaway Christina Ricci, has roughly the presence of a pet parrot. 2003.

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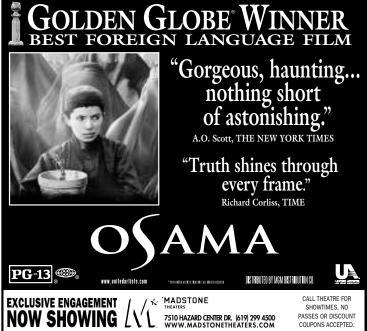
My Architect — About as "personal" as a documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twenty-five years after his father's death, when the 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. 2003.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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





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previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricksy, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and "gotcha." The honest the aggrieved — the penitent – emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness. as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden 2003

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Osama - No, not that Osama, but rather a pseudonymous twelve-year-old 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, Marina Golbahari, Khwaia Nader, Arif Herati. 2003.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

The Passion of the Christ — The Gospel according to Mel Gibson, with Jim Caviezel as Jesus.

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Peter Pan — Well, it's better than Hook, anyhow. And it meets the need, if any, for a live-action version of J.M. Barrie's children's classic in state-of-the-art 21st-century technology. Or as the ad line puts it: "The

timeless story as you've never seen it before," meaning, for example, that by means of Forrest Gump-ian magic we get to see, for the first time, Hook's stump. Jeremy Sumpter brings to the role of The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up a crackingly adolescent voice, Ludivine Sagnier mugs like mad as Tinker Bell (but needn't speak), Rachel Hurd-Wood is a fresh face as Wendy, and Jason Isaacs following the specifications of the original stage play - embodies both the timid Mr. Darling and the dastardly Capt. Hook to indecipherable Freudian purpose. (Is there not something vaguely vaginal about the CG crocodile whose gaping maw swallows Hook whole? — after having previously symbolically castrated him? Doesn't it almost compensate for the abandoned theatrical tradition of casting a woman as Peter?) Australian-born filmmaker P.J. Hogan has a surplus of energy, proficiency, resource, capital, and such, and a shortage only of taste. The aggregate effect is to make the story, for those who know it, feel very long: half an hour just to get to Never Land. With Olivia Williams, Lynn Redgrave,

★ (PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Secret Things — French sex odyssey, as only the French know how. The journe begins with the bonding of a pair of girlpower 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 self-immolation). 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 and bride) to the accompaniment of Handel's coronation anthem, Zadok the Priest - until, anyway, an uninvited fourth spoils the party and abruptly stops the music. With Sabrina Seyvecou and Coralie Revel; written and directed by Jean-Claude Brisseau, 2002.

• (KEN, THROUGH 2/26)

Something's Gotta Give — Wrinklyromance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be "almost" twenty years older than an explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The self-caricaturing stylization of the stars' mannerisms, the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as "the most

successful female playwright since Lillian Hellman?" and his as the head of the second largest hip-hop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (What Women Want, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-younger woman can of worms, giving the man a boudoir heart attack for starters (before he can consummate relations with his current companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton's daughter: consummation would have been altogether too wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hospital dressing gown, giving the woman a tit-fortat — or perhaps that ought to be tat-fortit — 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

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La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; House of Sand and Fog; Cold Mountain; Welcome to Mooseport Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; The Dreamers; 50 First Dates; Miracle; Monster

La Jolla Village8879 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; My **Architect** (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 Passion of the Christ (R) Dolby Stereo Digital First Show Bargain No Passes Sub-Titled Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-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

The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; 50 First Dates; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Mystic River; Welcome to Mooseport: Cold Mountain: The Last Samurai; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Miracle; Eurotrip; Monster; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Against the Ropes; Catch That Kid; Along Came Polly; The Butterfly Effect

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Miracle; The Butterfly Effect; Along Came Polly: Lost in Translation: Big Fish: Cold Mountain; Something's Gotta Give

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) City of God (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 7:05; The Fog of War (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:35,7:25, 9:40; House of Sand and Fog (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:10, 9:40; In America (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35; **Osama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:25; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:30

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Busi-ness; Miracle; You Got Served; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World: The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Cold Mountain; Big Fish; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

STATE UNIVERSITY

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:45) 7:55; Bad **Boys II** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55 Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:10) 7:30; **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:50) 8:05; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 3:30) 7:15, 10:20; Sun. (11:45) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:30) 8:30; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50

(2:45, 5:45) 8:15; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri -Sat (11:30, 1:30, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:45) 5:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:15) 7:20

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Secret Things Thurs.; AKA (Not Rated) Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) 21 Grams (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **The Bar-barian Invasions** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20; **The Company** (PG-13) Fri. 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 9:40 **The Dreamers** (NC-17) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Girl with a** Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Monster (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (2:10) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50,

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Lumiere Brothers' "Actualities," Thursday, 7 p.m.; I Was a Male War Bride, Friday, 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9:20 p.m.; **Charade**, Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., and Saturday, 7

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush Sat.-Sun. 5:00; Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 4:00, 7:00; Sun. 12:00, 3:00; Mon.-Thu 12:00, 4:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 **Sky Tonight** Wed.-Thu. 7:00, 9:00 **To Worlds Beyond** A.M. Sat. 10:00; **Top Speed** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; Mon.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:25, 9:55, 10:40; Sat. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:25, 9:55; Sun.-Wed. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:05, 7:25 9:35, 9:55; Thu. (11:40, 2:10) 7:05, 9:35, 9:55; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; Barbershop 2: Back in **Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; Club Dread (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; Catch That Kid (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:30, 4:55); Cold Mountain (R)

Fri.-Thu. (5:00); Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:05 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) Nights (PG-15) PH-1 Thi. (12.10, 2.05, 4.50) 7:10, 9:30; Eurotrip (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45) 8:30; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:00) 10:15: The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. (12:30, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:15, 10:30; Sat. (12:30, 3:45, 12:45) 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Wed. (12:30, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 10:15, 10:30; Thu. (12:30, 3:45, 12:45) 7:00, 10:15, 10:30; **Peter Pan** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:35, 4:10); Sat. (11:00, 1:35); Sun.-Thu. (11:00, 1:35, 4:10); Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 7:15; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; Welcome to Mooseport (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00) 7:35, 10:05

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:55, 10:05; **Bad Boys II** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:20; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:15) 7:40, 10:15; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama** Queen (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:10) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:10, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; **Mon.**-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:20) 7:35, 9:45; **Mira**cle (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **The Pas**sion of the Christ (R) Fri. (1:00, 1:50, 3:45) 4:50, 7:15, 7:50, 10:15, 10:35; Sat. (1:15, 1:50) 4:15, 4:50, 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 1:50, 3:45) 4:50, 7:15, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:50, 3:45, 4:50) 7:15, 7:50, 10:15; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20,

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Against the Ropes (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:55) 8:20; **Along Came Polly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:50, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 8:05; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:50) 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 6:00); Gospel of John (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 6:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 8:10; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 3:45) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 4:10) 8:20; **Lost In Translation** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35); Monster (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:30; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:05,

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: VOGUE)

Touching the Void — Kevin Macdonald's documentary cliffhanger — 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 reenactments and high-grade nature footage illustrate the talking-head and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect, 2004

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 2/27; LA JOLLA

The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a bande dessinée in motion, a genuine novelty. The detachable introduction presents a retro Thirties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with

scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), faux-Fleischer and semi-surrealist, spotlighting a big-butted Josephine Baker in a bikini bottom of bananas and a big-headed Fred Astaire getting devoured by his own tap shoes. Then comes a simulated break in the film, and we realize we have been watching television - in a full-color animated world in a more up-to-date graphic style - in the home of a dumpling-shaped grandma, her bicycle-enthusiast adopted child, and their dog Bruno. The first half-hour is unflaggingly glorious, attaining a perfect tension between the routine of their daily life and the marvelousness of it in our eyes. Which is to say the marvelousness of it in the heightening, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the stomach-dragging Bruno dutifully waddling his way up a twisting staircase, right on schedule, to bark at every passing elevated train outside the bedroom window. And yet when three competitors in the Tour de France, including the now grown-up adopted child (calves the size of Popeye's forearms), are abducted in mid-race for unknown reasons by a pair of black rectangular gangsters and shipped across the Atlantic (beautifully drawn vessel, an axe blade balanced on its cutting edge) with grandma and dog in hot pursuit on a hydrocycle — when, in short, the routine is forsaken in favor of a fantastical adventure

the movie loses its moorings. All that heightening, that distortion, etc., piled atop a spongy base of whimsy, seem somehow less marvelous. One kind of marvel takes away from the other. And the bullets-flying climactic car chase is tiresome. Still, the wit and imagination never relent (Bruno finds new trains to bark at in the New World), and the whole of it is communicated with a clarity that renders words unnecessary. Or at any rate, unused. An unobtrusive poster of Jacques Tati's M. Hulot's Holiday pays proper hommage in that regard. 2003. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

21 Grams — The first English-language feature from Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu brings together disparate characters by the same matchmaking method of his Amores Perros: by car accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again ex-con, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband's heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep appreciator of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (The widow's reaction, when finally told, will echo that of the crap-detecting spectator: "How dare you!") It takes a while for all of this to come clear, inasmuch as the information is

doled out in nonsequential fragments that leave it to the audience to arrange in order: a participatory form of storytelling. You eventually get your bearings, and the jumps between lifelines and time zones seem to diminish in distance, closing in toward a climax. Out of the jumble, a unifying point can be perceived: a shattered narrative for shattered lives, a kind of cinematic cubism which enables us to see the before and the after, side by side. To put every puzzle-piece into its proper place is not the principal task. Simply to observe that they belong to the same picture will suffice. The total experience might have been more satisfying if the picture per se were better to look at. Great pains have been taken to achieve a feeling of reality in the people and the places, yet the bloodless bleached-out color and the shaky, earthquaky camera are but fashionable affectations Charlotte Gainsbourg, Melissa Leo, Clea DuVall. 2003.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Twisted — Homicide case featuring Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson, and Andy Garcia, directed by Philip Kaufman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20:

OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/27)

Welcome to Mooseport — Timid political comedy in which the ex-President -"the most popular in history," despite being the first to be divorced in office — faces off against a hardware-store owner over the mayoralty of a Maine small town. But the real bone of contention is the hardware man's dangling girlfriend. The big-screen splash of Ray (Everybody Loves Raymond) Romano is small-screen in conception (notwithstanding the prune-cheeked nudist jogger), and the upstart is badly outplayed by Gene Hackman as Mr. President. Or to put it the other way around, Hackman plays far beneath himself. With Maura Tierney, Marcia Gay Harden, Rip Torn, and Christine Baranski; directed by Donald Petrie. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

8:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 3:05, 5:35) 8:10; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:20, 5:50) 8:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) 2931 Januaria (1904) (1913) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:25, 5:10) 8:00, 10:40; **Bar**bershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; Club Dread (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:30; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Eu**rotrip (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:50) 7:55; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:35) 6:55, 10:15; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:35, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **Mystic River** (R) Fri. (12:20, 3:40) 6:50, 10:20; Sat. (12:20) 6:50, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:20, 3:40) 6:50, 10:20; **The Pas**sion of the Christ (R) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:30; Sat. (12:30, 1:00, 4:00, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:45, 4:15) 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Welcome to Mooseport (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50,

SANTEE

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:05; Against the Ropes (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; Eurotrip (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:15

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

way between H and I (619-338-4214) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Club Dread (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sat. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Miracle; Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Catch That

Kid: The Perfect Score: You Got Served: The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; The Last

Rancho Del Rey 16East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45; Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10 Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 3:00) 6:50, 10:15; Catch That Kid (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:40, 5:05); Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:20; **Crying Ladies** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:35) 6:55, 9:50; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:00, 5:45) 8:10, 10:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:45) 9:00; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:20) 7:05, 10:05; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:40) 10:25; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15) 7:10; **The Passion of the** Christ (R) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 7:00, 9:35, 10:15; Sat. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:35, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 6:30, 9:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:35, 10:15; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:35; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20

Vogue 226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:15; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:00; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 8:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Ave. (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

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2:00, 4:30, 7:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mountain Road, (858-674-9770) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:45, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. (11:20, 1:45, 3:55) 6:30, 9:10; Against the Ropes (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55; **Bad** Boys II (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 5:05, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:10, 5:05) 7:25, 10:10; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:00) 7:50, 10:10; **Confessions of a Teenage** Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:15) 4:50, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:15, 4:50) 7:00, 9:45; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:55) 4:10, 7:05. 10:05; Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:10, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55) 4:10, 6:40, 9:15; **Eu**rotrip (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:30) 4:50, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:30, 4:50) 7:40, 10:05: Miracle (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25) 6:35, 9:25; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. 11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:50, 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00; Sat. 10:30, 12:00, 1:45, 2:50, 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu, 11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:50, 4:30, 5:40, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:20, 6:55, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 6:55, 9:35;

(11:25, 2:00) 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:20, 10:00 Escondido 16

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Welcome to Mooseport (PG-13) Fri.-Sun.

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00: Sun.-Wed. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; Club Dread (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Wed. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Wed. 10:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Wed. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. 11:00, 1:15; Mon.-Wed. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **1**0:15; Sun.-Wed. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The** Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Wed. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Twisted (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; Welcome to Mooseport (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Wed. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California

Walk (760-471-3711) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:30, 5:05) 7:55, 10:35; **Bar**bershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 10:00; Club **Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:40; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 6:55; **Confessions of a** Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Eurotrip (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 3:10) 7:50; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:25) 10:10; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:40) 6:50, 9:50; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:25, 5:15) 8:00, 10:40; **Mys**tic River (R) Fri -Thu (12:20, 3:35) 6:50 10:15; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. (12:30, 12:50, 3:45, 4:05) 7:20, 10:15, 10:35; Sat. (4:05) 7:20, 10:15, 10:35; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 12:50, 3:45, 4:05) 7:00, 7:20, 10:15, 10:35; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:15) 7:20, 10:30; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; Welcome to **Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10

VISTA

Vista Village 15
Hwy. 78 at Vista Village Drive, (760-945-7469)
The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty
Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Miracle; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Monster; Mystic River; Big Fish; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Confessions of 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:30, 8:00; Cornessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun, 11:15, 1:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Mira-cle** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15;

Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Against the Ropes (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 5:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 5:15; **Touching the Void** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu, 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) **Big Fish** (PG-13) Fri. 6:00, 8:45; Sat.-Sun. 3:15, 6:00, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. 8:30

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La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

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OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

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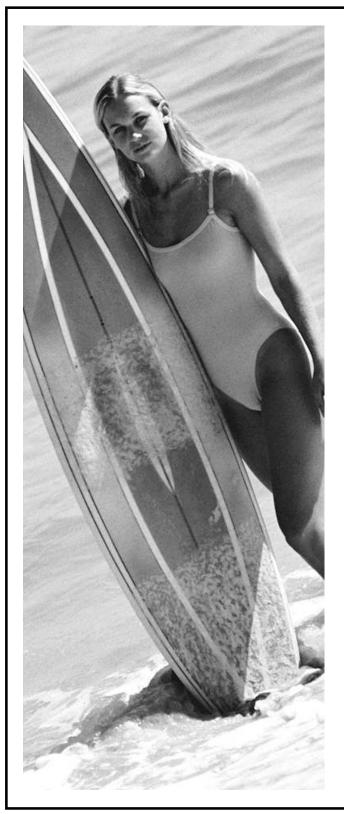
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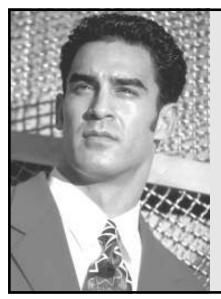
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n my head I've cheated, but who hasn't? Kissing would be the farthest I've gone, as far as cheating. I consider myself to be very loyal and monogamous. Ten years ago, the person I was dating told me that they were sleeping with somebody else when we were supposed to have been in a relationship. Since the person told me that they were sleep-ing with somebody else, that's not cheating. If the person's not lying about it, then it doesn't count as cheating. To the question of cheating, why don't I just say: "no."



Mary Reed Retired Ohio

No. I've been married 47 years and I'm very happy about it. I met my husband when I was 15, and we got married when I was 21. He was gone four of those years, working on a submarine. He wrote me while he was away and would come to visit me when he was on leave. I was still in high school, but when he came back to stay we agreed not to see anyone else. We were friends for most of the time that I was writing him, and he came home in time to go to my winter formal and prom. Those were the things that were really important to me during my senior year, so he made a point of making it home. My brothers and sisters never divorced and there were eight of us



Rob Zubo Sales

Pacific Beach

Yes. The relationship was fun while it was going on, but not really that serious. We were together a few months. I ended up getting together with the other girl who I cheated with and I broke up with the original girl. I didn't tell the girl that I cheated when I broke up with her; I just broke it off. I knew that I wasn't feeling too strongly about the person I was with at the time, and I hadn't invested a lot into the relationship. The girl that I cheated with was also better looking than the girl I broke up with. In other non-serious relationships I've cheated other times, but in serious relationships I've never cheated. In serious relationships I've never been cheated on, or at least not that I know of. If you cheat don't get caught.



Don Horton

Pacific Beach

T've cheated. I was married for a year. We had been together for five years before that; so all together, six years. I went to my best friend's bachelor party, and I cheated on her with one of the strippers. It was a good time; my wife didn't like it, but oh well. We got divorced soon after that. She found out through the grapevine through another friend, and it led to the divorce. I felt like I had it coming to me once the news got out. You do what you do; deal with it.



Thomas Pomeroy Bicycle Mechanic, Salesman

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Yes, I have. It happened, especially when I was younger and I didn't know that much about relationships I was together with a girl for a year and a half and I cheated. Right around the beginning of the time we were together I cheated and I can't remember if she ever found out, but probably not. I've never been caught cheating, but I've told on myself. My conscience made me confess. I wasn't immediately forgiven, even though I admitted it. It made me feel better; it didn't always make them feel better to hear me admit it. The relationship becomes more difficult after something like that because the trust isn't there. Maybe it's better when the other person doesn't know; every situation is different.



 $Alfredo\ Palachol$

Entrepreneur San Diego

 B^{y} not cheating, you only cheat yourself. I dated this girl on and off for something like five years. We used to hook up whenever we weren't together with anyone else, and it was hard when I got into relationships because the ability to cheat was always there. One time I had been drinking tequila all night and my on-again, off-again girlfriend tried to get me to cheat on my current girlfriend. Looking back, I probably should have seized the opportunity because the girl I was dating at the time was a total rebound chick. I was concerned about the principle. People say there should be compromise in a relationship; compromise means doing something you don't necessarily believe in. My point being: cheating is as much a part of relationships as meeting her parents and pillow talk.

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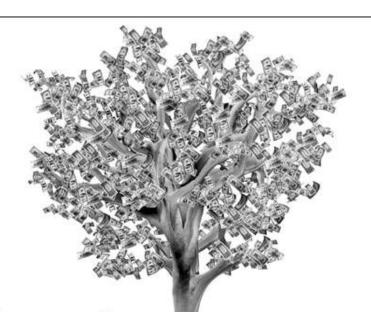
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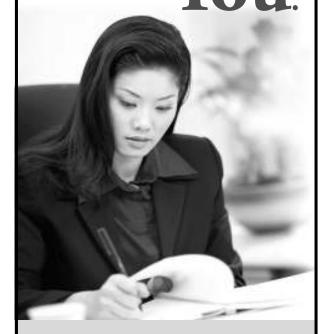
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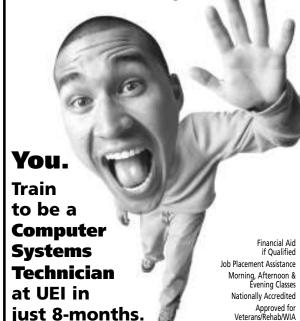
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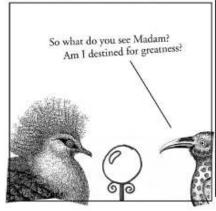
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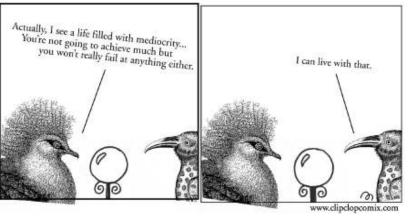
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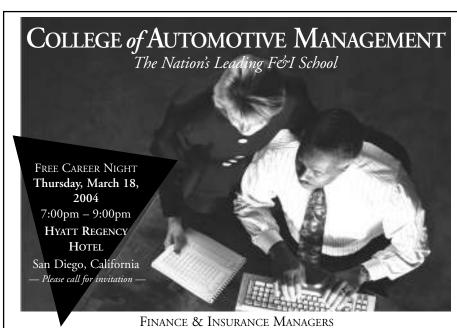


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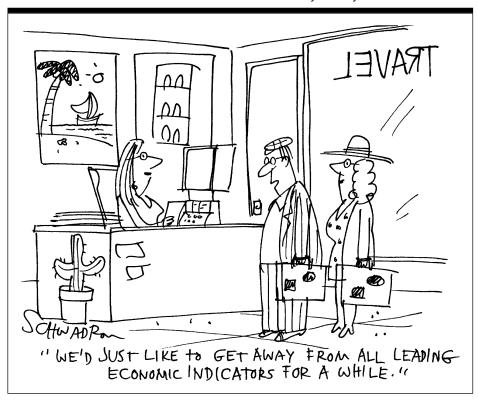
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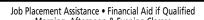
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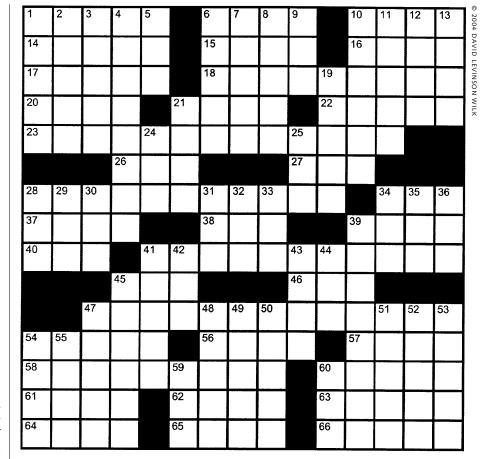
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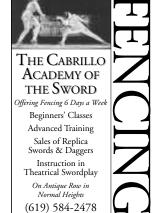


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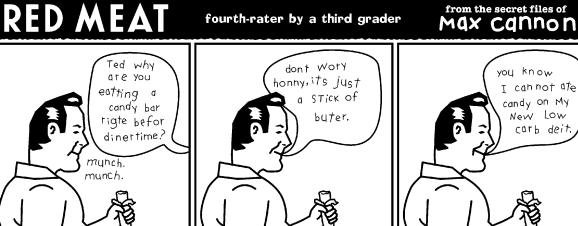
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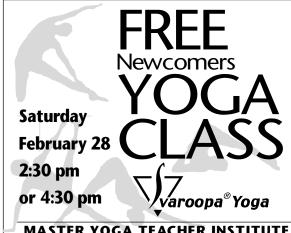
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FRIENDSHIP. Young 50 woman, look 30, seeks same fun person for movies, ding, music, karaoke singing, Christian a plus, not required. Make a great friend. (3/10) \$\frac{\text{Total Post-1}}{\text{Total Post-1}}\$

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tall and thin, like moves, long walks, etc.
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HUGS AND KISSES FOR THAT special guv. 58-68 years. I am attractive, eduguy, 58-68 years. I am attractive, educated, fun, easygoing, and a nonsmoker boking for same. (3/3) \$\infty\$90943

SEEKING BORN-AGAIN Christian, 55-60,

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HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL, good looking lady seeks sincere relationship with 58+, tall, educated gentleman to share laughter, fine dining, hiking, movies, travel, exciting adventures. (3/10) \$\mathbf{3}\$90991

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

COME TO THE BEACH where I live, have some coffee, and walk by the ocean. Me: 57. Let's communicate so this can happen. (3/3) \$\infty\$20631

NORTH COUNTY MALE, BROWN, blue, 5'7", slender, 57, easygoing with varied interest. Seeks female for best friend, companion. Long-term relationship. (3/10) 全20676

ROMANTIC, ROGUISH TENOR with a sort of macho attitude seeks sensuous 40ormacno attitude seeks sensuous 40-something woman. A published writer and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (3/10) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20691

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR seeks

WOULD LIKE TO MEET romantic lady with disability. Dinner out, barbecues, gardening. Me: back injury, 60s, hugs, lasting relationship, kisses, Levi's, T-shirts, fuzzy slippers. Race? (3/3)

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COLORFUL, GREEN-BLUE EYES, German-Irish Catholic, affectionate, attrac tive, unencumbered, degreed profes sional, 40, 6'1", 216lbs., clean cut опан, 40, 61°, 216lbs., clean cut, conservative appearance, seeks intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered white female, 20-34, possessing inner and outer beauty. (3/3) \$20645

TALL, HANDSOME GENTLEMAN, white You: sexy, romantic, good kisser. (3/10) 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) ☎20624

LOOKING FOR LOVE. I'm 55, 5'3", good looking. I love music, nature, home life, fun! Please be near downtown San Diego. (3/10) \$\tilde{\tau}\$20675

Diego. (3/10) ☎20675

CHILL PARTNER WANTED. 40s, Moonlight Beach walks, wine, massage, caring, compassionate, tolerant, calm, giver, nature lover, artist, funny, handsome, tropical fruits, blissful, actualized, mind reader. (3/10) ☎20687

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

SMART, SENSE OF HUMOR? Neat, organized, punctual? Fit, sexy, playful, and adventurous? No kids, 40-60? Have time available for a relationship? Me too, do it! (3/10) ☎ 20672

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN/teacher/ performer, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 52. Red/blue, swing dancer, bicycle racer, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, child-free. Seeking someone, right chemistry/connection. (3/10) \$\mathbf{2}\$20680

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

rialistic, Project Wildlife volunteer. I'm 45, average height/weight, also work with animals. Interested? Let's talk. (3/3) \$\mathbb{\textit{2}}\$20621

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

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) \$\textit{\textit{20663}}\$

GRUMPY 73 YEAR OLD MAN, SEEKS unummy 60+ year old woman for one more grumpy, old, last fling. Don't call if your ecstatic. Just kidding. (3/3) 20636

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)

SUCCESSFUL. GENEROUS professional. educated investor, 33, La Jolla home-owner, warmhearted smile, seeks big hearted, attractive, voluptuous blonde, 25-35, to spoil rotten, for long-term rela-tionship. (3/3) \$\infty\$20655

uonsinip. (3/3) **\times in Pacific Beach. White, 35, 5'10", 160lbs., bicycles, cooking, individualistic. You're 25-34, splendiferous love, sunlight, clear nights, avoid bossy people, fast-food. (3/3) *\tilde{2}20649

ENGLISH/AMERICAN 36, retired, seeks long-term companion, blonde, height/

gether. (3/3) \$\infty\$20614 **28, 6'1", 185LBS.**, white/Asian, clean cut, healthy, nonsmoker, and very romantic, loves flying, dancing, outdoorsy stuff. Seeking 18-33, without kids. (3/3) \$\infty\$20637

ATTRACTIVE (USED TO BE), professional. 56, looks 55, 5'8", 155lbs.

cated, sensitive, sensual, artistic, communicative. Why not inspire each other? Supportive, intelligent, OK, yes! I am

housebroken and have cable TV. (3/3)

HANDSOME, BLACK MALE, quiet, bad boy, 41, 50°, 170lbs., fit. Seeking thick or voluptuous friend or lover for some fun times, 26-37. Race unimportant. (3/3) \$\frac{120653}{220652}\$

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, professional, 51, kind, afféctionate, romantic, athlétic, would love to treat you like a lady. Seeking physically and emotionally fit woman, 35-50, North County. (3/3) 🕿 20615

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) 220613

OUT FOR A COUPLE DRINKS, walks, movies, sporting events, dinners and TV at home, board games, remote camping, backpacking, road trips, romance. 46, prefer slender. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}20648\$

ATHLETE, ACTIVE professional, 35, seeks tennis golf player only. I'm fit, nice to look at, financially secure. You: creative, fun person, warm skin, loving heart. (3/10) 72-20666

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, fun lover. Me: 49
verifiably handsome, 6', slender, fit verifiably handsome, 6', slender, brown/green, articulate, honest. You: tractive, petite, feminine, stable, learning the stable of the stable humorous, harmonious, happy, motivatable. (3/3) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$20634

GOOD LOOKING, GREAT CATCH. White male, 6'2", 225lbs., 41. Looking for down to earth, attractive lady for relationship, friends, fun times, laughter, success, romance. (3/3) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$20625

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

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, STABLE, SUCcessīul, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 46. Seeking slendar air 15 december 2015 der, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (3/3) \$\infty\$20623

rants, movies, 37, 5'11", North C coastal. You and I: physically fit, time to date, enjoy outdoors, evenings home. (3/3) \$\frac{\text{\textit{C}}}{2}\$20650

Why Not Me?

Spontaneous, considerate, physically, emotionally and financially fit, 40-year old male. Seeking active, witty, balanced, available, outdoorsy type female for fun and adventure. (3/3) 2020640

CHRISTIAN, PROFESSIONAL, gentle-

togetner. (3/10) ★206/9.

CHARMING AND ATTRACTIVE cat lover from Michigan, 37, seeks adventurous, creative, confident woman with open heart, and mind to share love of travel, and music. (3/3) ★20632

GOOD LISTENER, risk taker, adventurous, casual, established professional, metaphysical, Unity church, no children in household, Point Loma, 46, 5'8", 160lbs. Looking for soul mate. (3/3) 2720654

QUIT YOUR JOB. Male, 6'1", seeks fe-male. Travel around the USA in R.V. momale. Travel around the USA III n.v. IIII tor home. Music, camp fires, hiking, fun, live music, dancing, nature, peaceful. (3/3) 20628

MATURE MAN, MUSICIAN, artisan, part

Oyasin. (3/3) ☎20629

WANT A REAL MAN? Ladies, you want a man to tell you you're beautiful every day and love breakfast in bed? Your destiny awaits you my queen. Call me. Jewish male, 34. (3/10) ☎20692

ATTRACTIVE MD, vegetarian, 5'11", 165lbs., in great shape, new to San Diego. Would like to meet an intelligent, funny, open-minded woman for relationship. (3/10) \$\infty\$ 20671

ARE YOU READY? Want a family? Live life with best friend? Me too. Wanna be dad and mentor. No games please. Be for real. (3/3) \$\frac{1}{2}20659\$

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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. (3/10) \$\alpha\$20664

ARTICULATE TEDDY BEAR, 5'11". de sires passionate, romantic woman without major issues. Open to age and appearances. Prefer intelligence, humor, being creative, spontaneous, kid at heart. (3/3)

☎20656

80 YEARS YOUNG, widower, seeks compatible Caucasian female, 65-75, for companionship, dining out, movies, plays, short trips. Fine sense of humor, well dressed, loving. (3/10) ☎20689

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, personable, fun loving, 45. Looking for that special lady for romantic and lasting relationship. Passionate, affectionate, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (3/3) 20635

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I'M FIT, FUN, LOYAL, loving, 40, ivy leaguer, dog lover. Looking for a friend, companion, travel partner, teammate, exercise partner, and lover. Let's do sushi! (3/10) ★20699

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) ☎20660

THEY DO EXIST? Australian, 38, muscled, good looking, 5'8", intelligent, humorous, drug free, giving, loving. Seeking attractive, intelligent, proportional lady, friendship, fun, possible relationship. (3/3) \$\mathbb{\infty}\) 20627

LIKE HARLEYS? Let's ride to the end of the rainbow together. Must be slim, non-smoker. Call me. Good man, good heart. (3/10) \$\tilde{3}\tilde{2}0688\$

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) \$\infty\$ 20644

LATINA, SHAPELY FEMALE SOUGHT by tall, handsome, and good looking singlé black male, 30's, native of Germany, UCLA graduate. Let's begin as friends, no games. (3/3) ☎20630

ENTHUSIASTIC, FUN, HEALTHY, honest, communicative, educated, fit, successful, humorous, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking female under 40 for commitment, loves travel, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, beach walks. (3/10) \$\frac{1}{42}\$ 20693

(Asian, etc). Me: Monogamous, passionate, handsome, tall, humorous, confident, intelligent, resourceful, eclectic, eccentric. E-mail and chat to learn more. (3/10)

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) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$20617

LET'S GROW TOGETHER. Tall, 6'4", 52, handsome, fun-loving professional. Well educated, open minded, spiritual, romantic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for growth partnership. (3/10)

ARE YOU THAT SPECIAL valentine I'm looking for? Someone kindhearted, open looking for? Someone kindnearted, open minded, a special woman for this retired man? Downtown area. Call for information. (3/3) \$\infty\$ 20646

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{1}{2}\$20616

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ATTRACTIVE, AFFLUENT, independent bachelor wishes to share like, and beautiful home with 30-something female counterpart. Me: caucasian, trim, childless. You: the same! North County. (3/3) ☎ 20620

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HIGH ENERGY! San Diego business owner, North County, 50ish, working out for proportionate, lovely, educated lady, 30-45, nonsmoker, under 5'7". Dinners, laughing, tender times, future. (3/10) ₹20700

ADVENTUROUS, ATTRACTIVE, affectionate, hispanic male, 54, 5'8", 155lbs., fit, ate, hispanic male, 54, 5'8", 155lbs., fit, seeking my princess for life, to share the rest of our lives together. Desert, beach, dining. (3/3) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$20661

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LOST AND LONELY. Searching for special Latin woman, 21-35. Me: 6'3", blue/ brown, 180lbs, ocean, animals, mountains, travel. Compassionate, humorous, adventurous, trusting, loving, free spirited. (3/10) \$\overline{\text{T2}}\)200920669

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 25-45, fit, and sense of humor for friendship/roguou sense of humor for friendship/ro-mance with successful white male, blue eyes, well dressed, muscular, let me spoil you. (3/3) \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$26643

GORGEOUS LATINO MALE, fit, slim, 5'8", educated, homeowner. Seeking woman with sweet personality, 23-43, 5'3"+. (3/10) \$\alpha\$20667

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KINDNESS COUNTS. Strong, kind man 51, 6'2", trim, employed, seeks very fe 51, 6'2", trim, employed, seeks very fe-male woman, 40's-50's, to protect and spoil. You'll like the respect and warmth. (3/10) ☎20697

RESPONSIBLE WHITE MALE, 44, tall, dark and handsome, witty, fun, finan-cially/emotionally secure, enjoys just about anything! Seeking: Pretty, fun, intel-ligent nonsmoking woman for relation-ship! (3/10) 220674

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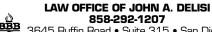
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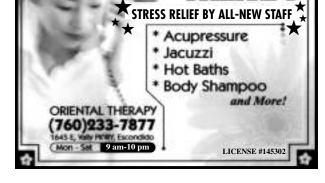
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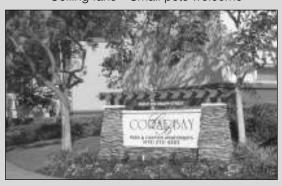


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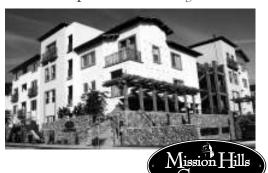
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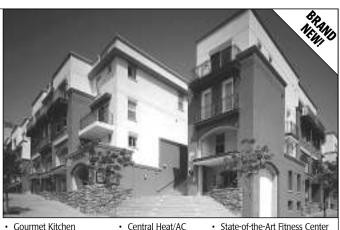
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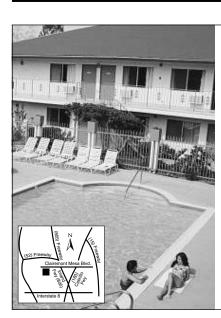
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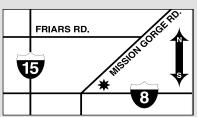
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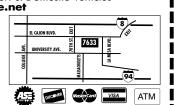
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- Art Comes to Life: In a 1999 episode of The Simpsons, Homer became a temporary multibillionaire by accidentally inventing a "tomacco" plant that sprouted tobacco-bred tomatoes that were hopelessly addictive from even a single bite. Inspired (and hoping to draw attention to the show's anti-smoking message), Rob Baur of Lake Oswego, Ore., tried to grow such a plant and has somewhat succeeded, although a forensic researcher believes that only the plant itself — and not the fruit - contains nicotine. In February, he announced that he would auction off the golfball-sized fruit.

Unclear on the Concept

- Ronald Paul McAllister, 43, allegedly robbed a Bank of America branch in Tulsa, Okla., in January. During the incident he was quoted as advising a teller, "Don't do anything stupid, lady." Moments later, as McAllister fled with his loot, he forgot to take his holdup note, which was on a pre-printed withdrawal slip with his name on it. He was tracked down, and police now say McAllister had robbed another bank in October. - Ariel Alonso, who lives near Roanoke, Va., was indignant when the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration wrongly accused him of setting up a methamphetamine lab. After the charges were dropped in January, Alonso asked rhetorically, "How do I get my...dignity back?" The laboratory of Alonso (and his then-partner Jonathan Conrad) had been making the so-called "fluid of life," which they goaded customers into buying (at \$20 to \$40 a dose) by claiming that it is the component of human cells and can cleanse people internally and build new tissue; the "fluid" was potassium chloride and white grape juice. Convicted murderer Robert Ivey continued to tell a court in Montreal, Quebec, in December that (contrary to a jury's finding) he is not guilty of killing the 42-year-old victim and that

if only he had enough money to challenge the conclusive DNA tests (which showed that his blood was all over the victim's apartment), he would be a free man. A few moments later, during his recitation to the court, Ivey asked the judge for credit toward his sentencing because of his conscientiousness in having spent "seven hours" cleaning up the crime scene and the victim's body.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, who is widely believed by United Nations officials and Far East experts to be tolerating the starvation deaths of perhaps millions of his countrymen, launched a nationwide campaign in January to improve national health by eradicating smoking, whose practitioners, said Kim, are one of the "three main fools of the 21st century" (along with people ignorant about music and computers).

Awesome!

- In November, Jacky Bibby, 52, of Whiskey Flats, Texas (near Fort Worth), first sat in a bathtub with 81 live rattlesnakes and then extended his own Guinness Book record by stuffing the tails of nine of them into his mouth. Protocol required that he band the tails together at the rattles and hold them in his mouth for ten seconds while leaning forward. (The Associated Press reported that Bibby's day job is "marketing" for a drug treatment center.)

- In December, Brian Moffitt of Winnipeg, Manitoba, extended his Guinness Book record of 702 body piercings by inserting 900 surgical needles into his leg at the same time.

- Geologist David J. Siveter of Leicester University (England) wrote in the journal Science in December that he and his team had found a fossil 425 million years old that is probably the oldest record of an unambiguously male animal. They named the half-inch-long shellfish Colymbosathon ecplecticos, which they said means "swimmer with a large penis," referring to its organ that is one-fifth of its body length.

Conditional Love

 Eva Reves, 71, the mother of convicted murderer David Maust of Hammond, Ind., said in December, upon being informed that Maust had been charged with three more murders: "I love David, but, yes, [the death penalty] would be the right thing to do for him [if convicted]." ... Also in December, Lynda Nixon, the mother of convicted double-murderer Ian Huntley (Soham, England), told *The Sun* newspaper: "I believe Ian should not live after what he's done. I truly wish we had capital punishment" (and she went on to specify an "electric chair").

More Things You Probably Didn't Know

(1) The first international camel beauty pageant was held in November in the Alxa League area of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China, according to an Associated Press dispatch, featuring nearly 100 dressed-up camels judged by veteran herders for the shine of their hair and the uprightness of their humps. (2) A Duke Medical Center study, announced in December, concluded that doses of nicotine might reduce age-associated memory impairment "senior moments"), thus adding to the conditions (others: schizophrenia, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder) that can benefit from

Recurring Themes

In January, doctors at the Selian Hospital, Arusha, Tanzania, removed a toothbrush from the stomach of a 54-year-old man who had become the latest person to swallow one while brushing his teeth. ... In December, in Cortland, N.Y., Ron Tanner was captured after about a year on the run as a fugitive from a prison in Wyoming, where he was serving time for theft. Tanner is now the latest innocent man (the Wyoming Supreme Court recently threw out his theft conviction) jailed for escaping from a prison where he was being wrongfully detained, and he faces up to ten years behind bars if convicted.

The District of Calamity (continued)

 Even after it had learned that its chief technology officer's claim of a college computer sciences degree was bogus, the Washington, D.C., Elections Board declined to fire her, reasoning that such a degree was not important to her job (January). ... The D.C. Contract Appeals Board declined to suspend a paving firm that had pleaded guilty last year to bribing district officials, thus allowing it to resume normal contracting work (January). ... Also in January, a government audit revealed that the district last year had failed to use (and therefore had lost) \$5 million from federal grants for breakfast and lunch programs for low-income children because it could not figure out how to spend it.

In the Past Month...

The 48-year-old father of a high school basketball player, riled at the officiating of a game, was charged with assault after allegedly biting two of the three referees in an on-court brawl (Colorado Springs, Colo.). ... Crude oil bubbled up from the toilet and sinks of Leila LeTourneau's home, covering the floors (possibly from an old uncapped well under the home) (Longview, Texas). ... Two Cubans who had tried to land in Florida last year on their pontooned 1951 Chevy truck (but were turned back by the Coast Guard) tried again with a pontooned 1959 Buick (but were again turned back).

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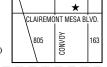
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EXHIBIT FIREARM

Location: 65th Street and Wunderlin, Encanto **Time/Date:** 10:00 a.m. on 2/17/04

Officer's Investigation: I contacted Agnes T. and took her statement. Agnes T. had recently moved to



Encanto, where she made the acquaintance of several gang members. She had been recently

divorced and her ex-husband is quite wealthy. Consequently, Agnes T. has plenty of money and her gangster "friends" use her to provide them with cell phones, money, and cars. About three weeks ago, Agnes T. told Richard C. she did not want to associate with him or his friends any longer because of their drug use.

Victim's Statement: I have never been his [Richard C.] girlfriend, nor have I had any intimate relations with him. I think he wanted me to be his girlfriend. On Saturday, I loaned my car to Carlos Q., a friend. That night, he went to visit Richard C. When Carlos came out half an hour later, the car was gone. It is a new, gray Chevy. Sunday night, my boyfriend and I went to Sycuan Casino. I saw my car in the valet section of the parking lot. A Hispanic male I recognized as Richard C.'s roommate ran to the valet station, got the keys to my car, and sped out.

This morning, at about 10 a.m., I drove by C.'s house to see if my car was there. As I was going north on 65th, C. was coming in the other direction in a Honda Civic. A Hispanic girl was with him. He turned around and stopped his car in front of mine, blocking it. The girl got out of the passenger seat with a stick in her hand. She came up to the car, and I rolled the window down and asked what she wanted. C. got out of the [Honda] and came toward my vehicle. He started arguing with me and my boyfriend. He called to the girl to get his gun. She went to the driver's seat, reached under. She took out a black semi-

automatic pistol. C. pointed the handgun at my car. He was shouting about how he ran Encanto, and I should be afraid of him. I quickly backed up my car and sped away up 65th Street.

BATTERY

Location: [2300 block] Langmuir St., Linda Vista

Time/Date: 12:30-1:30 p.m. on 2/08/04



Officer's Investigation: Officer Stites #5870 and I were dispatched to [2300] Flushing Drive to investigate a battery. Upon our arrival at the Flushing address, I met with Caesar L. He told me briefly that his brother and his brother's girlfriend, Viridiana T., beat him. I asked L. where this happened and where his brother was. L. told me they were both back at his address on Langmuir Street. Upon our arrival to Langmuir Street, Caesar L. told me he wanted to press charges against Viridiana for scratching the back of his neck and hitting him. I told him I would only issue a citation since she was about seven months pregnant.

Victim's Statement: Viridiana came home from work around 12:30 p.m. My brother Carlos told me he sold my MP3 to some friend of his. We started arguing about that. V. told me to shut the fuck up. My brother left the room. She got mad at me and she came

swinging, trying to hit me on the face. I grabbed her ponytail. She was screaming and my brother heard this. She was digging her fingernails in the back of my neck. My brother came back in the room and told me to get the fuck off her. He then started punching me...We ended up walking outside and he pushed me in the plants that are in front of the house. He told me to shut up before I get another black eye. My younger brother tried to break up the fight. Carlos punched him in the mouth. My mom took my little brother to the hospital to get looked at.

THEFT

Location: [1200 block] 11th Avenue,
Downtown

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m. on 2/10/04



Officer's Statement: Valerie K. called the police today to report a theft from her checking account. She has a Versatel account at Bank of America, Ms. K. says that over the past several months, a charge has been taken from her account for "OnStar" services. She says that the total taken is \$967. Ms. K. does not own a car and has no use for OnStar service. Ms. K. could not show me any bank statements. She told me that the bank would not release her statements until she had a copy of a police report. I suggested that Ms. K. change her account number. She was reluctant to

do so in fear of having her SSI checks misdirected. She may want a follow-up if one is deemed appropriate.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Location: 1900 54th Street **Time/Date:** 9:15 p.m. on 2/1/04



Officer's Investigation:

Enrique R. was beaten and held down on the ground by 6–7 male adults. The suspect[s] then took R.'s wallet with \$200. [Enrique] was very uncooperative. He didn't want to answer any questions. When his mother would get upset about his answers then he would give us a little more information.

Victim's Statement: I was eating at the Kentucky Fried Chicken over on Euclid and 54th. When I left to walk home, there were 6-7 black males that bum rushed me and bitchslapped me. Then they pushed me on the ground and held me while one of the guys grabbed my wallet. I could probably only recognize the tall black male. He said: "Do you have any weed?" I told them no, I don't have any weed. They started hitting me. Didn't really hurt. I don't want anything done about it. I will take care of it in my own way. I don't want to go to prison over these bitches. I don't want them coming to my mom's place looking for me.

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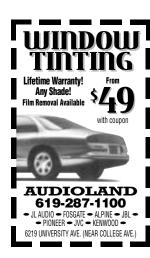
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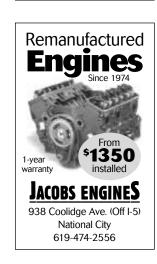
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First the alternator broke, then the thermostat and brakes, and the carburetor. By the day of the accident, one window was stuck open and the others were stuck closed.

Because of back problems, Darren had recently given up his construction job and started tending bar. One afternoon on his way home from a lunch shift, he jammed the brakes to avoid mashing a car that had swerved in front of him. A Honda Prelude plowed into the rear end of his Bronco, wrenching his problem back.

Besides physical therapy, he was

put on Vicodin. Still, he kept working. His wife usually drove him to and from his job, but on the rare days she couldn't, he drove the Bronco. Early one afternoon, he cleaned up the bar, drank one brew, headed home, and almost made it before he rear-ended a Toyota that stopped more suddenly than his mildly sedated brain could compute.

The DUI ticket cost him \$5000 for attorney fees and fines and a month in a halfway house, where the frame of his cot pinched off the circulation in his arm and crippled him. For several months he was a one-armed hartender.

He sold the wrecked Bronco for \$350 and went shopping for another vehicle. Though family and friends suggested he might have fewer mishaps in a car than a truck, he held firm to his belief that men drive trucks, not cars. He found a 1990 Bronco at an independent lot. According to the salesman, it had just arrived and they had not had

time to clean or prep it, so he'd make Darren the deal of a lifetime.

First the brakes seized up in the mountains on an icy road. Then the oil pump quit pumping. But by the time they set out for a Padres spring training weekend in Yuma, it seemed ready to take on the desert.

Though the water pump failed 50 miles out of Yuma, they managed to limp to the outskirts of town. But two days later, the alternator failed, which cost them an overnight stay at the Chaparral Motel in Tacna.

Back home, Darren kept replacing and repairing until he felt sure the Bronco was in shape for another road trip. They were going to meet Darren's brother-in-law and go camping on Mexican beaches when the motor chugged and missed, then stalled, leaving them stranded in Stanfield, Arizona, population 100 or so. They called Darren's wife's brother and arranged to ride with him to San Felipe and back. While waiting for him, they hung out in the



--- OWNER: DARREN MENTONE

= = = CAR: 1990 FORD BRONCO

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=== MILEAGE: 145,000

saloon. "It was a good time," Darren says. "The locals were cool. They kept buying us drinks, to prove they weren't hicks, I guess."

The Bronco hasn't yet recovered. It gets Darren around town, but if he tries to drive it more than five miles, it balks and coughs and dies. Still, the loyal fellow won't give up on it. "Look," he says, "I've replaced about everything except the motor. As soon as I save \$1200, I'll put in a new motor, and it'll be like new, right? It'll run forever."

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It should not have happened on Friday the 13th....

By John Brizzolara

Of all superstitions, perhaps the most pervasive - and yet least explicable is the aversion to the number 13. Many buildings (particularly hotels) tall enough to have a 13th floor will not number it as such. We are told that the registration of Princess Margaret's birth was delayed so that she would not be entered as number 13. So firm is its grip upon us that even hospitals, those supposed bastions of rational thought, decline to label their operating theaters with the number. — Narrow Houses, by Douglas Winter

This is one of several bits of Friday the 13th lore from a literary critic who has carved out as pretty much his turf the field of horror fiction. But a much earlier observation seems (at some back brain level) to strike the nail on the head and not just point out where we'll

The following is from the 1925 book Popular Superstitions by Charles Platt. The possibility of a practical joke occurs to me here, though it would be an obscure one. A science fiction writer (Garbage World) and editor of New Worlds magazine in the 1970s, Charles Platt taught science fiction at the New School for Social Research some 30 years ago. He is something of an academic in the field, with a renowned sense of humor. Whether or not he would find it funny to put his name on a 79-year-old copyright on Popular Superstitions, I wouldn't know, but this quote from the work has a Jungian ring to it, don't you think?

The rise of the compound threeten for 13 is so very general all over the world, that it seems clear that to the primitive mind of early man it had no real meaning — he stopped at 12. So persistent are these old instincts that, even today, we stop at "12 times 12" in our school multiplication triplication tables, though there is absolutely no reason whatever why we should do so, except for our inherited instinct that it was, and therefore still must be, the utmost limit of mathematical thought.

Thirteen, therefore, was not used as a number but as a vague word meaning anything beyond 12. To the untutored savage, as to the animal mind of today, anything unknown conveyed an immediate sense of danger. Thirteen was not really an unlucky number, but a fateful one — a number full of vague and unimaginable possibilities and therefore a number to be avoided by any peaceloving man.

Anything beyond 12 is the Twilight Zone, faerie, shadowland, non-Euclidean space, fey. It is the language of the night. Thirteen is called the devil's dozen, and when the subject comes up, someone is sure to point out that Jesus was the unlucky 13th member among the apostles at the Last Supper.

I never set out to develop a theory about the subject. I was satisfied that historians, philosophers, psychologists, etc., had documented tons of rational stuff, citing precedents, cultural idiosyncrasies, even works on evolution dating back to the origins of consciousness. I did not know what any of it might be; I was simply reassured because it was probably there. I would compare it to passing a Denny's along the freeway; it would never make me hungry, just give me a feeling of reassurance that it was there.

On this occasion in mid-February, the Friday the 13th thing strikes me as an opportunity for comedy, always strong medicine against truly bad luck. These "unlucky" Fridays are dedicated to the stubbing of the toe, the doorknob coming off in one's hand, the discovery that you've spent an hour and a half in the wrong line at the DMV. You don't find out you've got cancer on these days or that the World Trade Center has been destroyed by terrorists along with innocent lives. At worst, your heart attack turns out to be indigestion that resolves itself through flatulence while in bed with the boss's wife. You are not supposed to learn, for example, that someone very close to you has a frightening mental illness of the type that only happens to other people and is abso-

No, no. This one was going along like every other of these calendar occurrences that induce a fake groan, the do-do-doing of the Twilight Zone theme, but always, you notice, always, accompanied by a smile. My paycheck, I discovered after standing in line at the bank for two weeks out of this particular Friday afternoon, had not been stamped/signed. Having sorted that out, I hopped on the 901 bus thinking to change for the #2 at Eighth and Broadway, started reading The Roots of Heaven by Romain Gary, and quickly and thoroughly forgot that I was on a bus at all. I found myself in Coronado at the first bus stop, just beneath a brief but authoritative cloudburst, exactly like that guy in the old Li'l Abner cartoons.

Once I got home, I decided to do a good deed before watching the news on my roommate's television. That dust on the screen was mighty thick, so I spritzed a little extra Formula 409 onto the glass and wiped carefully. But not carefully enough. The solvent slid in a muddy sheet into that crack at the base of the screen, just above all the micro-solenoid relays and controls on the flimsy Taiwanese circuit boards made of Kleenex. The screen went dark. My attempts to resuscitate the thing produced a staticky, monochrome rendering of a cheap fireworks display just before the thing died altogether.

"This day could not get any worse," my roommate said as he came in the front door.

"Actually..." I began. Television makes up exactly half of Earl's leisure activities. He cursed and fumed and made very sad noises. With a steak and a movie rental (played on my otherwise noncable, nonfunctional set), the

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pall cast by the evening's waning date began to dissipate. It was all "in-bounds"; the goddess Freya was being her typical pain-in-the-ass self in her own chickish and smart-ass way. But lurking just offstage was the sense of fun, the lingering Cheshire cat grin as a crescent moon overlooking the day's twilight.

But then there was the phone call. Not just another irritating twist on the day's foibles, not just some little misunderstanding that we will laugh over tomorrow or ten years from now. This wasn't funny. This wasn't the kind of welcome "rum luck" that enables us to defuse the fear of what might really be lurking out there. This is what was really lurking out there. This was God as Stephen King, except that the image is warm, fuzzy, lovable, and humorous, even if darkly so by comparison. This was and is none of those things except dark. No vampires here and no monsters, though I do sense something monstrous, again, just offstage. A loved one stricken with a painful and terrifying affliction. This was not and is not fair. It should not have happened on Friday the 13th because it has none of that Halloween comedy about it. What it does have is the kind of nonrational suffering the human experience provides when we are very, very unlucky indeed. But no one mentions luck. Generally nothing is mentioned, and silence reigns over this subject; and that may be best, or the thing might find itself attracted to you from the nightshadows to your place in the ring around the campfire, where spooky little anecdotes are told about things like Friday the 13th.

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A year ago, Jack and I went to Palm Springs. We left the kids behind. We staved in a beautiful hotel room at a four-star resort. We slept late and ordered room service breakfast. We sat out on the terrace and read the paper and looked out across the golf course and the pool to the snowcapped San Jacinto Mountains. Later in the day, we had massages at the spa. Afterward, we sat together in the Jacuzzi and talked and talked. Whenever I hear the words "Palm Springs," I think about that weekend. I feel a warm glow in my chest, and my head feels fuzzy and happy.

A month ago, Jack called from work to say he'd heard from his sister Ricki. Ricki works in Manhattan as a partner at a large national law firm. "They're having their annual partner meeting in February at the Marriott in

Palm Springs," Jack told me. "Ricki wants to know if we want to meet her there. She'll get us a hotel room for Saturday night."

"That sounds great," I answered.

"It'll be a little crowded," Jack reminded me. "You and I and the kids will all be in the same

"It'll be fine," I told him. "The kids will think it's a big slumber party. We'll have an adventure."

Iack e-mailed his sister and told her we'd love to meet her in Palm Springs. My girls started their planning. For her ninth birthday in January, Angela asked for and received a purple duffel bag. "For our trip to Palm Springs," she told me.

A few weeks ago, Rebecca reminded me, "I'll need a new bathing suit."

'For what?" I asked.

"Palm Springs," she said in her best exasperated adolescent girl voice.

"Your bathing suit from last summer won't

Rebecca rolled her eyes. "I don't think so." I looked at my 11-year-old daughter. Indeed, since last summer, she has grown several inches and become a young woman. "Can I get a twopiece suit?" Rebecca asked.

"We'll see."

"I'll need a new suit, too," Angela chimed

"I'll look on LandsEnd.com," I said. "Maybe they'll have something in clearance or overstocks."

"Will it get here in time?" they both asked. "I think so."

The new bathing suits arrived last Thursday. Friday night when we said prayers at bedtime, I asked the kids if they had any special

"I pray for Daniel Boone," Ben said. He often prays for Daniel Boone. We don't know

"I pray that we have a fun time in Palm Springs," Johnny said.

"That's a good prayer," Jack told him. "And we pray for a safe trip and a blessed time with Aunt Ricki."

"And that we get to swim," Lucy added. Saturday morning, the sky was gray as we pulled away from the house. Raindrops spattered the windshield. "Will it be raining in Palm Springs?" Angela asked.

'It might," Jack answered.

"Will we still be able to go swimming?" "I hope so," Jack said.

The rain fell off and on all the way up through Temecula and east through the mountains. As we started our descent down the Palms to Pines Highway, the skies cleared. Winding through the rocks and canyons, we caught glimpses of Palm Springs' green patchwork of golf courses and resorts under an expansive blue

Ricki met us in the Marriott's atrium lobby. She gave hugs all around and introduced us to her friend Sarah. "So, what do you guys want to do this afternoon?" she asked as we rode the elevator up to our room.

"Go swimming," the kids answered in

"It was so cold this morning," Ricki warned. "We went out by the pool in our winter coats. But I think it should be warm enough now.'

We found lots of other people out by the pool. Sarah and Ricki and I sat poolside and watched Jack swim with the kids. I sipped a Starbucks mocha I'd gotten in the lobby. Johnny did cannonballs into the clear, aqua water. The girls took turns floating on big, blue rafts. Jack shivered and kept Ben from drowning. The sun moved toward the mountains, and the light turned soft and orange and violet.

After the kids and Jack dried off, we changed clothes and went out to dinner - Mexican food at a restaurant near the resort. We dipped salty, warm tortilla chips into large stone bowls filled with freshly made guacamole. Ricki and Sarah and Jack talked about work and family and life. I joined in every now and then and kept track of the kids.

Later in the evening, after we had ridden a boat on the resort's lake, Jack and I got the kids ready for bed. Angela and Rebecca snuggled together in one of the room's queen beds. Lucy hunkered down with her stuffed animals in a rollaway. Johnny and Ben lay on either side of me in the other queen. Jack unfolded a pallet that we'd brought from home and made it up with hotel blankets.

"You go visit with Ricki," I whispered to Jack. "I'll stay here while everyone goes to sleep."

Jack thanked me and kissed everyone good night. I fell asleep to the sound of the music from the lobby and the happy, fuzzy feeling in

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