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LETTERS

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Cig Pity

No wonder Naomi Wise's reviews are consistently off: her palate is all screwed up by cigs! Please, does she really expect us to trust her "taste" when it is obviously safe to assume she literally has none? Now I know why she is put off by truly excellent food and the prices they tend to require and gives all the accolades to cheap (often spicy) ethnic food. It's all she can taste over her ashtray mouth and afford after buying costly packs of cigarettes. It makes perfect sense, and I feel so relieved to finally figure out why she is so bitter about some of the finest food in San Diego. She just cannot taste it. Poor thing, I kind of feel sorry for her.

Jennifer Schroeder
via e-mail

Naomi Wise replies: In real life, last time I stopped smoking, I actually couldn't stand the smell of the world. Things like ammonia in the kitchen cleanser, pee in an alley, grease frying in a restaurant a block away — I could smell more than anybody would ever want to. Could be that's why I started smoking in the first place; it was certainly one reason I relapsed — I went to Trinidad for Carnival, and street vendors there sell cigs singly. Every time I had to use a public Porta Potti I'd buy one and light up before entering those gates of hell.

Roman Twister

I'm surprised Anne Albright (Letters, February 26) once again justifies with the Bible and her twisted sense of logic from Catholicism whatever actions that she takes with no regard to anybody else: her family, society, the children, her unborn.

Unconcerned
Non-Catholic

Puzzle Kerfuffle

On the February 26 Reader

crossword puzzle, clue 5 down is "7, on a phone." Three spaces are allocated. The answer doesn't fit. On dial phones it might be "prs," but on touch-tone phones it's "pqrs."

Jeff Lobe
University City

Nothing People

When someone gives you something for nothing, you can be sure that nothing is what you are more than likely to receive. In the case of the Reader, this is always true. The Judith Moore article on the Kashner book is an example ("Reading," February 26). The Beats were nothing people who thought they were something and convinced many other nothing people that the Beats had something to offer. Mr. Kashner first lived on his father's money. Then he became a sensitive novelist, according to the Judith Moore article, and self-styled Boswell of the Beats. And now at the age of 50, he is permanently unemployed; that is, he is a writer.

Name Withheld

Legal Lynch Mob

The national No Subhuman Left Behind Act accomplishes its noble purpose by making everyone a subhuman, thus ensuring that no subhuman is left behind. I am happy to report the act is a success, and I submit as proof the letter from Eric Bowlby (February 26) in support of Prop A. Prop A is plunder by a legal lynch mob, pure and simple. Bowlby squeals that plunder is justified because the property owners seek profits. Only subhumans think this way.

Name Withheld

Award-Worthy Bauder

Don Bauder's sidebar article in the February 19 issue of the Reader ("Who Was Max Miller?") merits a Pulitzer Prize or similar type of an award. Bauder presented more information about the politics of San Diego and how the print media influences these politics once they get a chokehold on a community than anything I have ever had the pleasure of reading.

Bauder is going to be worth more than "double" — or even the "five times" more than normal that the article mentioned Max Miller was paid — to the Reader. The

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"He told us he was bored with our dancing and offered us \$1000 each..."
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California close-out The Democratic presidential candidate **Dennis Kucinich** didn't do all that well in this week's California primary, but



Kucinich campaign button

he did get points from some for simply showing up in San Diego, which was largely ignored by more mainstream candidates. And for political history junkies, the price of his campaign collectibles turned out to be the best bargain of the election season. At his rally last Thursday on the steps of the Tin Fish restaurant in the Gaslamp Quarter, \$5 purchased a Kucinich for President T-shirt, white plastic beverage mug, large lapel button, and bumper sticker. After spending about an hour or so regaling the small crowd that had gathered in the colder-than-seasonable evening air, the liberal anti-war congressman from Cleveland was whisked away in a small blue van to give a speech at the University of San Diego. Later he attended a fundraiser in a private home on La Jolla Scenic Drive South, the residence of **Mitchell** and **Françoise Ginsberg**. He's a humanistic psychologist, licensed family therapist, and author of *The Inner Palace: Mirrors of Psychospirituality in Divine and Sacred Wisdom-Traditions*. She got her doctorate from the University of Paris, where she worked as a women's counselor of sexology, according to their website. The couple also hosts regular tantric sex workshops, the site says: "We are deeply respectful of the sacredness that is present in sexuality at its most nourishing and healing levels. Our teachings emphasize the integration and harmonization of our sexuality in all of its aspects (physical, energetic, emotional, healing, and spiritual). Practical instructions and exercises we use help in the development of the open, loving heart of mindfulness. This consciousness is then applied to rituals whose intimacy and intensity are beyond our usual experience of sexuality, giving us a taste of what the tradition has called the highest ambrosia.... Françoise and Mitchell have been married for 23 years and offer tantra classes and private sessions in both America and France." Price of admission: \$50 per person, the same as a ticket to Kucinich's fundraiser ... Casa Casuarina, the ro-coco Miami Beach mansion where fashion designer **Gianni Versace** was gunned down in 1997 by Bishop's School alumnus and onetime Hillcrest denizen **Andrew Cunanan**, is now open for business as an upscale party rental. The *New York Times* reports that businessman **Peter Loftin**, who coveted the place even before Versace's murder, bought it for \$19 million afterwards and currently charges \$10,000 a night to host high-end soirées.

Bipartisan juice Republican congressman **Duncan Hunter**'s "Peace Through Strength" political committee continues to raise large amounts of money from big defense contractors and distribute it to the campaigns of fellow GOP congressmen around the country. Among the donors over the past six months: Huntsville, Alabama's **Francisco Collazo**, Colsa Corp., \$5000; **Jerry Hodge**, Maxor National Pharmacy Services,

Amarillo, Texas, \$5000; **Allen Hunter II**, Trex Enterprises, Kihei, Hawaii, \$1000; **Jerry Oldenettel**, Trex Enterprises, Albuquerque, New Mexico, \$1000; **Anne Pol**, Trex Enterprises, San Diego, \$1000; **Kenneth Tang**, Trex Enterprises, San Diego, \$1000;

Gene Ray, Titan Corp., San Diego, \$2000; Sycuan Indians El Cajon, \$3000; and **Francis Shottes**, SisCorp, Vero Beach, Florida, \$1000. Trex, a high-tech outfit based in San Diego, has long done a lucrative business with the Pentagon. The *L.A. Times* recently reported that Shottes and SisCorp, his lobbying firm, had repeatedly lobbied Democratic senator **John Kerry** on behalf of San Diego-based Science and Applied Technology, whose owner **Parthasarathi "Bob" Majumder** pled guilty last month to funneling tainted contributions to Kerry and four other members of Congress. From 1996 to 1998, Shottes gave Kerry a total of \$4000 in campaign contributions, the paper reported. Kerry in turn wrote 28 letters in support of Majumder's firm.

Have campaign, will travel Thanks to friendly districts drawn up by the California legislature to favor incumbents, a lot of politicians who don't have to face tough reelection fights have another problem to worry about: how to spend all that special-interest money they collect at the year-round fundraisers they throw. Part of the solution, recently reported by the Sacramento bureau of the Associated Press, is to hit the road. Among local legislators, the top spender of campaign money for personal travel was **Dede Alpert**, who is leaving her 39th district senate seat this year



Dede Alpert

because of term limits. She spent \$10,457 on a trip to Iceland, which she said covered air fare. The Icelandic government reportedly paid for the rest of what she described as an "exchange visit" with government officials. "We never use any state money for any of these trips. You wind up being [questioned whether] this is worthwhile enough to use government funds.... I enjoy it, I admit. I like going and seeing other places and seeing how they may do their education [system] or how they do their energy issues. It's an enjoyable way of learning." Other locals who traveled on their campaign tab, according to the survey, included GOP senator **Dennis Hollingsworth** of La Mesa, \$9325; Democratic assemblyman **Juan Vargas**, \$5372; Democratic senator **Denise Ducheny**, \$3227; and Republican assemblywoman **Shirley Horton** of Bonita, \$1547.

— Matt Potter

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Duncan Hunter

It's a Horrible Idea

By Don Bauder

In a brazen daylight move — shielded somewhat by cloudy legalese — a San Diego biotech company is trying to

reduce its current shareholders to near insignificance. But not long after the astonishing corporate moves were announced, stunned shareholders began to communicate via investor Internet chat rooms. Now they hope to block the measures coming

And that's the rub. Long-suffering shareholders feel double-duped. Management wants to decrease the number of shares outstanding, but at the same time increase the number of shares that can be offered in the future. Existing stockholders fear

stock sells for under \$2, made big news in the late 1990s. It ousted its founder, David H. Katz, as both sides hurled insults at one another in raging court fights. The lawyer representing the company — then called Lidak — even asked the jury if Katz was a lunatic. But, alarmed by this year's stock-dilution attempts, Katz has re-emerged to speak up for shareholders.

In late January, Avanir sent out its proxy statement for the March 18 meeting. The company proposed that shareholders vote for a reverse stock split. In such a



David H. Katz



Jerry Yakatan



Susan Golding

to a vote at the company's annual meeting March 18.

The company is Avanir Pharmaceuticals. Unlike almost all biotechs, it actually has a federally approved product on the market. But like almost all biotechs, it has been losing money massively, and its financial future depends on drugs that are still in the development stage.

they would lose out on their share of big profits that management boldly predicts will come from new products.

What particularly galls shareholders is that officers and the board have a tiny stake in the company, collectively owning just 459,000 shares of 71 million that are outstanding.

The company, whose

move, an owner of ten shares, say, turns them in and gets one back. In theory, the stock price should also move up by a factor of ten, although it often doesn't hap-

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Red-Tape Roadblock

By Ernie Grimm

On January 1, 2004, a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement came into effect that lifted all tariffs on new cars bought in one of the member nations and imported into another. Now, new car dealers in both Tijuana and San Diego wait and wonder whether business will increase or decrease as a result of the new regulations.

"We haven't seen an increase in traffic yet because of it," says Guy Anastasia, general sales manager at South Bay Volkswagen. "We've had a few inquiries, but that is about it so far."

"There has been a lot of interest; I can tell you that," says Robert Carrillo, a sales manager at Fuller Ford in Chula Vista. "But no sales. I really don't know if they are waiting for additional information or what. But I have 10 to 15 people [from Mexico] already waiting and interested in buying their vehicles here."

It used to be that those interested in importing new cars from one side of the

border to the other paid enormous fees. Juan José Romano, who has sold new cars at Optima Honda in Tijuana's Zona Rio for 11 years, explains, "If I were a Mexican citizen, and I wanted to



Juan José Romano

buy a brand-new Volkswagen Beetle, say, and bring it down here and register it in Mexico, I would have to pay an import fee, which would be 30 to 50 percent of the value of the car. So you can imagine how it discouraged

people from doing that years ago. Nowadays, the law has just changed, and the law says that I can go as a Mexican citizen and buy a car either in the United States or even in Canada and bring it back to Mexico and import the car without paying import fees."

One would think not having to pay the importation fee would draw the new car shoppers in Tijuana to the more numerous dealerships in San Diego, where they can do some comparative shopping. "But there are still some other restrictions," Romano says. "The car has to be made either in the United States or in Canada. The vehicle identification number in each car will tell you where it is made. All cars that are made in the United States, they start with the number one. Cars that are made in Mexico will start with the number three. And cars that are made in Canada will start with the number two or five."

"Another restriction," he continues, "is the car has to be no more than three months old from the period it was built. And another thing is — say I go to Bob Baker in San Diego and buy a Chevy Silverado pickup. He has to give me a letter that states at least 62.5 percent of



Robert Carrillo

the car's parts are made in the United States, and then I can bring it here and import the car."

All those hassles add up to a severe disincentive for Mexicans to shop north of the border, Romano believes. Another disincentive is price. "Say you want a Honda Accord EX model V6, fully loaded," he proposes. "Here in Tijuana, it goes for around \$26,000 to \$27,000. For the same car, if you are to go and buy it in the States and im-

port it into Mexico, you are going to pay something around \$30,000 to \$32,000. So it is not going to be a good deal for a Mexican national to go north and buy a car."

Still, there are reasons certain Mexican buyers may venture north. "Say you want to buy a Honda Accord DX model," Romano explains. "That model is not sold here in Mexico. That car, in the States, is the lowest you can pay for a brand-new Honda Accord. You will pay around

\$17,000 to \$18,000 for that car. Here in Mexico, the cheapest Honda Accord will run you around \$22,000, but it will have much better equipment on it than the DX. But if you want an Accord, even if it doesn't have the same equipment, that is going to be some kind of incentive.

"But here in Mexico," Romano continues, "your average consumer likes cars that have everything, and he

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More from The Quizmaster

By Robert Kumpel

On February 2, while in sheriffs' custody at the downtown San Diego courthouse, Richard Tuite escaped for three and a half hours. Tuite is facing trial for what offense?

- A. grand theft
- B. murder
- C. rape
- D. kidnapping

2. Many football fans watched singer Janet Jackson expose herself during a half-time show at the Super Bowl. Which city hosted the Super Bowl this year?

- A. Atlanta
- B. Jacksonville

- C. Houston
- D. Miami

3. Two hundred forty-four Muslims were killed in Mina, Saudi Arabia, during the annual hajj ritual. During this ritual, pilgrims shout insults and throw their shoes at three stone pillars. What is their rage directed at?

- A. The United States
- B. Satan
- C. all infidel nations
- D. Christianity

4. Which member of the

San Diego City Council is running unopposed for reelection?

- A. Brian Maienschein
- B. Michael Zuchet
- C. Toni Atkins
- D. Donna Frye

5. Ernie Hahn recently unveiled a plan for a stadium with a retractable roof and modular seating that could be moved to reduce the size of a football field to the dimensions of a basketball court. Hahn is currently the:

- A. mayor of Los Angeles
- B. public relations director for the Chargers
- C. development envoy for the NFL
- D. general manager of the Sports Arena

6. Which of the Democratic presidential candidates said,



Richard Tuite



Janet Jackson



Maurice Clarett



Phil Spector

"We do not need to divide America over who served and how?"

- A. Howard Dean
- B. John Edwards
- C. Wesley Clark
- D. John Kerry

7. In a rare loss for the NFL, a federal judge ruled on February 5 that suspended college running back Maurice Clarett can enter the NFL draft this spring. Clarett played football for which

school?

- A. Nebraska
- B. Ohio State
- C. Oklahoma
- D. West Virginia

8. Record producer Phil Spector replaced his attorney with Leslie Abramson to represent him in his murder trial. Who was Spector's previous attorney?

- A. F. Lee Bailey
- B. Mark Geraghty

C. Robert Shapiro
D. Johnny Cochran

9. What health problem did the Centers for Disease Control announce was on the rise for the first time since 1958?

- A. venereal diseases
- B. smoking by preteens
- C. child obesity
- D. infant mortality

10. According to a recent poll taken by the National

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pen. Reverse splits are a sign of woe. Avanir says it wants one to raise the stock price so it can attract large institu-

tional investors — another thing annoying small investors. Then the company wants authority to issue another 100 million shares.

Avanir is seeking authority to reverse-split the shares anywhere from 1-for-2 to 1-

for-12.5. The proxy spells out that if the split is 1-for-12.5 (the worst-case scenario), the number of common shares would be reduced from 71 million to a mere 5.7 million. The company already has authority to issue about 100

million shares. If it gets permission to peddle 100 million more, around 200 million additional shares could be pushed out the door, swamping the 5.7 million, say irate shareholders.

The proxy admits that the

added shares could be used by management to "delay or prevent changes in control or changes in or removal of management, *including transactions that are favored by a majority of the share-*

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holders." (Italics mine). The newly issued shares could go to management-friendly hands, admits the proxy. Talk about a free pass...

Jim McBride of Key Largo, Florida, is steaming about "management's outrageous requests." He has organized investors to fight. He says that if the company gets its way, retail investors (basically small investors), who now control 90 percent of the stock, could own less than 3 percent. Investors representing more than 5 percent of outstanding shares — the legal threshold — have given McBride authorization to demand a shareholder list from the company, which says it will cooperate. He will urge all investors to thumb down the proposals.

"I thought they [Avanir] had a fiduciary duty to me," says Peter Govorchin of Okemos, Michigan. "The shareholders that will benefit from the reverse split are shareholders in the distant future. It's a horrible idea."

Along with other shareholders, he is also upset about two deals within the past year in which the company issued 12 million shares at a low price to private investors. "They keep doing preferential deals with sharks," says Govorchin, noting that current investors' interests are diluted even more by such transactions.

He believes the opponents already have half the votes needed to defeat the proposals.

Avanir's moves would "emasculate existing shareholders — render us powerless," says Dudley Bowlby of Madison, Wisconsin, noting that he and his family have about the same amount of stock as the company's chief executive, Gerald J. Yakatan.

Shareholders are hopping mad about the legal wording giving management the right to override shareholder wishes. "It is a legal masterpiece to protect the company from any potential subsequent recourse by anyone — shareholders, partners," says Katz. "It is despicable — the most outrageous proposal of shareholder put-it-in-your-face crap I have ever seen."

Investors don't like other

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things. The company has a successful product, Abreva, for treatment of cold sores, but some complain that Avanir has forfeited too much future cash flow from the product by selling revenue rights to another firm. Avanir feels its real future lies with Neurodex, a treatment for uncontrollable laughing and crying of patients suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, stroke, and the like.

But the proxy reveals that Avanir has an agreement with a company named IriSys to sublicense worldwide rights to Neurodex. And who owns IriSys? Well, none other than Yakatan "is a founder, chairman, and majority shareholder of IriSys," admits the proxy, asserting that IriSys did not get favorable terms in the deal.

"The consensus of shareholders — and I agree with that consensus — is that it is a blatant conflict of interest," says Bowlby, who also believes that most retail shareholders would like to see Katz back as chief executive.

Several obvious questions arise. What percentage of IriSys does Yakatan own? If Neurodex is successful, what percentage of proceeds will redound to IriSys?

"It's a private company; it's nobody's business," says Yakatan when asked how many IriSys shares he controls. He won't say how much he paid for his shares but says, "I built that company with my own cash." He says that IriSys will get less than 20 percent of any money to be made in Neurodex.

Katz says that when he was chief executive, Yakatan, then head of clinical drug development, approached him about Neurodex. It was presented to the board. But at the time, Yakatan already had licensed Neurodex and did not reveal it, says Katz, adding, "It was a violation of his employment agreement."

"It is not true," says Yakatan, saying he did not have a financial interest in the product when it was brought to the board. "I hope we can get into a situation where we are in front of a judge, and we will find out what the story is."

As to IriSys being a conflict of interest, Yakatan says,

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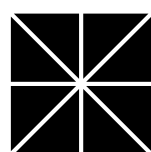
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"How can it be a conflict of interest if it is revealed? I am not hiding anything. Those shareholders wouldn't have a company [Avanir] if it weren't for me. I saved that company."

Gregory P. Hanson, Avanir's chief financial officer, believes shareholders are exaggerating how many shares the company would issue. "We are just a small company," he says. "It is an unreasonable assumption that all of these shares would be issued."

Maybe, but this company talks big. Hanson says it has "a wonderful pipeline" of drugs in development. Yakatan says that by the time Neurodex is approved and ready to be sold to patients (probably in 2006), the total market will be half a billion dollars, and there are now no major competitors. The company should get a fair chunk of that half billion, and there are other potential products, too, claims

Yakatan.

Believing such statements, many shareholders expect Avanir to grow large — and that's why they don't want their piece of the pie severely diluted. And several complain that Avanir's board members have questionable track records. For example, chairman James B. Glavin is also chairman of ailing biotech Immune Response, whose cumulative deficit of \$292 million is three times Avanir's cumulative deficit. Glavin got in on the Immune Response shares for one-fourth of a cent each, as did other insiders. Another Avanir board member, Dennis J. Carlo, was a cofounder and longtime official of Immune Response. And another Avanir board member is former San Diego mayor Susan Golding. It was during her reign that San Diego got deliberate pension underfunding, the Chargers 60,000-seat guarantee, and the Padres ballpark, which was supposed to pay for itself but will cost almost \$20 million annually. ■

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doesn't quite like the idea of buying packages. If you walk into your local dealer in San Diego — you go and see a Honda Accord, for example — they will start with a basic model and then they start showing you packages and packages and packages, and you end up buying the fully loaded car. Here in Mexico, I don't sell by packages. I just show you, 'Here is the fully loaded, here is the standard model,' and that is it. And that actually is how it works in all the other dealerships here."

Possibly the biggest difference between the two new car markets is financing. In the U.S., between 80 and 90 percent of new car purchases involve financing. "Here in Mexico," Romano says, "around 50 to 60 percent buy with financing or leasing; 40 to 50 percent, depending on the economy of the country, will buy in cash."

Only the cash buyers would be able to buy here in San Diego. "The only way

[for a Mexican citizen to buy here] would be to pay in cash," Carrillo says. "There is no credit, no financing available for Mexican citizens."

"Most of our finance companies," Anastasia explains, "won't finance a car that is not going to remain in the United States because of a difference in road conditions and driving habits between the two countries. The roads down there are rougher, and warranties are designed with American driving conditions in mind, as well as the fact that there are dealerships all over in the U.S. where you can get your car serviced on a regular basis. There may be a premium you can pay to upgrade a warranty for export. But are there the outlets down there to service them? I don't know yet."

Though new-car prices are lower in Mexico, there are some disincentives for Americans looking in that direction. Finance rates at Mexican dealerships start in the high teens. And a car purchased in Mexico isn't necessarily identical to the same

make and model sold at a San Diego dealership. "Sometimes," Romano says, "the safety features and the emissions levels are not up to United States standards. And [according to the new regulations] the car has to meet federal and state standards of the country it will be used in."

Though there will be no importation fee, a Mexican buying in San Diego will not be exempt from paying new-car taxes in Mexico once he imports the car. He will pay a 15 percent tax on the sales price, plus another 5 percent for buying a new car. Similarly, a San Diegan who buys in Tijuana will have to pay the same federal, state, and local taxes he'd pay at a San Diego dealership when he returns. "There are a lot of regulations that we are still trying to find out," Carrillo says, "but one thing I know is there was supposed to be a module set up on the border to inspect all the new units that are going to be crossing the border."

Though nobody knows how, if at all, the new regula-

tions will change the new car markets north or south of the border, there is some anxiety among Mexican dealers. "The whole brand-new car industry here," Romano says, "we actually are predicting that sales will be a little bit down for the first quarter of the year because a lot of people are speculating with this. They think it might be a little easier [to buy across the border]. They think they are going to save some money on it. But the bottom line is, it won't be easier, and they won't really save any money." ■

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nenberg Election Survey, what percentage of Americans are opposed to homosexual marriage?

- A. 60 percent
- B. 59 percent
- C. 55 percent
- D. 52 percent

11. Which major university announced that its minority applications for enrollment

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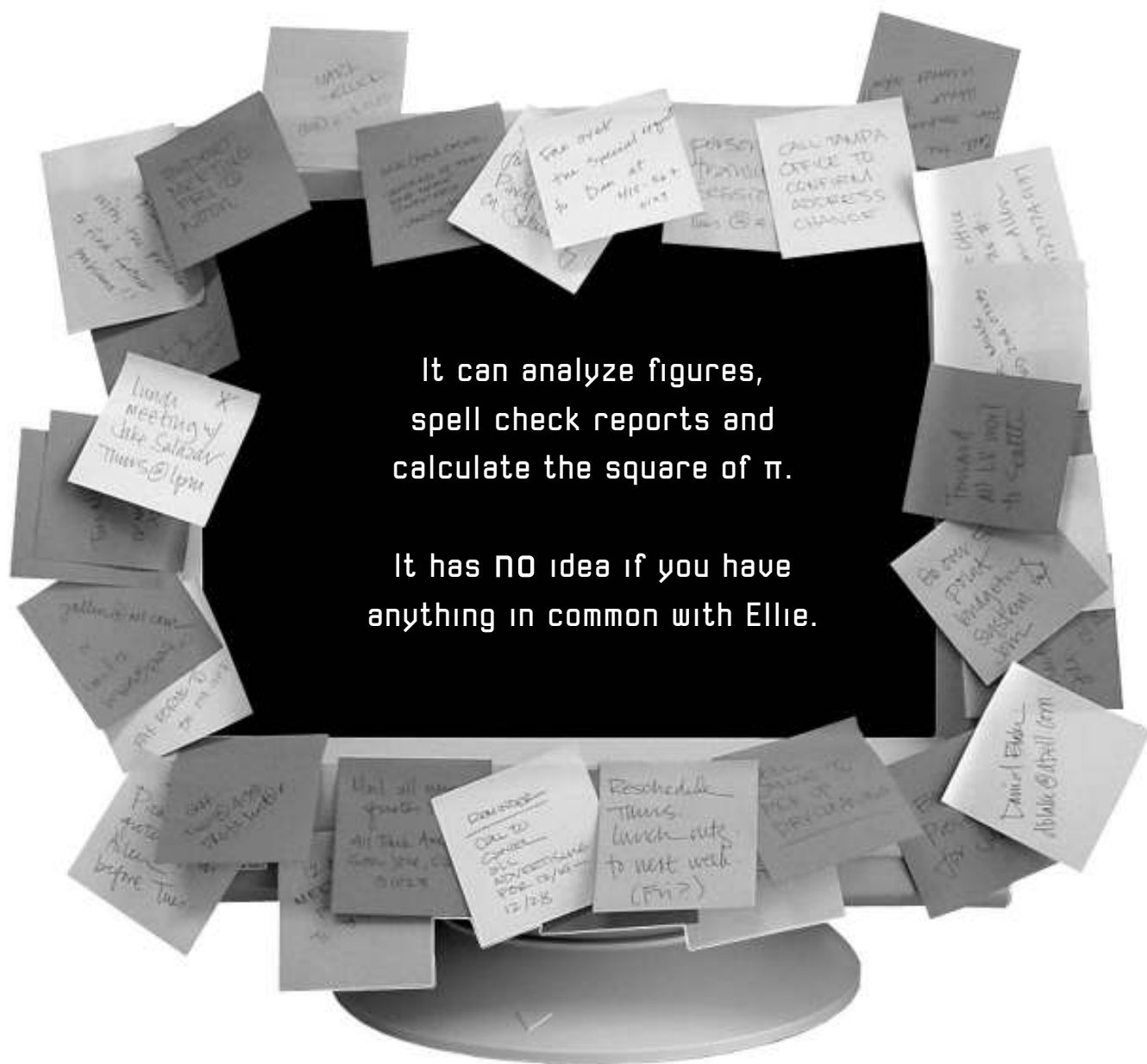
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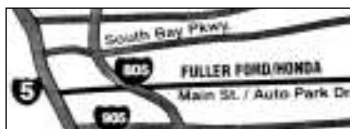
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- A. Harvard
- B. Michigan
- C. Michigan State
- D. Stanford

12. Seaport Village will auction off the Broadway Flying Horses carousel to pay taxes. Where did the carousel, built around 1890, first operate?

- A. Coney Island, New York
- B. Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts
- C. Atlantic City, New Jersey
- D. Chicago, Illinois

13. Which country's legisla-

ture passed a ban on religious symbols and attire from its public schools?

- A. Netherlands
- B. Canada
- C. France
- D. Belgium

14. Research scientists announced that the consumption of some types of chocolate may help decrease blood pressure and improve circulation. This is because raw cocoa contains an antioxidant compound called what?

- A. flavonoids
- B. vitamin E
- C. beta carotene
- D. dopamine

15. Which former heavyweight boxing champion was arrested February 13 for assaulting a woman?

- A. Mike Tyson
- B. Joe Frazier
- C. Lennox Lewis
- D. Evander Holyfield

16. Which media company made a \$54 billion bid to buy the Walt Disney Company?

- A. Viacom
- B. NBC Universal
- C. Time Warner
- D. Comcast

17. A recent film, *Dreamers*, is the first major release to carry the NC-17

rating since *Showgirls*. The film was the work of which controversial director?

- A. Bernardo Bertolucci
- B. Martin Scorsese
- C. David Lynch
- D. Joe Eszterhas

18. The San Diego Chargers announced for the second consecutive year that they will not be raising ticket prices. The lowest-priced seat available at for a single Chargers game will remain at what price?

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- B. \$29
- C. \$37
- D. \$45

19. Which Muslim nation has admitted that it has obtained a high-speed centrifuge for enriching uranium?

- A. Jordan
- B. Syria
- C. Iran
- D. Saudi Arabia

20. The Canadian government condemned which talk-show host for a series of jokes suggesting that everyone living in Quebec was homosexual?

- A. Conan O'Brien
- B. David Letterman
- C. Jay Leno
- D. Michael Savage

ANSWERS:

1. B, murder
2. C, Houston
3. B, Satan
4. A, Brian Maienschein
5. D, general manager of the Sports Arena
6. D, John Kerry
7. B, Ohio State
8. C, Robert Shapiro
9. D, infant mortality
10. A, 60 percent
11. B, Michigan
12. A, Coney Island
13. C, France
14. A, flavonoids
15. B, Joe Frazier
16. D, Comcast
17. A, Bernardo Bertolucci
18. B, \$29
19. C, Iran
20. A, Conan O'Brien ■

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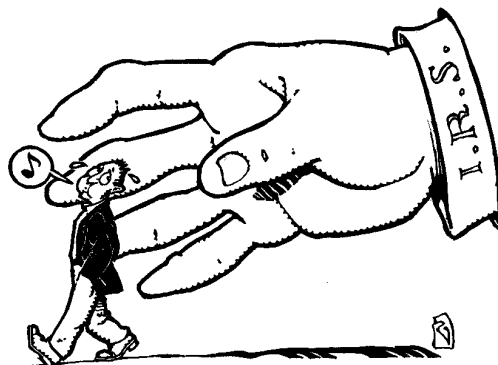
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BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Help me, MA!

What really happens to people who refuse to file annual returns with the IRS and California Franchise Tax Boards? Will a relatively unsophisticated middle-aged, otherwise law-abiding citizen actually serve time in prison? Because I'm single, own no personal property, have no dependents, and am lower middle-class, I pay through the nose every single paycheck, only to owe substantial amounts each April. I have been avoiding — NOTE: NOT EVADING — additional tax payments for the past three years, and now the state, and, probably soon, the IRS too, will be seeking its pound of flesh. What are the real drawbacks to nonfiling with a true belief that what's already been deducted from my paychecks is enough already? I am truly not a deadbeat (contribute to many charitable causes, etc.), but I believe I've reached the limit of giving more and more taxes every single year.

— J, the net

Evading-avoiding? Tomato-tomahto. Suffering soul with noble motives? Tax delinquent. The Alices rarely admit it, but one of the extended clan is a real IRS employee so highly placed you need a Sherpa and oxygen to find her office. Most of the time, when people ask, she says she's a professional welfare cheat. Less controversial.

One thing that really happens is, the IRS and the state's tax board chat frequently, so they're already on to you. Another thing that really happens is, the interest on the unpaid tax eventually becomes greater than the tax itself, and you owe the whole aggravating total, which grows greater each year you don't pay. You become even more bitter and exhausted than you are now. But it's unlikely you'll be bitter and exhausted and incarcerated.

According to Auntie IRS Alice, jail is reserved for flagrant evaders, when they can be caught, and those soreheads who write books about how federal tax collection is illegal. Irwin Schiff, the granddaddy of all tax protesters, was just convicted and will spend many years in the federal slam. (Schiff's defense? Because the IRS refuses to face reality by admitting that tax collection is illegal, he's forced to plead that he's having "paranoid delusions about the tax system.") One of his disciples was also prosecuted; his defense was, "hey, don't come after me. It's Schiff's fault. I believed what he wrote in his book.")

Auntie IRS, company gal that she is, says all you have to do is contact the feds and work out a repayment schedule. No cuffs, no mug shots, just negotiation. If you're not well treated by whatever agent you are dealt, the IRS does have a taxpayers' advocate office. The new, kinder, sweeter agency is trying to change its image and live down the vigilante-agent stories.

But wait! There's more! Consider that various tax evaders/avoiders (mostly corporate) owe the U.S. government more than \$280 billion. The feds consider less than a third of that to be collectable. According to a published interview with a former IRS commissioner, there's about one chance in five that the feds will pursue you doggedly if you are delinquent. There's no guarantee, but it's unlikely someone in your position would become the IRS's most wanted, unless you ignore them completely.

One more bright statement from that follower of Irwin Schiff: "I believe Schiff was allowed to stay in [the tax-protester] business so the government would have more average Americans to go after." Avoid this kind of thinking, and see what kind of deal you can strike. Of course, what the elves and I secretly want you to do is break out of your humdrum grind and say, "Screw the Man!" — burn your W-2s, change your name, file off your fingerprints, move to Bolivia! But the only absolutely absolute truth I can give you is, don't take tax advice from me.

Matt:

Sunflowers always face the sun, which means they must turn from east to west every day. So what do they do at night? Do they shift back at sunrise or gradually through the night or what?

Grandma Alice learned a big sunflower lesson a few years ago, so she's the perfect person to ask. Sounds to me as if they'd eventually twist their flowers off and die, but Grandma says otherwise. And we're talking here about the six-footers with the huge seed heads.

Between the time a sunflower sprouts and the time the flower blooms, the leaves and flower bud do follow the sun from east to west. There's a plant hormone that is created on the shady side of the stem in each day's growth, and this causes the stem to twist slightly. After dark the hormone moves throughout the plant, the tension in the stem is released, and the bud and leaves slowly return to their original positions, ready for sunrise. Because sunflowers grow very fast, the hydrodynamics are easy to see. But once the plant has reached full height and the flower blooms, it faces east and never moves again. Why east? Botanists guess: less sun stress?; early-morning sunlight to dry moisture and keep seeds from rotting?; sheer orneriness? The lesson Grandma learned is, don't plant your sunflowers on the east side of the house because all you'll see will be their backsides. The neighbors liked them, though. Grandma was really teed.

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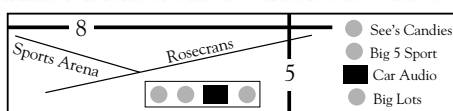
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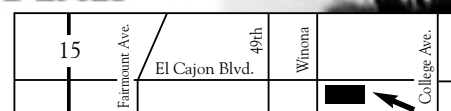
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By Patrick Daugherty

Time Out

It's Iditarod time again. Every year I write a column about the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, and every year someone asks, "Why are you writing about dogs in Alaska? This is San Diego and beach and sunshine, remember?"

I usually reply that the 1100-mile Iditarod is pretty much what they say it is, the last great race, and it has the virtue of providing San Diegans with a break from Chargers/Padres/NBA/NCAA, which is available 7/24. And that's true. But, there's another reason.

I had — still have, the last time I looked — a one-room cabin 20 miles west of Fairbanks, near the top of Ester Dome. The decor is threadbare Gold Rush: leaky roof, no running water, no electricity. Amenities include a Majestic wood cook stove; Ashley Automatic wood-heating stove; one reading chair taken from the Fairbanks city dump; likewise one desk, one mattress, six kerosene lamps, one skillet, two pans, one pot, one can-opener, one aluminum coffee pot; assorted knives, spoons, forks, glasses; one coffee mug; and \$35,000 worth of hand tools stolen from Trans-Alaskan Pipeline job sites during the glory years of construction. The foregoing was placed a mile walk in from the nearest dirt road.

When I lived there, during the '70s and '80s, the never-maintained length of bumps that led up to the forest path that wound up to my cabin was two dirt roads removed from the first paved thoroughfare, and, more to the point, 20.8 miles from the prime window seat at Tommy's Elbow Room. Tommy's was a well-regarded locals' saloon on Second Avenue, the throbbing heart of downtown Fairbanks.

I'm not sure I'll be able to adequately explain to you, in these I-need-to-drill-a-hole-through-my-tongue-so-I-have-a-place-to-put-my-new-earring times, how remote those 20.8 miles was from rules and regulations. Before the pipeline came to town, Fairbanks had a population of 14,771, the entire state claimed 302,853 residents, and half of that total lived in Anchorage.

Think of it this way: go to your den and remove an atlas from the bookshelf. Turn to the big two-page Technicolor spread of the good old U.S. of A. Regard Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Nova

Scotia, and the Republic of San Marino. If you put all those states and foreign principalities together, you would have the same land area as Alaska. Now, sprinkle with 302,853 humans, 3000 rivers, 3,000,000 lakes, and 6640 miles of coastline.

Pretty damn impressive.

Before the pipeline, the Alaska state troopers had a budget of \$2,600,000. Add a very few more dollars for the police departments of Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, combine with 570,000 square miles of pristine real estate, and, huzzah, you will bake a most pleasant reality, to wit: leave downtown Juneau, Anchorage, or Fairbanks — in other words, every city in Alaska with a population over 7000 — walk five miles, and you were on your own. Nobody had the money to fuck with you.

I think I'll build me a cabin on that ridge up yonder, the one that overlooks the Tanana Valley. I'll wake up, fix me some coffee, and look over the flats to the Alaska Range, 100 miles to the south. On a good day I'll see Mt. Denali (that's Mt. McKinley to you), all pink and huge, sittin' there like one of them big diamonds on J.Lo's engagement ring. Yeah, that might be nice. And, maybe, I'll get a passel of dogs and run a dog team. I'd like to hear 50 malamutes howl all night, listen to the wolves howl back, let their chorus put me to sleep. Yeah, that might be all right. Then, maybe I'll run them dogs up to the Yukon and winter there. Maybe do a little trapping while I'm at it. Hmmm... Or, maybe, I'll get myself over to Dillingham and find a fishing boat to crew on. Course, Reb's still panning for gold on the 40 Mile; could riverboat in and see if he needs a top hand.

Bottom line: You didn't have to ask. You didn't have to go to a government office and ask some TV-watching, Safeway-shopping, dishwasher-owning, Rotary-Club-going, thinks-he's-living-in-suburbia, middle-class white boy if you could pretty please have the form, so you could fill it out just the way he'd like you to, and then go home and wait until he was good and ready to tell you if you could go do what you wanted to do.

It was a frontier, much like the Iditarod is...at least like the Iditarod is once you get 100 miles into the bush. There is no air fresher. This yearly column is a reminder, as much to me as to you, that it still exists.

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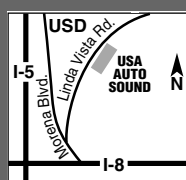
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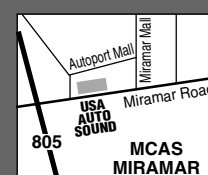
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"Forty-six of the 48 Thai consonants have a little head, or circle. That's where you begin writing the letter. You always start on the letter's left side and move right."

Jiraporn Klaseuk turned to the blackboard, tucked a handful of thick black hair behind one ear, and wrote the letter *kh*, the first of two dozen Thai consonants I learned last Sunday afternoon.

"*Khor*," Klaseuk said. "Like in the word *khai*, which means egg."

Thai Church of San Diego has for the past several months advertised its free two-hour Thai language class on flyers, printed in English, which it distributed to Thai restaurants around town. The class meets before the church's weekly 3:00 p.m. worship service. Last Sunday, I showed up for Klaseuk's tutoring. The class began with her leading us — myself, a young Lao girl, and two American-born Thai teens — in singing the Thai national anthem and then in reciting the Lord's Prayer, which seemed three times longer in Thai than it does in English.

("The Thai language isn't as specific as English," Thai Church's senior pastor, Clifford Smart, later explained to me. "When translating Christian texts into Thai, they try to be as clear as possible so there won't be any misunderstanding. Bible verses, the Lord's Prayer, everything is much longer in Thai than it is in English.")

Thai Church meets in the social hall of Laurel Bible Chapel, a fundamentalist and mostly Anglo congregation that lends its facilities to other Southeast Asian Christians. After class, when Thai Church began its service, we could hear a Cambodian congregation singing in a room overhead. There were only eight of us. A bouquet of lavender and blue silk flowers sat before the podium. Handwritten signs saying things like "Jesus Is Risen" and "Jesus Is Lord" adorned the walls. To the left of the podium, an oil painting in muted blue and green depicted a generic Southeast Asian scene: thatched houses standing on stilts beside a dark river.

Klaseuk belted out the afternoon's three hymns, contemporary American evangelical ones that everyone sang first in Thai, then English. Viroj Thipviboonchai, a young Thai fellow, accompanied the hymns on his guitar. Klaseuk

gave a mini-sermon she entitled "Clean Time." She asked us to remember when we were children. "When you were outside playing in the summertime. And you came home with clothes stained with grass. You smelled of sweat. And your mother put you in a bath and washed all the dirt away." God, Klaseuk told us, in a similar way could wash away our sins.

Reverend Smart delivered the morning's main message, "The Hall Closet," which he based on a tract called *My Heart: Christ's Home*. Mustachioed, blue-eyed, soft-spoken, Reverend Smart told us that the hall closet represented the "place in our soul where we would try to hide our secret sins, our bad attitudes, a spirit of unforgiveness."

"The Holy Spirit wants to dwell within you. But God used the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Doves are easily frightened and flee places where they feel uncomfortable. It is easy to grieve the Holy Spirit. God is omniscient. God is omnipresent. He knows every secret thing about us. If you want that dove to reside within you, you can't try to hide your sins.

You can try to hide your sins in your soul's 'hall closet,' but after a while, like any decaying thing, they will start to stink. From the Psalms we learn that God understands our errors and can cleanse us of them. If we only remember every day to ask God to forgive us, to cleanse us of our sins, then we won't ever have to worry about that 'hall closet' in our life. We won't ever have to worry if we want to have the dove in our life."

After the service, while everyone munched in silence on pepperoni pizza and spicy Thai noodles, I asked Reverend Smart about Christianity in Thailand. He told me that less than one percent of Thailand's population was Christian.

"You can go back to the early missionary efforts in the 19th Century. The missionaries were concerned with education, with building institutions. The

missionaries hired Thais who became Christian to work in those institutions. To Thais, Christianity became linked not to the Gospel, but to colonialism. Christianity was something that came from the *outside*.

"In the early 1980s, when I first went to Thailand, my language instructors taught me to say, 'I am here to teach religion.' Every Thai person I said that to said, 'Oh, that's nice. We're glad you're here.' What they meant was that they had their own religion, Buddhism, which they supported. But they weren't about to choose Christianity over their own religion. Only later did I learn to say, 'I came to Thailand to introduce the Thai people to Jesus Christ in a personal way.' That's when people paused and started to listen. They'd never heard that before."

— Abe Opincar



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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a friend who is in couples therapy with her boyfriend of six months. She knows the therapist because of their shared manicurist (!) What I'm wondering is this: can a therapist with a "pre-existing condition" with one of a couple really offer the kind of objective counseling that I assume is called for in such a situation? A longtime client of therapy myself, I have limited experience/knowledge of how couples therapy works. I know it's different than one-on-one, but this strikes me as odd. To make matters worse, my friend reports that, prior to their second session, she ran into the therapist in the women's bathroom. The therapist proceeded to counsel my friend before the session. Now, I'm sure my friend — brazen gal that she is — freely asked questions while washing her hands. But what kind of therapist would actually answer? That lack of boundary makes my stomach hurt. But is it my place to say anything? I may have been in therapy a long time, but I'm not a therapist. What can I say to my friend that wouldn't seem intrusive or critical? Because, frankly, I'm feeling both.

CONFLICTED IN CORONADO

Dear Conflicted,

It's not uncommon to hear about events in friends' lives or moves they make which cause one's hair to stand on end. Individual difference can often account for this. A friend will hook up with someone romantically, or choose a private school for his or her children and I'll think, "I would *never* be comfortable with that choice." If my friend is happy and the choice seems to suit him or her and doesn't seem really harmful, then I try to butt out despite my opinions. You are wise to think twice about criticizing your friend's therapist (whom I assume you have never met) based on the two gripes you cite above. My two acquaintances who are in the head-shrinking business tell me that it is not at all unusual for a practitioner who has been the therapist of one member of a couple to do couples therapy with both of them if all parties are amenable. They also said that while they found the bathroom pre-session discussion unorthodox and didn't feel the therapist exercised good judgment by getting involved in such a conversation, they didn't find it alarmingly egregious. If you are really worried — based on other evidence you haven't revealed here — that your friend's therapist is doing questionable things, you can bring this up to your pal cautiously and gently. One way to do this might be to inquire how she thinks the counseling is going, if it's helpful, and if she's pleased with the therapist, rather than passing judgment yourself. It's a tricky business to cast aspersions on a friend's shrink. I know that your urge to do so comes from affection and concern for your friend, but unless you have stronger cause for skepticism than you noted in your let-

ter, I'd at most lightly question your friend about what's going on, and I'd certainly refrain from condemning it.

Dear Readers,

I think the following letter responding to a previous column is self-explanatory. I want to thank Deputy District Attorney Paul Greenwood for taking an interest in the problem he read about here. Mr. Greenwood should be applauded both for his work in trying to protect seniors from con artists and for writing in to offer his help to the worried son whose mother was at the mercy of an unscrupulous contractor.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My attention was drawn to a letter published in your column last week from an "irate Oceanside son." His letter detailed a catalogue of disappointments regarding his elderly mother's recent home-remodeling project. I hope that the writer will contact our office so that we can put him in touch with the Contractors State License Board. Such an incident is worthy of investigation. For example, the man who claims to be a contractor may not be one. Additionally, the son should contact the Better Business Bureau in San Diego to see if there are any other complaints against the same individual. I have the privilege of heading up a very proactive and aggressive Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit in the San Diego District Attorney's Office. Too many of our county's elders are being taken advantage of, and we need to seek out the perpetrators. There are many cases of "contractor rip-offs" involving vulnerable, trusting elders. But there are solutions, and I hope that the Oceanside son will call our unit and speak to me about what can be done to help his mother.

Sincerely,
 Paul R. Greenwood
 Deputy District Attorney
 Head of Elder Abuse
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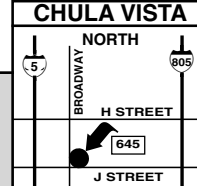
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— EVE KELLY

Like my husband Patrick, I was raised a mackerel snapper. I learned the term — slang for Catholic — from my mother-in-law. When she was a kid, non-Catholics used it as a pejorative in reference to the Catholic prohibition against eating meat on Fridays. Nowadays, the Church has backed off a bit, and the rule applies only during Lent, the 40 days before Easter. Normally, I wouldn't worry about any of this — Patrick and I are both pretty much lapsed — but my in-laws, still very much in the fold, are coming to visit next week. I knew fish sticks would be on the menu; no fresh fish for them during Lent, thank you. Because my father-in-law likes wet food, I knew I'd have to have tartar sauce on hand. And because Patrick isn't too fond of fish sticks, I wanted the tartar to be a good one.

A tour of several grocery stores and a few retail fish markets netted 11 specimens, and I sat down with a couple of girlfriends, Shawn and Julie, to do a little tasting. "What we're looking for is piquancy," I advised, brandishing some recently acquired erudition. "Tartar sauce" is taken from the French *sauce tartare*, named after the Mongol Tatars, who were famous for their fierceness. We want flavors sharp as Mongol swords." (I was promptly razzed for my highfalutin talk.) Before we started, Shawn put in a request for the leftovers. "My church is having a fish-fry this Friday," she said.

We started with the garden-variety grocery-store brands. We found nothing piquant about Kraft's tartar sauce (\$1.99 for 10 oz. at Vons); it reminded me of cotton candy: fluffy and sickly sweet. I checked the label and found the culprit: a hefty dose of high-fructose corn syrup. "At least there are lots of crunchy pickle bits in it," said Shawn, no doubt thinking of her needy fish-fry patrons. Best Foods tartar sauce (\$2.19 for 9.3 oz. at Vons) was the perfect opposite of Kraft, offering an overpowering hit of sour vinegar and a sparse array of limp pickle bits. McCormick's Golden Dipt (\$2.27 for 8 oz. at Vons), while also strong on the vinegar, was tempered by a mild, spicy finish. "It's pretty pungent," judged Julie, "but I think it would calm down the fishy taste that some fish sticks tend to have."

Then it was on to the pretty packages. The first one — Kona Coast (\$2.45 for 8 oz. at Vons) — fooled us utterly with its tall, sleek bottle and a label depicting a Hawaiian ocean

"But we Californians are into alternative tartar!"

sunset over palm trees. Shawn and I thought it would be a winner; then we tasted it. "Like dry horseradish, and a texture like sawdust," I moaned. "I see bits of dill, but I can't taste any," complained Shawn. "And it leaves my mouth dry." Happily, Book Binders "Restaurant-Style" tartar sauce (\$2.49 for 8.25 oz. at Vons) delivered both inside and out. The sauce boasted complexity: a creamy lemon flavor and balanced horseradish for the perfect blast of heat. We picked up distant echoes of the Book Binders' goodness in Captain Toady's (\$2.99 for 8 oz. at Whole Foods) — the two offered many similar flavors, though the Toad provided a tangier finish. It also provided 16 grams of fat per serving to Book Binders' 7 — a bonus for all three of us.

Trader Joe's tartar sauce (\$1.99 for 8 oz.), made with dill and jalapeños, would have pleased the Tatars.

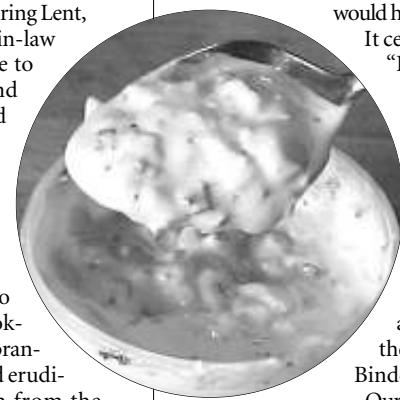
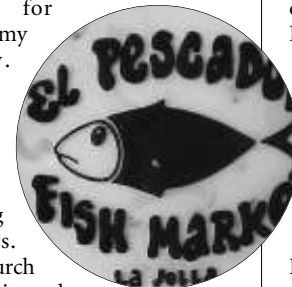
It certainly pleased Julie. "It's dilly and spicy," she said. "The lemon gives it zip, and the texture is rich and creamy. I'll use this as a dipping sauce for everything. I'd eat it on crackers!" But while I knew what she was getting at, my heart was with the more classic Book Binders.

Our tongues were primed for the final four, freshly made tartars from local fish markets. Whole Foods fresh-made tartar sauce (\$1.99 for 8 oz.) picked up piquancy from its hefty dose of horseradish and plentiful pickle bits. But it was too much for Shawn. "I can hear it neigh from the table. All I taste is horseradish and cream." Julie and I both took delight in the sauces from El Pescador Fish Market (\$1.95 for a quarter-pint) and Point Loma Seafoods (\$1.25 for a quarter-pint). The Pescador — so thick, like clam chowder. The Point Loma — so vibrantly green and fresh. Their clean, herbal flavors and mild tang made them ideal as spreads for any kind of sandwich. But while everybody liked them, Shawn protested that they weren't her idea of tartar sauce. "I want a relishy, vinegary taste, with some spice."

"You just like the Trader Joe's because it has jalapeños," I objected, sensing her true sentiments. "That's not classic tartar."

"But we Californians are into alternative tartars. We're not fuddy-duddy East Coasters."

We found a mutual favorite with Anthony's tartar sauce (\$.85 for a quarter-pint). It was a triumph, incorporating the best aspects of all of our favorites so far. The pickles, crunchy and sweet; the dill, fresh and fragrant; the lemon, suitably tangy. Balanced, spicy heat shone through the creamy texture and melted all the flavors together. "I could serve this in a silver bowl and call it *sauce tartare*," I teased. "I can hear Patrick's mom already: 'Don't you be serving me any of that fancy French stuff during Lent!'"



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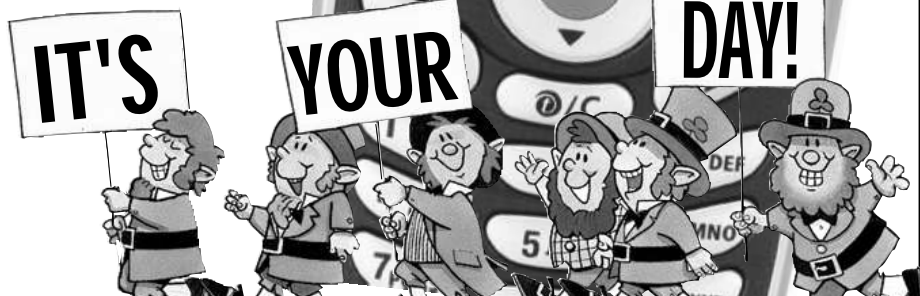
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Thirty Years Ago

Swan Song, located across the street from Krishna Mulvaney's and possessed by the same double-Pisces Peter Pitts, also owner of — believe the title or not — the Rib Cage is a "San Diego" restaurant with a sexual twist of lemon slipped in. In a building which formerly housed the eight balls and cues of a Billiard Den, we now find Humphrey Bogart's Casablanca.

— **"A SWAN DIVE,"** Kathleen Woodward,
March 6, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

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— **"DON'T CALL ME AT HOME,"** Jeannette De Wyze,
March 8, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

Diego's nightclub in Pacific Beach may be all the rage with the disco/video set, but its popularity extends to the nightstick/badge set. Officer Gary Hill, who patrols the beach on the late shift, says arrests are common around Diego's. Manager Michael Magnanti begs to differ. "There's only been two or three arrests inside in the three years we've been open," he says indignantly. "I got the vice squad living in here — it's practically their second home — and the cops harassing me outside. Come here at 1:30 in the morning if you want to see half the San Diego Police Department cruising in circles around the hottest club in town."

— **CITY LIGHTS: "VICE NEVER SLEEPS,"**
Neal Matthews, March 8, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Do you find your NAKED BODY repulsive? Do you hum Karen Carpenter hits under your breath? Do you VOMIT and/or take laxatives? No UGLY SECRETS here! Nevertheless, the month o' Valentines saw *this* party-peeper checking in at Harbor View Medical Center's BALANCE PROGRAM to check out what was going down in up-chuck chic.

— **"LIZ LANG'S ON THE TOWN,"** Liz Lang,
March 9, 1989



Maureen O'Connor, San Diego Reader, March 8, 1979

Ten Years Ago

When I was a kid, I was inspired by surfers because the ocean scared me. I used to sit and watch surfers at North Beach [in Coronado], and they were like gods to me. The ocean didn't scare them — they went out there to have fun!

On the 747 flying to Hawaii, I was trying to hold on to my self-confidence by thinking how I'd mastered the wave at North Beach and should be able to drop in on any island wave. Then I pulled a surfing magazine out of my bag and started reading an article saying that every other year one experienced surfer dies on the North Shore of Oahu.

There were pictures of guys taking horrible wipeouts on monster waves at Waimea and pictures of bleeding guys who had hit the reef at Pipeline. I didn't believe in God, but like everyone else, whenever I'm scared or in need, the first thing I did was yell out His name. "God, I'll stop smoking pot, I'll stop drinking beer, I'll even give you my best 6'8". Just don't let me die on the North Shore."

— **"WALK ON WATER,"** Marty Horvath as told to
Steve Sorenson, March 3, 1994

Five Years Ago

The Van Camp cannery once stood at the end of Crosby Street, near where the Coronado Bridge now begins.... The Van Camp and Hokkaido houses...were board-and-batten rooms elevated on piers behind the canneries. "You're talking about a shanty — four walls, a roof, and a floor, and beneath the floor was San Diego Bay." The toilets were holes cut in the floor, "and there was actually an instance where a toddler fell through one of those holes and was drowned."

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THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

by Josh Board

It was bound to happen. I went to two of the worst parties. My friends have the nerve to be envious that I get to attend a variety of parties and then write about them. But when you spend hours at a horrible party, it sure isn't fun. And it's not that I'm picky about parties. I went to a Christmas party this year that had only four people in attendance, but I had fun — great conversation and great food.

The first horrible party I went to was for the last episode of *Sex and the City*. Maybe I went in with high expectations because of a party I cohosted more than ten years ago for the last episode of *Cheers*. I was working at Rock 102.1 and we had a lot of fun stuff going on, including a lookalike contest: I dressed like mailman Cliff Clavin. One guy showed up who everyone swore was the real Norm. The woman who looked most like Carla said, "This has been the only time in my life I've been happy I look this way." Anytime a person would walk in, we all yelled "Norm!" We had fun talking about the show and all the characters. I thought it would be the same with this party.

I showed up at this nice house in Rancho Bernardo. I



asked a question of the lady who invited me, but she quickly said, "Shhhh! The show is on! No talking." I sat there for 20 minutes. There was a table with food, but I didn't want to get up and walk past the crowd of 23 with their eyes glued to the screen.

I haven't had HBO in two years, and *Sex and the City* was one of the only things I watched when I had it. The characters



Top: Cast of *Sex in the City*; bottom: Heartland Foundation party

grabbed a few celery sticks and chips. I was hoping my crunching wasn't too loud.

I noticed they had sheets with a betting pool. This might be a cool party after all. People

name or a nickname. Again I was met by a chorus of "Shhh"s. Her character did end up going back to Mr. Big. And it was revealed for the first time what his name is, when Carrie glanced at her cell phone and it said "John."

One woman looked at me and said, "See, if you would've kept all your questions to yourself until after the show, some of them might've been answered." Wow, I felt as if I was being talked down to by my fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Hess.

There was a big argument at the party. I guess there was money bet on how soon into the

episode Carrie would mention shoes. I couldn't tell with all the yelling what exactly they were arguing about. From what I could gather, one woman thought Carrie stepping in dog doo was the first reference to shoes. Another said it came much earlier. They had \$20 riding on this debate. The last time I saw housewives fight like this was for those "Tickle Me Elmo" dolls at Target years ago.

I asked if there was a bet on whether Charlotte would get pregnant. I had read in an entertainment magazine that that was one of the story lines. A different lady responded, "That's a horrible thing to suggest! It's no laughing matter when a woman can't conceive a child."

Ah, okay. Were there any other women here I could piss off?

They later showed Charlotte (Kristin Davis) getting a picture of the baby she would be adopting from China. I thought that was more realistic than her simply getting pregnant the way they do on other sitcoms that know it's a ratings boost. And I had tears in my eyes. But I wasn't about to let these women see me cry.

It was also touching when Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) was

I wanted to lean over and ask my date if I still had to spend \$200 for dinner and music at Croce's.

were still doing the same stuff, and the show still seemed funny and hip.

When one lady got up to go to the bathroom, I saw an opportunity to leave my seat. I

had their names next to their guesses about whether Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) would stay with her new boyfriend in France or go back to Mr. Big. I asked if Mr. Big was his real



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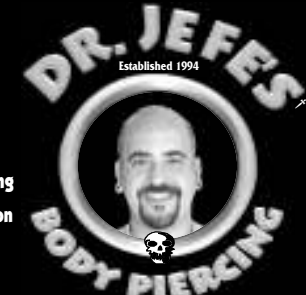
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taking care of her husband's mom, giving her a bath. She was always such a tough character, but this was a nice scene. But when they had Kim Cattrall's character, Samantha, the oldest and sluttiest of the bunch, having breast cancer, her man standing by her side...I thought they were getting too serious with everything and not being funny. It was like that last episode of *M*A*S*H*. I asked three other women if they agreed, and one said, "That's why we didn't want men here. Didn't you notice there are only two other men here? All our husbands do is make fun of this show and critique how stupid they think it is. Now we have to hear that from you, who we don't even know."

I tried to explain that I like the series but kept being interrupted. I ended up leaving. I didn't realize until I got home that I didn't even take a single picture at this party.

More than a week earlier, I went to another party that wasn't so hot. It was in El Cajon and was put on by the Heartland Foundation. From everything I've read about the organization, they do wonderful things. They gave cars and other donated vehicles to victims of the fires we had here. They help people from low-income families find employment in a number of ways. The center also provides adult basic education and literacy enhancement. They can prepare you for a GED, help with your English skills, and even make you familiar with computers. But all those wonderful things they do for people can't change the fact that this was a horrible party.

The party was also an art show. I walked the halls looking at the nice artwork, which included a beautiful piece from Phoebe Burnham called *Phoebe's Phabulous Phountain of Youth*. She was there handing out postcards of the painting.

But while I was looking at the pictures, Victoria,

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who invited me here, wanted to tell me about the organization. And that would've been fine, but she was trying to do too many things. She had a video camera and was running back and forth in

what looked like a wedding dress. She was talking a mile a minute. She wanted me to watch their talent show one second, and in the next second she was introducing me to people she wanted me to talk to. It was overwhelming.

The first entertainer they had was a guy sitting

at a Casio keyboard singing old standards like "Sunny Side of the Street." He reminded me of a really bad lounge singer similar to the one Bill Murray played on *Saturday Night Live*. Then, while he was taking down his keyboards, an author was talking about his book.

It was distracting having this guy taking apart his keyboard loudly. But my date couldn't stop laughing when the keyboardist kept reaching behind the guy talking to grab sandwiches off the table to eat. It seemed so rude.

And the sandwiches

they had there were horrible. They were peanut butter and jelly, shaped like hearts (since it was Valentine's Day). It wasn't until I put one in my mouth that I realized they also had big chunks of cheese in them. I thought Elvis with his peanut butter, bacon, and

bananas was weird, but this takes the cake. And speaking of cakes, there were a few pastries, but they didn't look so appetizing either. Well, I guess they did to the keyboard player, who kept gobbling them down.

One guy walking by said, "This is a nice cheap date for Valentine's Day. It's free. All this food and entertainment." I wanted to lean over and ask my date if I still had to spend \$200 for dinner and music at Croce's. I knew what the answer would be.

Mark Hanson, who is the president and CEO of the Heartland Foundation, would also grab me every few minutes to tell me about the organization. He would introduce me to anybody who walked by, including a cute girl who was an intern from Norway, who had absolutely no interest in talking to me. He said to her, "This gentleman works for the *Reader*." She had absolutely no expression on her face when he said that, and I doubt she even knew what the *Reader* was.

Hanson's mother-in-law had four beautiful watercolor paintings on the wall. The art, in a few different media, was my favorite part of this party.

I walked into one room, and a group of about 16 African-American teenagers were saying a prayer. They were in matching outfits. When I walked back into the hall, Victoria grabbed me and said she had seats for me to watch the "entertainment." We instead stood by the door. The group of 16 came out with a boom box. They started the music and did a few dance steps. In less than two minutes, they were done. The crowd applauded and my date said, "What was that? They danced in such a small space [about 20' x 5'], and for only a minute. This is so crazy. I mean, a few of them look like gang-bangers, so it's nice that they are here, dancing and behaving. It just seems so bizarre."

Walking down the halls looking at some more art, I

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Crasher

heard a guy in his 40s telling two teenage girls they should see the movie *Miracle* about the U.S. Olympic hockey team winning the gold over Russia. He was surprised the youngsters didn't know about that story and then said, "Oh, I guess you weren't even born then, back in 1980." One of the girls replied, "I'll still see the movie, though. I think Kurt Russell is a babe."

A guy in his late 30s brought in a computer and did a digital slide show with a lot of artwork. He had music to go along with it. My date said, "He carried in his entire computer to do this. Doesn't he own a laptop?"

Hanson grabbed me again to introduce me to his daughter, who looked to be about 6'1" and 15 years old. She looked uncomfortable in her Von Dutch hat as he said, "She wants to be a model." Perhaps it was

because I was holding a camera and worked for the *Reader*, but he apparently wanted to see if I had connections. After the entertainment, I said, "I'll take a picture of you and your daughter." He said, "Oh. She just left. You can take a picture of me and my wife, though." I could see where his daughter got her good looks.

As they went back in to where the entertainment was, we made a quick exit. My date said in the parking lot, "Somebody is going to jump out from behind one of these cars. They'll want to tell us more about this organization and party."

Next week, I'll write about the party I went to for the Oscars. It better not be anything like the *Sex and the City* party, or I may have to go to a few keggers at SDSU to get back into the party mode. ■

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Shoes



Katie's shoes

warm pair of shoes, and these were really cute. Usually my friends and I wear Reef sandals, but it gets cold, so you need to have something else to wear. A lot of other kids at school wear Nike, but that's not really my style. I once bought these shoes from Payless that had four-inch heels, and they gave me major blisters the next day. That's what I love about these shoes; they're comfortable even though they're about to tear in half because I wear them all the time. I still Super Glue them together, because I love them. If I could buy any shoe, I'd probably buy something like Prada. I would never want to wear the European boots that have square toes, but boots with pointed toes look good.

Francisco Mayer
16
Chula Vista, Saint Augustine High School
Outlet brand, \$10

I got these shoes at a San Ysidro outlet store. I'm not sure what the brand is, but for ten bucks I don't care. I bought them last week, and I've been happy with them, because they

David Whittimore
20

College Area, SDSU
DVS, \$70

DVS. They're a kind of skateboarding shoe. It's been over a year since I bought them in some random surf-and-skate shop in North County. They're all black, really comfortable, and they look good with everything else I wear. I never actually skate in them — I just like them because they're comfortable. Skate shoes happen to be the style of shoes that my friends also wear. I like DVS, but some of my friends also wear éS, which is another good brand of skate shoe. Black dress shoes are a



David Whittimore



David's shoes

waste of money because I never end up wearing them. My parents must like the shoes I have, because they always pay for them.

Brian Dunn
17
Serra Mesa, West Hills High School
Payless brand, \$15-\$20



Brian Dunn



Brian's shoes

These are restaurant-style shoes. I bought them about nine months ago, so they were well worth the money. A lot of kids at school wear skate-board-style shoes because they're the most trendy kind of shoe around. I definitely regret buying a pair of soccer cleats. The first week that I had them, they tore the back of my foot and wore my heel raw. Not too much later, the same cleats ended up falling apart. I hate any shoe with pink on it. Pink shoes are girl shoes, and no guy should ever wear pink. Now, the old Michael Jordan Nike basketball shoes, those were probably my favorite pair of shoes

ever. I remember when I got them, back when I was in third grade, and I was the most popular kid in school that week. Now that I pay for my own shoes, my parents don't care what kind of shoes I wear. When I get paid, maybe I'll buy a pair of the Vans slip-on shoes to look good for the ladies.

Katie West
17
Tierrasanta, Serra High School
Nordstrom boot, \$65
I'm wearing a pair of black-heeled boots. It's been two years since I bought them at the Nordstrom in Fashion Valley. It was winter-time and I needed a



Katie West

look pretty good. My friends all wear Diesel, Vans, and Converse. The skater kids tend to go with Vans and Converse. The kids at school that wear Diesel are usually the rich kids from Tijuana. I once bought a pair of Vans for, like, 90 bucks, and they turned out to be not worth it. When I first bought them, they looked appealing to me, but they were just normal shoes. The best pair of shoes that I had were a pair of Adio skate



Francisco Mayer

shoes. What I liked about them was that they were durable and lasted me over a year. If a pair of shoes costs too much, my parents make me pay half. There are some outrageous prices for shoes, like the Kobe Bryant basketball shoe. Adidas made them, and they looked like boxes. I would never wear those.



Francisco's shoes



James Fairview

James Fairview
16
Point Loma High School
Nike Air Force One, \$79

These right here are the Nike Air Force One. I bought them on the Navy base a year ago. I got them because they have yellow on them and they match the yellow on my Lakers jersey. Nike and Converse are the most popular among my friends, because we all play basketball. None of my friends wear the old-school Chuck Taylor Converse, even though they're making a comeback because of the throwback jerseys that are popular with sports fans and the hip-hop crowd. My Kobe Bryant Adidas were my biggest regret. They were \$120 when I bought them. Two months later, they went down to \$30 when his new shoe line came



James's shoes

out. My favorite shoes are a pair of baby blue Timberland boots that I got to match my throwback Lakers jersey. Timberland, or Tims as most people call them, are a great boot. I have four pairs of them. My mom is really into fashion, so she likes it that I have a closet full of shoes.

Gloria Hu
23
Mira Mesa, UCSD
New Balance, \$79
New Balance running shoes are what I'm wear-



Gloria Hu

ing. I bought them at the Shoe Pavilion. They look good, and they're comfortable for all the walking that I do around campus. My friends wear a lot of Adidas and Pumas. I don't think any of my friends wear any brand names for formal shoes. I've been to Asia and have bought shoes from street vendors for, like, ten bucks that looked nice but hurt my feet. There are also a lot of fake brand-name shoes for cheap in Asia. It's always pretty obvious that they're fake; instead of "Gucci," it will say "Kucci." Adidas are my all-time favorites. Old-school Adidas shell toes rock. The only reason

that I bought New Balances instead was that these were probably on sale. My dad also has the same pair, because he likes to hike and be active. If I could afford any shoe, I'd probably get a pair of Jimmy Chu shoes. I have no idea where they sell them though. If I had no money to buy shoes, I would stock up on shoes on my next trip to Asia. The plane ticket might offset the savings, but I would have a suitcase full of Kucci.



Gloria's shoes

Kelly McCumber
19
Del Mar
Volatile, \$40
I'm wearing Volatile shoes. I like them because they have a big sole, but they're also a tennis shoe. I picked them up right before Christmas at a Journeys shoe store. The best thing about them is that



Kelly McCumber



Kelly's shoes

they make me taller. Without shoes, I'm only five foot one, so it's nice to wear a comfortable shoe that makes me feel taller and looks cute at the same time. Normally, my friends wear a lot of boots, but they also like to wear the old Chuck Taylor Converse All Star for a more casual look. When I bought a pair of shoes from Target, they were inexpensive, but they killed my feet. They were a pair of platforms that I only wore once because they hurt so bad. My Chuck Taylor Converse All Stars actually aren't all that comfortable, but I still think they are my favorite shoe that I own. I think if money weren't a thing that I thought about, I would go to, like, Italy and buy the shoes directly from the big designers. The Reef sandals have to be the best, though, for anyone on a budget, because they're less than ten bucks and they last forever.

Christina Oliveras
19
Del Mar, MiraCosta College
Nine West, \$80

These are boots from Nine West. They have a square, nearly round toe,

because I won't wear a shoe with a point toe. I bought them two months ago at Nordstrom. It's nice to buy shoes from Nordstrom, because they have a great warranty. Ever since I was little, I've worn the same style of shoe. I haven't fallen for the trendy pointed-toe shoes. Before, I used to



Christina Oliveras

wear penny loafers, because they had the same cut. The people I

know wear whatever is cute. I have a great pair of Roxy sandals that have a little bit of a heel. Of course, they are black, because that's the color I wear the most. Pink just doesn't do it for me. For other girls pink can be cute, but not on me. A lot of people that I went to high school with at Torrey



Christina's shoe

Pines always wore the trendy brands. I find when something

becomes trendy, that's when I want to stop wearing it. Although I do find myself wearing what happens to be trendy, but that's because I wear what I like.

Angela Villanueva
19
College Area, Mesa College
Cathy Jean, \$45

I'm wearing shoes by Cathy Jean. They were a gift from my best friend. We had gone shopping together, and I pointed them out and said that I liked them. A girl in my Spanish class at school actually had them, but I didn't know where she got them. Steve Madden, Cathy Jean, Nomad flip-flops with the big foamy heels, and those cheap Old Navy flip-



Angela Villanueva

flops are the kinds of shoes that my friends wear. There are so many shoes that I regret having bought. I love Old Navy flip-flops, because they go with everything. I have three pairs of them, in blue, black, and white. My mom and I both bought a pair of the Dr. Scholl's wooden-looking shoes; she got them in tan, I got them in white. I would probably buy all Steve Madden shoes if I could. I



Angela's shoes

don't think I could wear a lot of the trendy shoes on a regular basis. Those boots with lace-up high heels and pointed toes that Jennifer Lopez wore have to be the shoe that I would never wear.

Emily Adler
19
University Heights, SDSU
Tilt, \$13

These are a pair of flip-flops that I bought at the Pacific Sunwear in Mis-

sion Valley about two years ago. I bought them for comfort. Flip-flops are fun and easy to wear. For casual wear or when I work out, I like to wear a pair of Nike or Adidas. A lot of my friends wear shoes like Louis Vuitton and Steven Madden. I live with a sorority girl; she and her friends are all about Steve Madden



Emily Adler

shoes. Even though Louis Vuitton shoes are expensive, they can still

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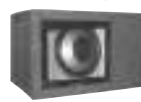
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Emily's shoes

hurt your feet if they're heels. You have to warm up the shoe by breaking them in a little. I never regret buying Louis Vuitton, because they're great shoes. My favorite shoes have to be a pair of sparkly Steve Madden shoes that I wear when I go out. When I was in

high school, my parents thought that I spent a little too much on shoes. I'd spend at least a hundred bucks a month on shoes, and that was usually only one pair. If I could, I would go to Europe and buy Gucci, Versace, and all the other kinds of good shoes. I've been to this place in LA that's a big outlet and has last season's shoes for a fraction of the price. You can walk out with a cute pair of shoes for, like, 20 bucks.

Andrew Rodriguez
17
Pacific Beach, Mission Bay High School
Converse All Stars, \$35



Andrew Rodriguez

I'm wearing a pair of Chuck Taylor All Star Converse. I picked them up about five months ago. Chucks are a kind of universal shoe that everyone wears at some point in life; I figured now is my time to wear a pair. A lot of my friends also wear



Andrew's shoes

Chucks. It's like the underground punk scene that wears Chucks. In the past, I've paid a hundred bucks for a pair of skate shoes, and I realize now that they were totally overpriced. I ended up tearing them up pretty bad just by skating in them. My

favorite pair of shoes had to be a pair of Etnies low-cut skate shoes. They lasted about six months, and I used them a lot. My parents are glad that I'm wearing Chucks right now, because they're definitely cheaper than most skate shoes. If I had a lot of money to spend on shoes, I'd probably just buy a whole bunch of different colors of Chucks. If I were really broke, I'd shop around and look for the cheapest pair of Chucks that I could get. I would never wear a pair of really expensive, superbright-colored basketball shoes.

I think shoes are overpriced. Some shoemakers definitely use sweatshops, and you know that those don't cost them anything.

Erin
21
College Area, SDSU
Abercrombie & Fitch, \$17

These are Abercrombie sandals that I had to buy for work. I work at Abercrombie in the Fashion Valley mall, and they require rubber-soled sandals. I could have bought any pair of sandals, but now I have this little plastic moose logo on the straps of the

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sandal. Most of my friends wear a brown leather sandal called Rainbows. College-age girls tend to wear a lot of Steve Madden shoes. Last year, I bought a pair of Pumas, and they weren't happening for me. They were the old-school blue ones with the white stripe. I wore them twice and then never again. I



Erin

don't know what it was about them that didn't work. My Rainbow san-

dals are probably my favorite shoes. They're the kind of sandals that are comfortable and mold to your feet. Rainbow mainly makes guys' shoes. Just recently Rainbow started making sandals for women, and the only real difference is that their girls' shoe is a little narrower. Everyone wears sandals down here. I'm



Erin's shoes

originally from the Los Angeles area, so my parents always ask me why

I'm wearing sandals when I go home to visit.

Hillary 22

Pacific Beach

Brand unknown, \$30

These are flip-flops, and I have no idea what brand they are. They were last year's Christmas gift from my sister. I usually like a good pair of stilettos with a pointy toe; that's kind of the in thing now. Aldo is my new favorite shoe store. The reason that I decided to wear these shoes is that I got a pedicure yesterday and I wanted to show off my toes. The laid-back, cool, hip crowd wears my shoe. I own a pair of brown leather slip-on shoes that look good but are really uncomfortable. My favorite pair of shoes has to be my black knee-



Hillary

high boots. I wear them all the time. They look good with a miniskirt. They're the kind of shoes that you'd wear to a club. My mom doesn't like my choice of shoes. I fall down a lot. I'm uncoordinated and I trip on things. There was this pair of shoes I had with a bow on them — they were really high heeled — and I tripped and fell down my mom's stairs while carrying a Jell-O mold. She says that



Hillary's shoes

half the reason I fall is the shoes I wear.

Mike Gustovson 23

La Jolla

Merrell Moccasin, \$70

I'm wearing a pair of Merrell slip-on moccasin-style shoes. Merrell is a very comfortable shoe. I bought them at Road Runner Sports about a month ago in the Kearny Mesa area. Besides being comfortable, they're a reasonably

priced shoe. The Nike All Conditions Gear line of shoes is pretty popular with my friends. They're known as a trail-running shoe and are good for most outdoor activities. My favorite shoes are a pair of Nike Air Max. I've had them since high school. I take good care of them. When I bought them, they cost about



Mike Gustovson

\$120. Since I've had them for about six to seven years, I think they were well worth the money. I was fortunate that price wasn't an issue growing

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Mike's shoes

up. I don't think I'd be caught dead wearing a pair of shoes that cost over a hundred and fifty bucks. I'd wear Timberlands, any basketball shoe, and I even own a pair of Dr. Martens.

Kimmy
17
Rancho Peñasquitos,
Scripps Ranch High
School
Converse All Stars,
\$35
These are Converse low-

tops. I like them because they go along with my style. I bought them two years ago, and they're still the style of shoe that my friends wear. My friends also wear Vans, but I once had a pair and I stopped wearing them after a couple months. Converse also makes a high-top with the anarchy logo on them; those are one of



Kimmy

my favorites. I bought those at Journeys, and I think they're pretty cool.

The shoes that I'm wearing are my real favorites. They are the only pair of shoes that I have from before my house burned down. I saved the things that really mattered, like my guitar and animals. I don't go shopping that often, so I don't know where I would go buy shoes if I wanted to buy a lot of shoes. Some of my



Kimmy's shoes

friends call the shoes I wear clown shoes, but my parents are cool with the

shoes that I choose to wear. You would never see me in a pair of those tan boots with the fur in them. They are just way too girly.

Simion Jordan
24
North Park
Airs, \$14
I actually just picked these up at the Ethiopian store down on 54th Street. They're not Nike Air, they're just Airs. I needed them at the time, so I bought them. For the money, they're pretty comfortable and don't hurt my feet after walking around. I bought some Reebok Classics recently, and I was pretty disappointed with them. It was something about the material of the shoe. They were comfortable, but they didn't look the

same as the kind of Reebok that I used to sport back in the day. I owned a pair of Penny Hardaway Nike Air that I really liked. They looked good and were extremely comfortable. The only problem with basketball shoes is that they get old fast because there's always new styles coming out. When my parents



Simion Jordan

bought me the Penny Hardaway Nike Airs, they told me to be care-

ful and not mess them up. For me, as long as the shoes I wear are suitable for what I'm doing and where I am, it doesn't matter what kind of shoe they are or where I buy them. I still don't think I would ever walk down the street in a pair of Zips. Everybody clowns Zips but your momma, and your momma would



Simion's shoes

clown them, but she's usually the one paying for them.

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Eric Johnson

**Eric Johnson
15**

**El Cajon, Granite Hills
High School
K-Swiss, \$60**

These are black Classic K-Swiss. Not just anybody can wear these kind of shoes; you need to be top-notch. Black shoes match with everything you got. I bought these, like, two weeks ago at Foot Locker. Once I got a pair of Hyperflight Nike Air, and they looked cool for a minute. After a while though, they began to look trashy. K-Swiss have to be the best shoe: they look good when you first buy them, and they look good when you're



Eric's shoes

wearing them. My parents don't trip on the shoes that I buy, because I get my own money. Like any parents, they only ask that I spend my money wisely. If I were to go out and spend all my money on shoes, I'd probably have a whole closet of K-Swiss. I'd have a pair of shoes to go with every outfit and two pairs of shoes for Sunday. If I didn't have any money to buy shoes, I'd have someone else buy the shoes for me. I'd never wear a pair of red Chuck Taylor Converse. Where I live, you can't wear red Chuck Taylor; it'd be too dangerous. I'm a big baller, so I

buy whatever shoes I want, but you couldn't pay me to wear a pair of red shoes.

**Mark Gwen
17
San Diego, San Diego
High School
K-Swiss, \$60**

I got some white K-Swiss. I bought them about a month ago at Foot Locker in Fashion Valley. I'm not afraid of wearing white shoes. Just

mess around with too many other shoes unless they're basketball shoes. I have bought some low-top B-Boots in the past that I regret. They looked all right with, like, one outfit, but with everything else I had they were played out. That's why I like to stay with the K-Swiss. As long as my shoes match my outfits and I look tight, my parents are cool with it. They'd buy



Mark Gwen



Mark's shoes

take a look at these shoes. After a month, they still look new. I'm too clean with it. My other boys wear B-Boots, and we don't

other shoes if I wanted them to, but I only ask my parents to set me up with K-Swiss. I'm lucky that I got my mom, because I don't know

what I'd do if I was on too tight of a budget that I couldn't roll out in the K-Swiss.

**Brieanna Yamomara
16
Clairemont, Charter
School of San Diego
Nike, \$40**

The brand that I'm wearing is a Nike tennis shoe. It's a pretty basic-looking shoe; it kind of has an older-school look to it. When I got them, I

of tennis shoe. It goes along with the hip-hop and rap music crowd. I had a pair of the big, foamy flip-flop shoes that a lot of girls wear, but I don't like those anymore. I felt fake when I wore those kind. Girls that try to impress guys wear those shoes, and that's just not for me. My parents don't have much to say about the shoes that I wear. My dad wears similar shoes,



Brieanna Yamomara



Brieanna's shoes

was looking for something simple, and these worked out. Puma, Nike, and Reebok are popular with my friends, because they like the casual kind

so I guess he's fine with my choice in shoes. If I were to buy more shoes, I think I'd probably buy more pairs of Nike or maybe some Adidas

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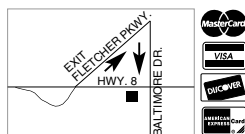
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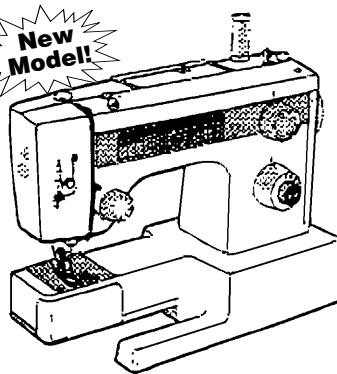
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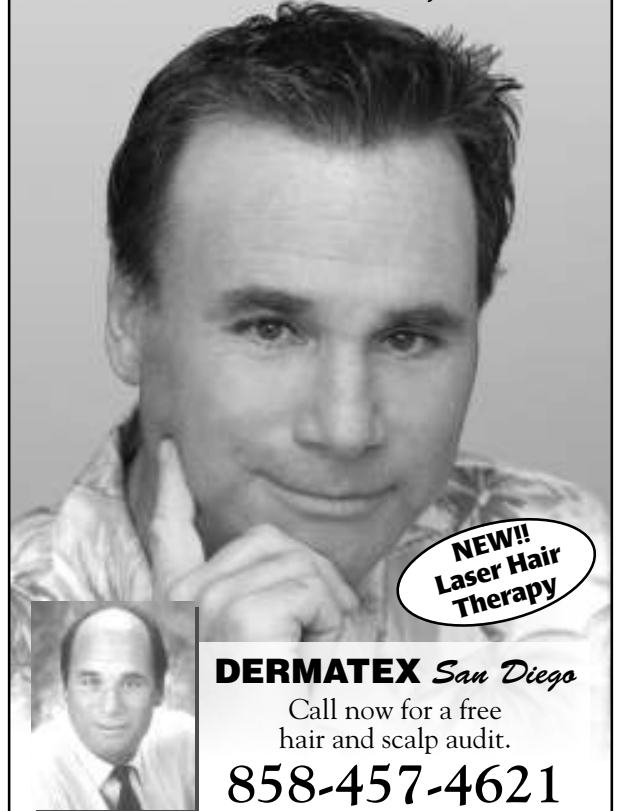


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shoes. If I didn't have money to buy good shoes, I'd just steal the same kind of shoes that I would buy if I had money. I would never wear those girly shoes that are platform tennis shoes, because I think that they just look silly.

Azadeh Ansari

23

La Jolla

Connie, \$25

These are Connie shoes



Azadeh Ansari

that I'm wearing. The style is similar to a ballet slipper. I like them

because they're flats. It's usually hard to find women's shoes that look all right and fit well. For women, image ranks really high in our society, and the type of shoe that a person wears reflects how they carry themselves. I know that my friends and I don't always look for particular brands, as long as the style of the shoe fits. I could never wear a pair of high-heeled sandals,



Azadeh's shoes

because that would be too painful. I have a pair of mary jane shoes with a

Velcro strap across the top, and I really love them; I've had them for a couple of years. I think my parents are more concerned with what kind of clothes I wear instead of what shoes I wear. I would never wear a pair of red high heels that look like the kind of thing that a stripper would wear.

Chris Adams

22

Solana Beach
Skechers, \$20

I'm wearing Skechers. About three weeks ago, I purchased them at a fine Ross store. I would have to say that they are aesthetically pleasing, plus they were only 20 bucks. With the square toe, I think they have a certain European air about them. Some might say that they look like bowling shoes, but I dig them. Once I bought a pair of Nike



Chris Adams

from Ross, and there was a piece of plastic that kept poking me and I was let down by those shoes. The only time that I paid full price for a pair of shoes was for a pair of Adidas cross trainers that I've had forever. If I had all the money in the world, I'd get a pair of gold-plated shoes. Really though, I think I would still shop at Ross. I'm pretty poor right now, but if I had no money to buy shoes, I wouldn't steal shoes, because I don't want to go to jail. I saw this pair of shoes the



Chris's shoes

other day on the basketball court that blinded me because they were so flashy, and I told myself that I would never wear a pair of shoes like that. Someone gave me a pair of Air Jordan and I wore them, but normally I'm pretty frugal and would never spend more than 40 bucks on a pair of shoes.

Cassidy

22

Encinitas

Nine West, \$70

Nine West is the brand of heel that I am wearing. I

have a lot of heels in my closet, because I'm short. I bought these a while ago at the Nine West in UTC. Even though I've had them for a year, I don't wear them that often because they're not very good for walking around in. These are strictly for appearance; most of the time that I wear them, I have to sit down. My friends and I like every kind of shoe. I love shoes. I've never



Cassidy

spent too much for a pair of shoes, because there's no such thing as paying

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Cassidy's shoes

too much for shoes. I've paid as much as \$150 for a pair of shoes, but I've kept pairs of shoes for, like, five years. My favorite pair of shoes is a pair of red Converse with black-and-white checkered shoelaces. Even

though they're red, they still go with everything. My parents think that I buy too many shoes. I buy at least two pairs a month. If I don't want to spend a lot on shoes, I'll buy shoes at Target or Payless. Sometimes they hurt, but you just need to wear them enough and break them in and they're okay.

Brian Johnson 23

Coronado Reef, \$69

These are Joey by Reef. I got them two weeks ago at Sport Chalet because a



Brian Johnson

friend of mine has the same pair. If my friends aren't wearing these, they're wearing sandals. I don't buy too many shoes, so I've never bought a pair that I didn't like. My favorite pair of shoes has to be a pair of



Brian's shoes

wing-tip Dr. Martens. I've had them for, like, four or five years. I paid more than \$100 for them, but they've been well worth their value. It doesn't really matter to me how much money I have to buy shoes. If I had more money to spend on shoes, I'd probably buy the same shoes. If I were real short on money, I'd wear sandals. I still would never wear a

pair of Teva sandals; those are a big no-no in my book. You usually see hippies wearing those kind of sandals, and I'm not down with that.

Jason 21 Peñasquitos Etnies, \$55

These are Etnies Calli-cuts. I actually bought them because I thought they were slip-proof, but they turned out to be slippery as soon as you get them wet. My friends like Globes a lot. Globes are another brand of skate shoe. I have a friend with weird-shaped feet, and he likes Globes because the fit of the shoe is wider. Most skate shoes are pretty interchangeable. I had a pair of



Jason

Dakine skate shoes, but I can't say that they were much different from the Etnies shoes that I'm wearing. Journeys has a good selection of shoes, so I'd buy my next pair of shoes there. If I had all the money I wanted to spend on shoes, I would change my entire style. I like the dressier leather shoes that you can find at Aldo, or maybe the kind of shoes that are put out

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Jason's shoes

have to completely change the clothes I wear. I don't think I'd ever wear the Euro bowling shoe with the square toes. Some of my friends wear them, and I don't understand why.

Shaun

23

Peñasquitos

Skechers, \$50

I have on a pair of low-cut Skechers. I got them



Shaun

on sale a couple months ago at the Marine base. When you go to the



Shaun's shoes

Skecher store, they can be pretty expensive. I particularly like the

shoes I'm wearing because they are roomy and good for walking. My friends also wear Skechers and Steve Madden. Steve Madden is good because they have a casual line, but they also have dressier shoes. I don't feel bad about any shoes that I've bought in the past, not even my Payless shoes. Maybe I don't wear them too often, so they hold up.

My first pair of Skechers are still holding up, and that's part of the reason that I bought this pair. I've had my first pair of Skechers for years. My dad is retired military, and I happened to be on the base when I saw this pair. My mom really liked them; she bought them for me. I think she wanted to buy herself a pair too. ■

— Cruz Medina

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I remember sitting at home on an average Thursday afternoon, bored out of my mind. After a long day of finals at school, I didn't have any homework. I had never felt the urge to get out of my house as much as I felt it that day; thus, I planned to do it by any means necessary. Still lacking a car, I called each one of my older car-owning friends. Luckily, a group of my older friends was going out to dinner and I was invited to tag along. I immediately let my mom know what was going on and promised — no, I *swore* to be home by 10 p.m. at the latest, for it was a school night. She agreed.

After dinner we went bowling. It was only 9 o'clock, so I had another hour of fun. But who would have known that bowling took so long? We didn't get out of the bowling alley until a little past 11. As I scurried toward my friend's car, I realized how “un-cool” of me it was to worry about an insignificant thing such as the time, especially in front of my college friends. And that is how the rest of the night went; I joined my friends in any stop they had to make. I was already going to get in trouble, so I figured I should make it worth it.

I ended up coming home around 3:30 a.m. I expected to walk into a silent house, where my mom may have figured to deal with the problem in the morning. But my mother was sitting on the couch, with the angriest look I have ever seen on her face — and trust me, all hell broke loose. The scolding was the loudest, scariest, thing I have ever experienced. Being the good kid, I had never imagined I would make my mom react this way. It included everything: crying, yelling, throwing of random objects, and, of course, the infamous phrases, “while you live in this house...” and the classic, “if you ever, ever do this again...”

It worked; I've never done that again.

—Melina Mena,
El Cajon Valley H.S.

Two years ago my parents began renovations to turn our house into their dream home. For six months I awoke to the sounds of sawing, hammering, and Metallica being blasted away.

At that point in my life, I had a penchant for breaking things. I had broken open the remote control (so I could put it back together), shattered several dishes, and I may have stood on a shelf and broken it.

Finally, our house was near completion. Our kitchen was redone, the space masquerading as our dining room had found its inner living room, and my parents' bedroom as well as my mother's office was re-carpeted with a steel-gray wool carpet. Our downstairs was still undergoing a makeover worthy of *Oprah!*, causing all my furniture to be shoved into my bathroom and making my computer unavailable to me.

One day I was typing an English essay in my mother's office, using her computer. As I typed, I noticed an aerosol spray can whose label read “Magic Carpet Stain Remover.” Don't ask me why, but I have always derived child-like glee from spraying things out of cans. So, since it was carpet stain remover, I decided to go for it. I meant to spray it once, but before I knew it, there were nine spots covering my mom's tiny office, and they were not coming out. How was I supposed to know that stain remover caused stains!

So...I covered them up. Moved a trashcan, shifted a box... presto! No more spots! Only, I didn't get away with it. Soon my mother noticed the spots, and was she angry. Who can blame her? The carpet was a week old.

“Annie, I am so mad I can't even look at you right now.” Ouch. The worst part was, I couldn't go to my room and cry about it. I was forced to climb into my bathtub and weep amidst my lamp, couch, and bookshelves.

Eventually, the spots came out, and



my mom apologized for her harsh words.

—Anne Baker,
Carlsbad H.S.

My best friend Allie and I got into a “heated discussion” on the phone over her new friend, a caterpillar named Fluffy. She had found Fluffy crawling around at school and decided to take him home that day. I told her I didn't think she should have taken him out of his natural habitat; he belonged outside. She had become attached to the little bugger and couldn't set him free.

It was one of the strangest arguments I have ever been in. At the time, it seemed logical to me. But then Allie began making fun of my voice over the phone. She said I sounded like a woman. So I had to get her back. I told her that I didn't think the environment she had provided for Fluffy was a good one: a cardboard box and a Styrofoam cup of water! Allie became annoyed. When I brought up the possibility of Fluffy accidentally (or purposefully) eating his water dish, it all came crashing down.

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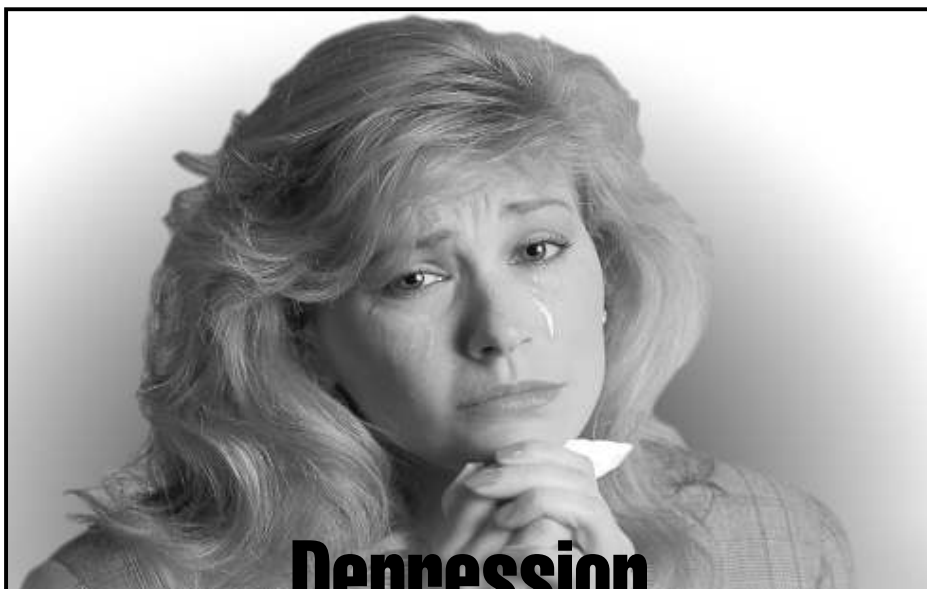
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"Well, at least I have a friend, someone that is actually nice!" Allie shot back. I was dumb-founded. The exchange of comebacks ended there, before we got to tearing down each other's mothers. The phone transmitted dead air. There was nothing I could say. I had lost the argument, the argument I had started.

After that plunge of the dagger, Allie apologized. Of course, I still got the bill in the end. From now on I'm not allowed to speak of Fluffy unless I get permission and promise not to belittle Allie's unjust incarceration of the poor guy.

—*Jake Miller,*
El Capitan H.S.

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Do you have Acne?



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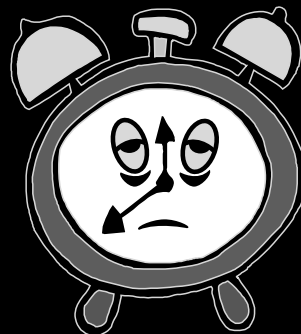
A nationwide research study is currently underway to study a new investigational medication for patients with insomnia

You may qualify for this study if:

- You are 65 years of age or older
- You have trouble falling and staying asleep
- You have trouble functioning during the day as a result of sleeplessness

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no charge. If you would like more information or think that you may be eligible for this study, please contact:

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my mom a couple minutes after she got into the car. Things didn't go as well as expected because my dad and I didn't clarify to each other every detail of our plan.

Earlier that day, we agreed on the restaurant we were supposed to go to. At the last minute, my dad pulled his usual, "whoops, I changed my mind" thing. He decided to get pizzas instead. I have nothing against pizza, but I was hungry. I bugged him to reconsider his decision for about 20 minutes. My dad finally pulled over and cursed at me like a madman, and I felt guilty. He didn't feel like going anywhere anymore and decided it was best that we go home. I didn't disagree. The ride home was hellish. I thought about how I had let my selfishness take over without considering what my mom had to say; it was, of course, her day. She had been silent all that time.

At home I wept and felt the need to apologize. That event opened my eyes: it wasn't all about me. It never was.

—*Stephanie Sarreal,*
Southwest H.S.

Prom night was upon us and our stomachs churned for hours before the dance began. Kristine was at her house, I at mine, and we were both putting the finishing touches on our get-ups. Then the phone rang. On the other end of the line was a hysterical Kristine. Our ride for

OUTPATIENT SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital is currently enrolling subjects in a new clinical research trial for people suffering from Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorders.

Eligible patients will receive medical care at no cost and will be reimbursed for time and travel expenses.

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prom had fallen through, and we were stuck without a car.

After Kristine's mother rented us an SUV, we headed out to dinner about 30 minutes behind schedule. The majority of our group was about an hour late because they'd mixed up the reservation time. This normally wouldn't have made any waves for anyone because we are such a lax group, but that

night Kristine and I had a carriage ride planned that started in Seaport Village and ended at the Westin Hotel, where our prom was to be held.

After having dinner we were an hour and a half behind schedule, so I pushed the six cylinders of that SUV to the limit. Soon I found out that the directions we'd received to the staging area of our ride were off. As I drove around down-

town, Kristine realized that I had no idea where I was going. Tears started to stream down her cheeks. I felt frustrated. I asked what was wrong, which was dumb. "This night is ruined! I wanted prom night to be perfect and now you have gotten us lost!"

I was as peeved as she was. We then yelled at each other while I headed in what we thought was the right

direction. Then we discovered that our desired destination was behind us. After a few insults and having a corsage thrown at my face, cursing at the top of our lungs, two incidents of slamming on the brakes, and a few promises we never intended to keep, we reached Seaport Village.

Our carriage was pulling out of the parking lot. After a quick U-turn, we again found ourselves on the one-way streets of downtown. We drove along, following the carriage's route to the hotel, trying to find a parking spot on the side of the road. Finding this futile, I sped ahead of the carriage and found a spot two blocks east of the carriage.

Trying to get a crying and extremely upset female out of a car when she doesn't want to is more difficult than I ever imagined. Five minutes of pleading, more curse words, a few more promises, some insults, and a thrashing with a rhinestone purse, we ran to the carriage.

We made it, and once behind the clapping horses, Kristine softened up. Both of us apologized and kissed. We promised that we would never act irrationally in circumstances that we have no control over and then headed into the prom. After that fiasco, the rest of the night went according to plan. Kristine and I danced and drank the rest of the night away and enjoyed a night that made memories I won't soon forget.

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

Depression with Insomnia

Poor Sleep?
Lack of Concentration?
Lack of Motivation?



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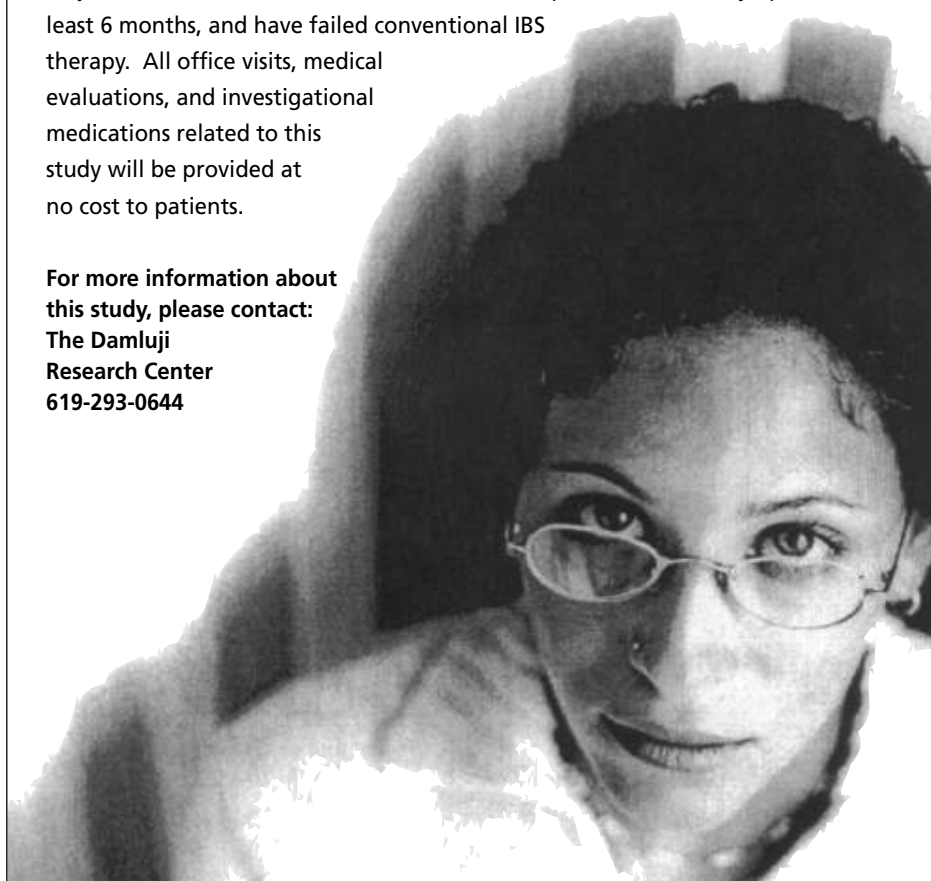
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CHAPTER 7

Another great day for the hens

I know the skipper of the garbage boat pretty well. His boat is the *Abraham Lincoln*, and each morning he goes from destroyer to destroyer collecting the ships' garbage off the port aft deck.

The garbage is all piled up there waiting for him. There are crates, cartons, orange peelings, grapefruit peelings, all things like that.

The deck hands help push the stuff over the side into the little craft. The aft is rigged out with high side boards, and the stuff is shot down inside through a chute of canvas.

The skipper is Gus Valentino. He signs a contract with the Navy to do this sort of thing. The contract is obtained by bidding, and he is always the lowest bidder, for the *Abraham Lincoln* is not elaborate. No money is ever wasted on paint, and the motor long ago abandoned any notion about speed.

Once the load is aboard, the craft has till daybreak the next morning to return. Nobody in port cares once the load is aboard and safely out of the harbor.

The sea gulls on each trip are so thick around him that they blind the rickety craft in a pageant of white feathers. There are, in fact, times when the *Abraham Lincoln* is a cloud of sea gulls. They could be attached there by wires, he could be the invisible driver of a float in the Mardi Gras. He makes no attempt to frighten them away. He calls them hens, his hens. He knows, I guess, that he could not frighten them away if he did try. Experience would have taught them by now that he was only bluffing them. All of them try to ride, but there are too many. The majority have to fly, and as they fly they squawk. They have transformed this daily garbage-collecting from a job into a celebration.

Nobody need feel sorry for Valentino either. At his home in the local community we call Lisbon he has nine children, and children can eat spaghetti, which is cheap when made in a huge bowl. Nobody need feel sorry for

Valentino anyway.

The other morning, for instance, he and his sea gulls were parading down the bay just as the flagship *Texas* entered port with the Commander-in-Chief aboard. The rails were manned by sailors at attention all along the line, and at the salute of the guns the garbage collector said, "This is another great day for the *Abraham Lincoln*. Another great day for the hens, and another great day for Valentino. For Valentino, you see, doesn't have to salute back."

CHAPTER 8

Why Aren't We Syndicate Writers?

More invigorating than any outside meetings we cover for the paper are the paper's own meetings for the staff. These meetings begin at 4:30 the Thursdays of each week unless postponed at 4:35 because the editors had forgotten the day was the day.

If the editors forget about the meeting, it goes off rather smoothly. We reporters, who have seen enough of the office anyway for that day, hang around somebody's typewriter until five telling each other how sore we are and how we are not going to show up at all for the meeting next Thursday if this sort of thing keeps up.

But when the editors do not forget about the meeting we carry our chairs into the chief's room. We sit against the wall, each of us quietly wondering why we are not syndicate writers for the chain, for their stuff is frightful lately, always has been frightful, and they can get by with more generalities in their copy than we can get by in our copy locally, and our New York columnist who is repeating himself really should get to work for a change and cover a beat.

He is getting by with murder and were it not for a pair of scissors he

could not possibly catch the mails with his stuff. The heads must be blind to let his copy ride, and how in hell does a fellow become a syndicate writer anyway. By having an aunt who knows the chairman, that's how. And by having a chairman who doesn't read his own papers, and by having a power of speech to offset the lack of power of writing, and what in God's name was scheduled for the meeting today. To be sure, one of the copy readers is to talk on leads.

"Short, snappy leads, that's what we want —"

He is beginning, the copy reader is beginning with his talk, and it will not be long now before he tells us that

We reporters hang around somebody's typewriter until 5:00 telling each other how sore we are...

the greatest story that ever broke, the one about the world, was told in seven "takes," and why doesn't that woman in the hotel over there take her exercises in front of the window any more.



Union-Tribune building, 1952

She used to be good about it, but the gang in the sports department ruined her. That's what happened. They made too much noise watching. That new fellow did, anyway, and yet she has a right to bend in privacy if she wants to. Just like anybody else, maybe. Oh, yes, the copy reader is now telling about one of the greatest leads ever written, the one for the death of Theodore Roosevelt.

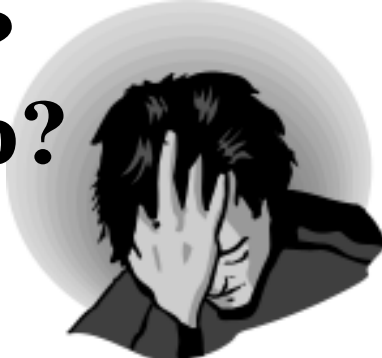
"It was one of the New York papers. I forget which one, but its lead hit you smack in the face. 'Theodore Roosevelt is dead.' Just that. Nothing more on the first line. There's a sample of brevity that can't be beat, and I'd like to see more of you fellows around here try it —"

Try what? Oh, yes, try a story on Roosevelt dying. It's too bad we don't pay to attend these meetings. We really should pay something for all the advice we get here. It's a shame we get all this inspiration for nothing. We really should chip in each Thursday and make a pot. We wouldn't have to give much, but just a little to ease our conscience. But why doesn't somebody

RESEARCH STUDIES

Depressed? Can't Sleep?

Are you feeling sad or depressed? Do you have trouble sleeping? Do you find that you are no longer interested in activities that would typically be important to you? Do you have trouble falling asleep and staying asleep? Insomnia is commonly associated with depression.



If you are between the ages of 21 and 64 years old and suffer from depression and insomnia, you may qualify to participate in a research study. Affiliated Research Institute is currently conducting a study for the treatment of insomnia related to depression.

Consider participating in this research study. **Qualified research volunteers will receive all study-related services free of charge, in addition to compensation for time and transportation.** Each study visit will include a visit with a board-certified physician.

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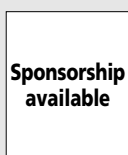
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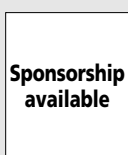
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hurry and tell us again about the greatest editorial ever written on Christmas. It's not right to have us wait so long to have that editorial read to us again. Yes, Isabella Gladys Mary Johnson, there is a Santa Claus. You cannot see him or you cannot hear him, but he is with us all the time. Oh, why doesn't somebody hurry and read that editorial to us again? Christmas is too long to wait, and what is being passed around to us now?

To be sure, samples of news writing during the past month. Glorious. It looked for a while as if somebody for once might have forgotten to pass around

these samples, and that would have been too much to bear after a hard day like today. But what if, after all, he has forgotten the human-interest story about the dog awakening the family. Surely he will not forget that one, especially with so many fires of our own around here lately. And what if he has forgotten the one about the actress going on the stage despite her appendicitis?

"You will notice that in each of these clippings the reporter was not content with mere surface facts. He dug deeper. What normally would have passed as routine news of a paragraph he turned into little mas-

terpieces that made the front page second section, and that's what we want to see more of. Don't be lazy, don't leave a stone unturned, don't

If this meeting isn't over with pretty soon, nobody will be left alive to put out tomorrow's sheet.

just write what you know and leave it go at that. But see what this reporter's done. He used his imagination, that's what he did, and see

how much brighter it is. He wasn't just content with the facts, but he wanted more. Now, that's what I want to see more of in you men,

that's what'll make our paper stand out above the opposition —"

Why doesn't he hurry and tell us about keeping

our desks cleaner? To be sure, it's ten minutes too early for that part. The keep-your-desks-cleaner doesn't come till after the don't-phone-long-distance-without-telling-the-phone-girl, and that doesn't come till after the altogether-too-much-running-in-and-out-of-the-office-between-editions, and that doesn't come till after the you'll-have-to-cut-it-out-spitting-in-the-wastebaskets-so-much-for-the-janitor-collects-those-old-papers.

And if this meeting isn't over with pretty soon, nobody will be left alive to put out tomorrow's sheet. We'll all have died from

finding no place to throw our cigarette butts. In New York do they hold meetings, too? No, in New York the fellows all have separate offices with telephones, and in summer they go to France as correspondents, and when they want to go to a show they don't have to ask the managing editor for a Comp. No, they just phone up Belasco or Carroll — Hello, here comes the next speaker. Good, now we'll hear about the advantages of the women's page. Cheers for the women's page and all like it. ■

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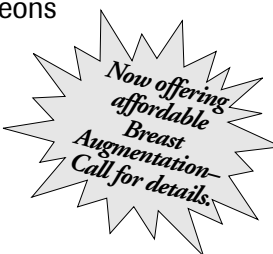
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What she did not have was a job. A couple of months in town had found her some girlfriends, also Chicago transplants, one of whom took her on as a roommate. But it had not found her an employer. She recalls that "Eleven years ago, there were no sales jobs. My girlfriend said, 'Maybe you'll have to create your own.' After my husband died, I had gone to a couple of singles' parties on Sunday night in Chicago. I had been to the Del Mar Hilton, so I went to the manager there and said, 'If I can bring you some business, can I have a singles' party in your lounge?' He said, 'Fine.' "

By "single," Darlena does

not mean simply "unmarried," a category that takes in the hordes of fresh-faced youngsters who generally make up San Diego nightlife. "When you're in your 20s, you can walk into any bar. There are all kinds of places. But if you're older — say, 35, 36 — and you've been married, that puts you in a different class. Where do you go? You can go to church, that's fine. You can take a photography class. But if you want to dance and have fun and meet people, a bar atmosphere is still the most fun. You don't have to drink — I have alcoholic friends who just drink Perrier or orange

juice. It's just a question of holding something in your hand and being sociable in the bar atmosphere." The difficulty comes in finding folks like yourself amid the unlined twentysomething revelers and at the same time not looking like a midlife loser trying to recapture lost youth by simple proximity to it.

Where do you go? For the next five years, you went to the Derby Lounge at the Del Mar Hilton. "I started November 1, 1992. I did six parties and decided I'd stop for the holidays. At the sixth party, I had laryngitis. A guy came up and

started hitting on my sister, who was visiting. Then he told her, 'I used to do singles parties in Boston. Tell your sister to call me when she gets over her laryngitis, and maybe we can talk.' Darlena called the man,

Women would get there early and sit at the tables, so they could see who was walking in. Past the tables, in the middle of the room, was the bar. More tables stood off to the left; back and to the right, you found the dance floor, the DJ booth, and, in the back right corner, the buffet bar. "That's why it was so great. You could walk in and walk

"I knew the second day here that I was never going to leave."

to the left, see who was there. You could walk to the right and go get some food." And you were always circling the bar. "People love to hang out at bars. I know when I go out, I like to sit at the bar. That's the first place people look."

Besides the bar, the dance floor was crucial. The Derby Lounge wasn't a singles' bar; the Derby Lounge hosted singles' parties. And because the dance floor was crucial, so was the DJ. A DJ's success lies in "mixing the music, being able to read your crowd. If you play a song and everybody walks off the floor, you've got to know to switch. You have to know what kind of music people like. I don't know names, I don't know bands,



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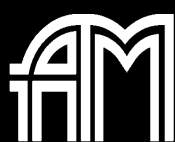
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I don't know what works; that's why I'm hiring them." Her first DJ was already working the Derby on Sunday nights, "doing country-western or something like that. We asked him to play for us, and he was good."

On top of the excellent layout and the music, says Darlena, "It was Del Mar. Del Mar has that draw; everybody wants to live in Del Mar. It's *the* place. Del Mar drew from all over; South Bay, Chula Vista —

they would come from any place." Business was good. Before long, "We were running four parties a week," including one on Tuesdays at the 94th Aero Squadron on Balboa Avenue. Then the bomb hit — the Del

Mar Hilton came under new management. "You know the saying, 'A new broom sweeps clean?' They wanted to show the big boss what they could do. 'Well, we're only getting so much revenue from the

lounge on Friday and Saturday. We can do better with a conference room.' " Out went the Derby Lounge. In went the conference room. "The hotel has been dead ever since — not that it was busy to

begin with. I had people who stayed at the hotel who used to come back every year because they knew I was there. It was a fun thing, and I brought in business. Maybe not a lot, but I was a good \$50,000-a-year customer. It was great; people could meet, and there was a hotel right there. They were old enough."

Friday and Saturdays at the Hilton were no more. David and Darlena were down to Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Then David decided he didn't like Darlena's style. "He told me, 'You don't know how to run parties. You don't work hard enough. You're rude to your customers.' I said, 'You don't need me as a partner.' " They broke up and split the parties between them; she kept Tuesdays at the Aero Squadron. He did Wednesdays for a while, then moved to Saturdays at the Acapulco in Miramar. Eventually, he sold that party to his DJ. Today, the Acapulco is gone, and David has returned to Boston. "I've had more people coming to my parties since we're not partners," says Darlena. "If I don't know how to run a party, how have I been doing it five years without him?" Recently, she welcomed more than 200 singles in a single night, with more ladies than usual in attendance. "It was such a fun party. It was hot, everybody was dancing; it was good energy."

But Tuesdays were not enough. Darlena had bought a townhouse in Del Mar soon after starting her business. "I needed my own place. I had sold my house in Chicago, and I needed to reinvest. A realtor showed me this house, and I wasn't crazy about it,

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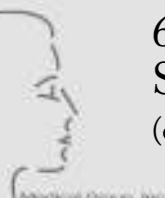
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but the fact was it had three bedrooms and two and a half baths and an ocean view. God took care of me to see that I bought this house. I had just started my business, and basically, I didn't have any money. They said, 'Oh, you won't get a mortgage.' I said, 'Yes, I will,' and I knew why." The street shared a name with her grandmother, "and I knew she was going to make sure I got the house. I knew the second day here that I was never

going to leave." But houses mean bills to pay, and Darlena started looking for other venues, other nights.

She ran a party on Saturdays at Jared's. "It was great; I was getting a nice crowd — 125 people in a small room. It was so romantic on the water. Then they said they needed the room for other things and they couldn't have me every week." Now, "That place is empty." Before the Jared's gig ended, it garnered her an invite to do

Friday nights at Viejas' Dreamcatcher Lounge. "It was a great room, great food, great dance floor, and I had a great DJ. Nobody came. It was too far away." Too many marrieds in East County.

Finally, the food and beverage director from the Four Points Sheraton approached her at a Tuesday party and asked her if she'd like to take Thursdays at the hotel's Skies Lounge. She took it, until the manager handed Friday and Saturday to another singles' party, causing her to leave in protest. "Then, I was doing better and better at the Aero Squadron, so I decided to call the Four Points. I knew the girl who took Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was getting around 20 people. I said, 'I think I can bring you a lot of business.'" The management bit, and at long last, Dar-

lena got her Saturday party back. She started with a bang, saw the crowds diminish, and recently offered a free-admission night to get things hopping again.

"I need the income," she says, and besides, "I'm

get in — again, date night. I'm not going out to dinner." Better to bring in paying customers — at similarly loose ends — to the Skies Lounge, which she advertises as "the classiest weekend party in town." The ad requests "dressy

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Darlena does not scorn her own advice. She wears miniskirts, tops that dip into revelatory territory. She wears eyeshadow in eye-catching shades and gives her nails a similar treatment (when I met her, they were purple, a favorite color of hers). "It's amazing how much I've changed since before I came here. I used to dress very conservatively. I don't do that anymore. I went to my chiropractor and he said, 'You look like you're going to a party.' I said, 'Life's a party.' He loved that."

Of course, for Dar-

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single. I have no place to go on Saturday night. You can go to Humphrey's, where there are five men, ten women, and couples. Saturday is date night. You can hang out at a bar where there's music, but where else? I'm not going to the movies, because you can't

attire." "Del Mar people got dressed up, but it's very casual at the 94th. Saturday night, we're trying to get them to dress. The men are California" — meaning "stubbornly casual" — "but I tell them, 'You have only one chance to make a good first impression.'" Dressy means "no jeans. Wear a nice, crisp shirt and tie. Don't wear a golf shirt. Jeans can be all right —

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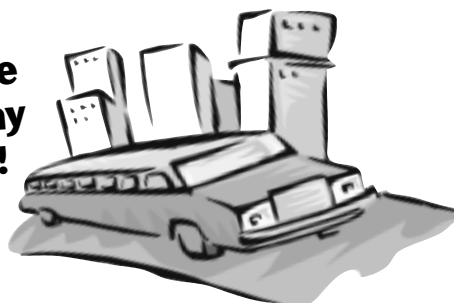
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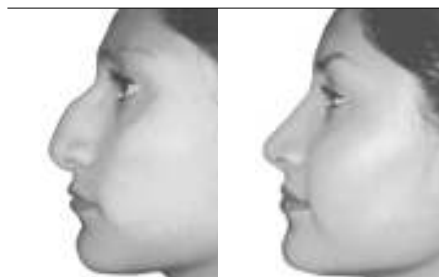
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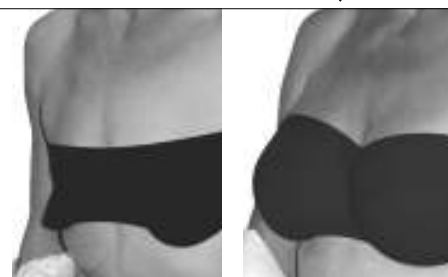
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lena, there is a measure of literal truth to that claim. Parties make up her professional life. And she happily attests that most of her friends are people she met at her own events. She rarely dances with her patrons — if she danced with one, she might have to dance with them all —

but she has made many friends, male and female. And those friends make up the bulk of the 14 or so guests at the Sunday brunch I am attending in her home.

“People come in and say, ‘Wow,’ ” Darlena tells me. After I’ve entered through the bright red

exterior door and had a look around her living room, it’s easy to see why. When she moved in, everything was Arizona White, a shade actually closer to beige than white. The carpet in the living room, which abuts the white tile of the entryway, was blue. “I changed it all to white,

and I put in light-gray carpeting.” And so it stayed for the better part of a decade, not a wow in sight.

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the wall” — or at least the portion of it between countertop height and the ceiling — “and do something with the electrical. I bought a hood,” a sleek, rounded stainless-steel model from Pacific Sales in Rancho Bernardo. “People come in here and say, ‘Oh my God! You just put that in

here for decoration. You don’t cook!’ I say, ‘I do cook!’ I bought my refrigerator and stove there, too.”

She ripped out her “cruddy, dirty, filthy” tile countertops and put in Formica in a black/white/gray granitic speckle. “I would have loved granite, but I never would have

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gotten my money back.” She kept her old wood floors but replaced her cabinet doors and hardware — now white and brushed nickel, respectively. Now, the somewhat triangular kitchen is mostly pale gray and white; the monochromatic scheme highlights the row of glass jars containing brightly colored candies. It is an awesome array. “That’s me,” says Darlena. “I love my candy. I want it when I want it. Sometimes, I might want a Gummi bear or a Jelly Belly. Every once in a while, you need a mint. My favorites are the fish, and I go for the red licorice and the Trader Joe’s semisweet chocolate with almonds.” Besides these, I spot Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups, Hershey’s Kisses, butterscotches, Brach’s Treasures, Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops, Gummi worms, Gummi strawberries, bite-sized Snickers, Baby Ruths and But-

in and you get the rollers going,” and you can roll on a repeated pattern that looks for all the world like wallpaper. Sadly, the silver pattern “was horrible. He started rubbing it off, and I said, ‘I love that!’ ” The kitchen beyond “is the silver room, so it blends, and you can see some of the gold underneath.”

The roll-on patterns were far more successful on the remaining two walls, which Darlena did in inverted tones — dull mustard with a wheat-brown pattern on one, wheat with a dull mustard pattern on the other. The patterns resemble bound bunches of twigs and have an Asian air. Darlena laid in new, much darker carpet, but she let the white tile in the entry stay. The room offers a busy, engaging variety that you don’t often see in these days of multitudinous whites.

Today the room is dominated by a long table

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You go to church — pick-up spot.

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terfingers, Riesens, Bit-O-Honeys, and more.

Darlena met Gary at a church she attended with a girlfriend. She met Al there as well — he did the painting in the kitchen. After the kitchen was finished, she found that the remodeling urge was still upon her. “I had a red-brick fireplace in the living room; it was yucky. I said, ‘Al, would you paint it black?’ ” He did, and he smeared a metallic gold wash over the black to boot. “I was so thrilled. I said, ‘Oh, I know; I want a metallic gold wall’ above the fireplace.” Al complied again, this time flecking the gold with tiny sprays of black and red. Again, Darlena was delighted, but now she had a gold wall in the middle of a white apartment. “It was awful.” More gold went on the opposite wall, the one Gary had broken out to expose the kitchen, and over this, Al rolled a silver pattern. “He paid \$10,000 for this German invention. You put the paint

under a black tablecloth; between the table, the couch, a writing desk, and Darlena’s workstation (partially obscured by a Japanese screen), the space is filled to bursting. Add a dozen guests or more, and it’s easy to miss the side table of beverages by the entrance: Vendange Chardonnay, Barq’s root beer, Chandon sparkling wine, fresh orange juice, water, Kenwood Sauvignon Blanc, and sparkling cider. Darlena pours me a mimosa, and I am underway.

While the guests mill about — most people seem to know each other — Darlena gives me a tour of the upstairs, noting her newly painted bathroom — blood-red and cream walls, both overlaid with a pink roll-on pattern, with towels, bathmats, and accessories to match — the pattern painting in the guest room, and finally, her own room, as yet unrepainted. “I want my room to be grape and green; I love

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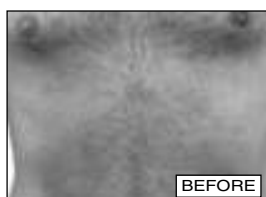
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purples." She intends to use her bedspread as a guide. She shows me her jewelry collection: many chunky belts and bracelets, hung on randomly placed nails in the bedroom wall to create their own sort of décor when not in use — plus great stores of earrings. Outside the bedroom is her balcony, with its view and its plants and its electric lights in plastic containers fashioned to look like brown paper sandwich bags. A painting on the wall shows Darlena 13 years ago; a friend painted it in exchange for a custom sweater knitted by my hostess.

Back downstairs for brunch. The layout is like the candy, beverages, and décor — varied and plentiful. There are sliced onions soaked in balsamic vinegar and water to take the sting out. Darlena has bought and steamed tamales from a good local provider, some flavored with jalapeños and cheese, some with pineapple, raisins, and brown sugar. She has made kugel, sweet and rich, dripping with sour cream, raisins tucked in among the noodles. "It's kind of like a dessert. My girlfriend gave me the recipe. I have thousands of recipes. I've been collecting for 20 or 30 years from newspapers and magazines — *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *Bon Appétit*. Some I've never cooked. I've finally straightened them out into categories. I don't know why I keep collecting them. I do cook, but I don't have anybody to cook for." Except on Sundays, her day to play the hostess at home. But then, "I stick with what I know. Every once in a while, I'll look to see if there's something different I can make."

She has made salad — "The salad is never the same thing twice. This one has artichokes, hearts of palm, cheese, carrots, no tomatoes, no cucumbers, no onion, and honey-roasted sesame croutons." There are three dressings from which to choose. There are two cream cheeses for the bagels, along with lox, lemon slices, basil, tomatoes, scallions, tuna, and cilantro — plus a generous mound of sliced avocado. There is hot sauce

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for the tamales and an egg-and-rice dish brought by one of Darlena's friends. I fill my plate and my cup and find a seat near the end of the table, across from Arnold.

Arnold is 62; I wouldn't have put him past 50. Tall, trim, broad shoulders, firm grip, big rough voice that can easily drop into quieter tones of candid explanation. He is a widower and is happy to enlarge upon his situation.

"A lot of people don't realize that people get older, but they're not dead," he says, taking pleasure in the line. "We want a place to go. We don't want to go home at the end of the day and turn on the TV. Sometimes, we want to go out and dance. Other than bar-rooms, where do you go?"

An English accent breaks in at the mention of bars; it belongs to the curly-headed woman across the table. "I'm not a drinker,

and to tell you the truth, I don't like people who do drink. And a bar is just like a pick-up place; somebody just wants to pick some-

"Being needy puts you at somebody's mercy."

body up. At the Hilton, if you just wanted to have fun, you could. If you wanted to pick somebody up, you could do that. I

made some amazing girlfriends there — just quality people."

"When you first get divorced," says Darlena,

you in their circle. But women know that girls have to have girlfriends. If you have a couple of girlfriends, you can do anything, go anywhere."

Arnold disagrees with the woman's distinction about pick-up places. "Everywhere you go is a pick-up spot. You go to church — pick-up spot. You go to a funeral parlor, it's a pick-up spot. You see somebody that you're attracted to, you're going

to go for it. But where do you go, when you're in a certain age bracket and you're active, where you have an opportunity to pick and hope that they pick you? There is no place. So what happens? You end up being with younger women."

No doubt there are some men who would, upon hearing that, cock their heads, give Arnold a quizzical look out of the tops of their eyes, and ask, "And the problem with younger women is...?" But he is serious. "Most of your young girls, they're looking for a sugar daddy. It's like, 'What kind of car do you drive?' That turns me off. My answer to that is, 'You ask me what kind of car I drive, but you're not interested in where I live. I don't sleep in my car; I sleep in my house.'"

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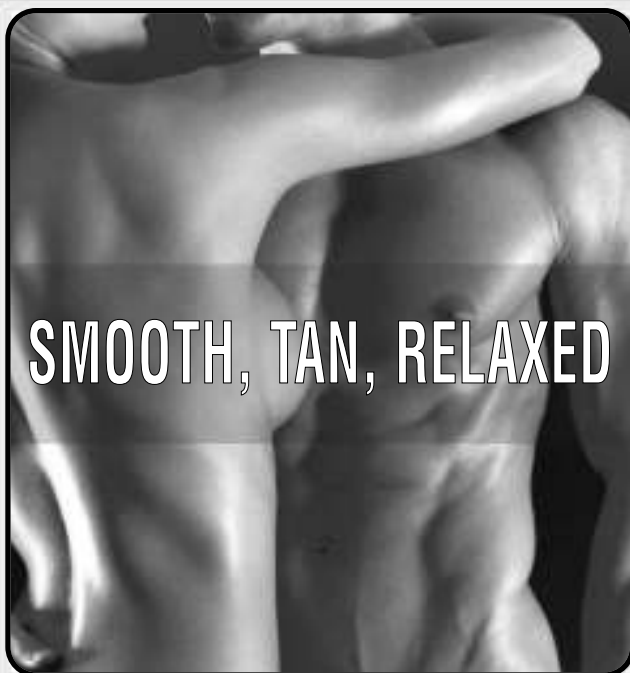
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not meant to be alone. I have my guy friends, but the greatest joy and the greatest pleasure is to have a woman you can do things with. Sex is like, this is this, but when you go beyond that, you've got to have a friend. I think that's what

a lot of people don't understand."

Arnold loved the Del Mar Hilton parties. "Friday and Saturday night, it was the place to be. The music was good; you met a lot of people. It was the place; it jumped. It was

your nightclub. It was people over 40 enjoying each other." Older people "are getting more active in San Diego, but when the sun goes down, what do you do? The Hilton was a place you could go and meet people your own age. It

was E Street, it was Johnny Love's, it was all of the above." And the crowd was precisely to his liking — older, professional, "people who have achieved their goals and are looking for somebody to be with."

Apparently, Arnold is

not alone in his preferences. "I've got one guy who's been looking at a girl for a couple of years," says Darlena. "She's with another guy. The one guy has got a beautiful girlfriend, but she's very young. He's been eyeing this other

girl, who has a bit more maturity — so they've got something to talk about. He finally did talk to her, and she said that the guy she's with is going to be leaving soon, and when that happens, she'll call him. I know all this is going on,

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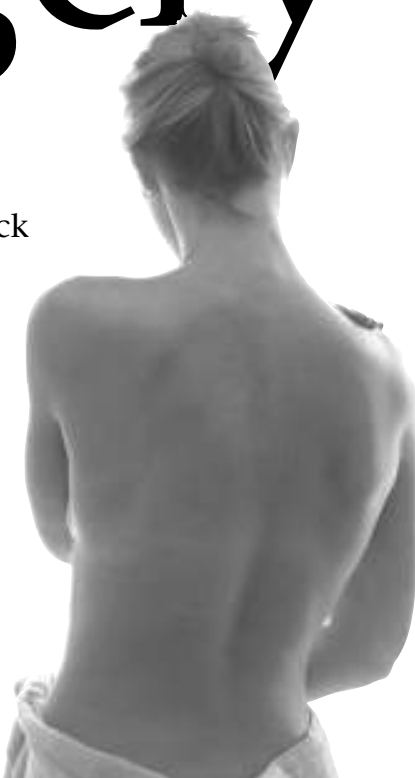
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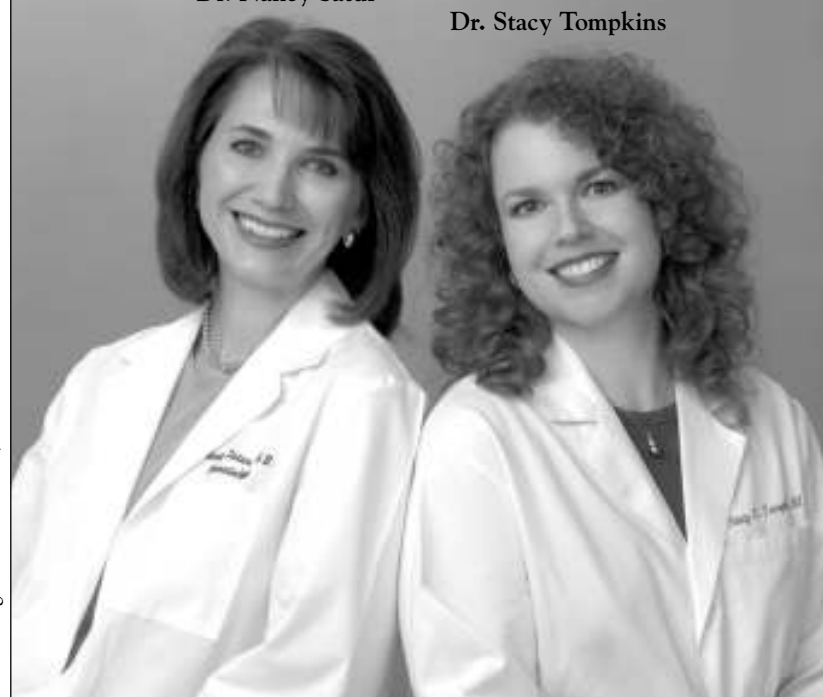
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and I know both couples, and I don't say a word. Everybody tells me stories; I'm the mother confessor. They tell me, and they know it doesn't go anyplace. But I want to know what's going on, in case there's something bad."

Something bad can mean simple social discomfort. "One guy who comes is a nice guy, but he's wacko. I sort of call him my mascot. He doesn't mean any harm, but he's scared a couple of the women away. I've told the women, 'If he's bothering you, just tell him, "I don't want to dance with you. I don't want to talk to you." ' I tell him, 'You've got to give them 15 minutes! Don't pounce on them!' He says, 'You're like my sister. I listen to you.' Somebody said, 'He shouldn't be here.' I can't tell him not to come. He has no place to go. He's not a bad person; there's going to be somebody for him."

"That's what's happened — we've become this community. Some people come and say, 'I was here five years ago, and it's the same people.' That's not true. But there are certain men, we call them 'rounders' — they hang around. It's like a Cheers bar; these are their friends. If 30 people out of 200 are the same, that's not a whole lot. But thank goodness for those regulars."

It can mean misleading propositions. "One Tuesday night, two girls came in wearing red dresses. You don't see too many girls in red dresses — sometimes, a red top. I said, 'Oh, two girls in red dresses — you'll have fun tonight!' Later on, somebody came and told me they were prostitutes. I wish I would have known earlier, not that I would have kicked them out — though that's not what I want and not the kind of party I run — but I would have watched who they were talking to. Finally, I did see they were talking to a fellow who's been coming to my parties for years. I called him over and I said, 'Hey, listen, this is the deal.' He was a little pissed."

And once, it meant something genuinely awful, though Darlena didn't know it until it was too

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late. "This one girl, I had known her since the beginning. Her name was Nadine. She was a very sweet, very attractive lady, and she was looking for somebody to take care of her. She met somebody through the personals, and she knew that I knew him, because I had gone out with him. And he knew that I knew her, so they both called me up to find out about each other. They wound up getting married."

"But remember what he had said in the paper?" chimes in another woman. "'Retired doctor, loves to dance.' They had really taken away his license."

"They were married April 10. April 25, my girlfriend calls me to say, 'Nadine is dead. He strangled her!'"

The conversation settles in among the guests; it has the feel of familiar ground, though perhaps not traversed for some time.

"She probably said she was going to leave him, because she found out he

was a liar. He was supposed to buy tickets for Paris for her birthday, and he never did. She never should have married him."

"She wasn't going to marry him. Remember, they broke up and he went after her? He almost stalked her."

"She was there a lot of times by herself. She came by herself, and he showed up."

"She was still living there because she couldn't move out. She didn't have any money."

"How did she get in that predicament?"

"A lot of women fall for physicians, because they want the status."

Arnold concurs. "The security that comes with money."

"That's the lesson of Nadine. Never sell your soul."

"She loved to dance; she was there a lot."

"She was evidently a gold-digger."

"He had a summer home, and he helped her out a lot. She just kind of

used him."

"When your life becomes like that, something is going to happen, and it's not going to be positive."

"She had lost it. She didn't have anything, so she was grabbing for whatever. I don't know what she did for work."

"I guess I can't relate, because I've always been

creative because she knew she didn't have those looks, she probably wouldn't be dead right now."

"I don't think she was relying on her looks. It was that she was looking out for anybody that could satisfy her."

"Why couldn't she have gotten a job?"

"But she loved to dance..."

The wedding hat hangs in her bathroom now. "I used to have it in my bedroom, in my love and relationship corner."

self-sufficient. I really think that when you're destitute, you're going to do what you can to survive. I'm not a good judge, because I've never been in that predicament, but I think looks can sometimes run against a woman, because if she uses them to capture someone, a lot of bad comes..."

"If she were going to school or doing something

Darlina does not take part in the talk of Nadine. But the subject of financial independence does come up later, when she shows me what was to have been her wedding hat. The hat itself is creamy straw, but it is almost entirely obscured by a bunched pile of white netting that drapes down into a veil. A cluster of purple flowers

on the brim provides color. The hat is fabulous.

"I was on a mission to get married, and I found somebody to get married to. I wanted to get married in this hat. I met somebody, and a month later I got engaged. And a few months later, I said, 'No, it's not right.' I think I wanted to just be married because I'm getting older, and you know, when you get older, it's real tough. I said, 'I've got to get married.' And I changed my mind. I have a beautiful house, I live by myself, I can do whatever I want. When you need somebody financially, that makes a difference. You want to be married. But I don't need that. I decided I want a boyfriend on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday night, and that's it, you can go home. I don't have to get married anymore."

I mention Nadine. "Absolutely. Being needy puts you at somebody's mercy. I mean, what's the big deal? You go out and you get a job. See, women

don't have egos most of the time—I can go out and get a job at 7-Eleven or Sav-On and work a double shift. I come from the Midwest; I have a different work ethic. You just work. I'm not going to expect somebody to take care of me. My girls are independent. They take care of themselves, and they know it. Neither one of them is married."

Darlina says her children — two girls and a boy — are almost as old as she is. She smiles when she says this. Her son lives in Las Vegas; one daughter is in L.A., and another is here in San Diego. "I always told my kids, 'Don't worry about me or your father. You go live life and do whatever you want. Don't feel you have to stay close to us.'" They heeded her advice and headed west. She sees her son, who recently went through a divorce, several times a year. She sees her San Diego daughter least of all. "She never asks for money, but I'll see her when she gets into trouble with

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a boyfriend. She's just been laid off, but she always seems to find some kind of job." The L.A. daughter is making a go of it in the music business.

Of course, not everybody in Darlena's world feels that same love for the independent life. She estimates that some 200 attendees have gotten married, some of them at her parties. One fellow got married, was divorced after seven years, and is now back in the mix on Tuesday nights.

The wedding hat hangs in her bathroom now. "I used to have it in my bedroom, in my love and relationship corner." The corner is part of the feng shui *bagwa*, "which is an eight-sided figure that gives you specific corners for specific fields." Generally, the far left corner from the door is for prosperity. Darlena keeps a fountain there — "You keep the water running so the money will keep coming in." But because her bedroom ceiling slopes upward, peaking above the pros-

perity corner, "the energy could run up. So I hung some Chinese firecrackers from the ceiling to dispel some of the *chi*, the energy." There are other feng shui elements to her home, but right now, she says, "All I care about is my prosperity corner."

Brunch rolls on, and the air gets a little blue as one woman, a nurse, tells of her adventures working in a Vegas emergency room. She also talks about buying a whip in a thrift store for a lion-tamer Halloween costume, and the various men who consequently expressed an interest in her plans for the evening. Story follows story until Darlena calls out that it's time for dessert, and we all head back to the kitchen counter. Again, a parade of choices: mud pie, peach pie, strawberry pie, cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelon, and four flavors of ice cream — coffee, vanilla Swiss almond, dulce de leche, and butter pecan, all from Häagen-Dazs. "We'll be dragging each other out of here," comments the nurse. "We'll have Häagen-Dazs on the back of our buns."

Darlena looks happy; she looks as if she is enjoying the company. She

doesn't have too many visitors during the week — but then, she's not often home to receive them. "I go out just about every night," she tells me. "When I'm out, I meet people that have never been to my party, so I tell them about it. Or I meet people who haven't been to my party in a long time, and I'm a reminder for them. I mean, I have to do that. I'm probably out six nights a week — two for the parties. During the day, I go to lunch. I'm out constantly. Wherever I go, I find people I know. I know thousands of people in town now." She favors Patrick's II in the Gaslamp for its music, and since she took up West Coast swing dancing, she is looking for dance clubs other than her own. "Sometimes it's at the Elks' Club once a month, and then I understand the Belly Up has dancing on Sundays from 3:00 to 6:00. Sometimes on Friday nights, the Mar Dels are there." Though she owns a television, she does not watch it. "I have no time for it! I've got books I'd like to read. You live in California, you could be out all the time! Who has time to watch TV?" ■

— Matthew Lickona

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Elmer R. Seevers
Pacific Beach

Salty Past

The photograph on the cover of the February 19 issue shows the ship *Pennsylvania* docked along the embarcadero, "c. 1940s." The photo actually had to have been taken prior to 1938.

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I was a junior officer on the *Uruguay*, then some eight days out of New York, when news was received of the Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941.

James L. Ware
Midway

River Drift

I left Washington state in 1977, so I suppose a number of things could have changed in that time, but I find it hard to imagine the Snohomish River being moved over to Okanogan Country, east of the Cascade Mountains ("Who Was Max Miller?" February 19). When I attended high school in Stanwood, Washington, the Snohomish flowed west and entered Puget Sound in Everett, a few miles south of Stanwood.

Lyle Davidson
Downtown

Don Bauder replies: My ref-

erence was to *Riverside*, a community that is part of Everett, Washington, on the Snohomish. Max Miller grew up there and, according to local legend, at age 15 reported seeing a sea serpent at the mouth of the river. The *Riverside*, Washington, to which the writer refers is a town many miles away.

Superb Bauder

As always, the *Reader* provides the best and most informative reading matter. Don Bauder's column "Overlords Soak the City," February 19 ("City Lights"), was superb! His quote of the great Senator Pat Moynihan was right on point.

Also loved the cartoon on page 2. I still have on my refrigerator the one of Susan Golding breast-feeding the Chargers and Padres.

The "City Lights" article on the Copleys was enlightening.

Fran MacKay
Downtown

Thankful Shapenotes

Thank you for the review of the hymn concert by Anonymous 4 (Classical Music Review, February 19). Some in our shape-note singing group attended the concert, but I was put off by my concern that their style would not do well for this music.

I have sung shape-note music here in San Diego with a group singing from Sacred Harp and trying for a traditional style for over 20 years. We have used the old recordings, and several of us have been to many Southern singings. There have been several small singings in California for many years and an All California Convention for 16 years. The All California was hosted by our group in the Poway Templar's Hall in January. We had more than 100 singers for two days, many from the South. We sing nearly every Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00, alternating between the Unitarian church in Hillcrest and Old Poway Park in Poway.

Jonathan Saville's review was interesting to me as he seems to be knowledgeable about this American traditional music style. Again, thanks.

Miriam E. Wright
Clairemont Mesa

Ignorant Laughter

I'm calling about this terrible article written by Cruz

Medina, interviewing people about what makes them laugh ("What do you laugh at that other people don't think is funny?" "Off the Cuff," February 19). This stupid girl, Torrie Knight, she laughs at people who fall down and she laughs at people who drool. I'd like to talk to her and tell her that I hope that she starts drooling soon and falls down as much as she can. What an ignorant fool.

Kay Shredder
University City

Anti-Dad Bigotry

Man or woman, gay or straight, all the attorneys you interviewed for your February 12 article ("What's Love Got to Do with It?") agreed: there is no prejudice against fathers in San Diego Family Court...as long as you accept that God intended for women to be parents and for men to be visitors.

My theory is that lawyers who practice in Family Court must internalize certain values (essentially the values of the judges) to be able to continue to practice. If they watched the same decisions being made day in and day out (making Mom the parent and Dad the visitor) and thought they were not just, they would have to quit practicing or be driven crazy.

Male attorneys need to internalize a little self-loathing, perhaps acknowledging that their wife did more of the child care in their parenthood experience.

Female attorneys get to internalize pure self-righteousness and are encouraged with the "women good/men bad" party line spewed by the women's advocacy groups (NOW comes to mind).

So it is that all the attorneys interviewed could be expected to dismiss fathers who fight for equal time parenting their children as "50/50 boneheads" (not a term used in the article, but clearly the sentiment expressed).

Sincerity is the key. If you can internalize the belief that men are categorically inferior parents, then you do not see the routine practice of making Mom the real parent and Dad the visitor as injustice. It is easy to dismiss the men who complain as "sore losers" who are probably lousy parents anyway.

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phasize the fact that our legal system wants 100 percent of authority for decision making to vest on the 1 percent of timeshare between 49 percent and 50 percent. The rationalization offered by one lawyer, that it is not normal for fathers to participate in decision making about children in intact families, is bizarre.

Mediation sounds great at first, but looking into what is called mediation in San Diego exposes a glaring problem. When a “mediator” writes a “recommendation” that a judge follows blindly, that’s not mediation. The process here is actually “arbitration” with a false name. The two-step dance serves to obscure real responsibility, with the judge able to claim he is only doing what a “professional” has recommended, and the mediator claiming that they only make a recommendation, and it is the judge who makes it an order.

Even admitting it is arbitration, we can still ask, is it fair or biased? Let’s look at the example of a private mediator of the type a judge may appoint to make a recommendation on child sharing. The judge will order the parents to pay for this, sometimes equally. And who gets to be a mediator? They have to have a credential, and they have to write recommendations the judge likes. It is easy to see that if the judge likes the sort of recommendations Ms. X, LCSW, makes, he will appoint her again. If he does *not* like her recommendation, he may order it anyway but appoint someone else next time. Following the money makes it perfectly clear that the successful private mediator does not have to please the mom, nor the dad, nor the child. Only the judge has the power to create a permanent income stream for the private mediator.

The mediators who work for the county do not see such direct control as private mediators. But the judge can make things difficult for them when they are called into the courtroom to testify. Allowing Mom’s attorney to bullyrag a mediator who is called to the witness stand, then limiting what Dad’s attorney does (through objections sustained) will send the mediator a clear message: Parents come and go, but life is better when you make

the judge happy.

All this brings us to the top of the hierarchy: the judge himself. Today’s judges do indeed bring the wisdom of a bygone era with them as they decide cases in family court. They live in denial of the fact that capricious divorce has become the prerogative of the woman and simply choose not to hear truths like most divorces do not involve violence, or substance abuse, or infidelity. Women elect to end marriages twice as often as men simply because they believe they might be happier with someone else. History teaches us that judges with local roots can be relied upon to reflect the prevailing prejudice of the local population.

In 2004, all our statute law is “gender neutral”; that is, it does not call for Mom to have any specific advantages over Dad. Yet the practice is profoundly prejudiced. All the practitioners know this but rationalize it the same way Jim Crow Southerners rationalized racism.

Working to change the beliefs of judges means rebutting the false propaganda and bigoted stereotypes manufactured by some women’s advocacy groups in the media. Some men are so brainwashed that they think to defend men against proven statistical fabrications is misogyny! Think of it: you can’t defend men without being anti-woman! Rubbish.

The Coalition of Parent Support works to correct the false and defamatory images of men promoted by some misguided women’s advocacy groups. The COPS website is <http://www.copss.org>.

Jay Bowden
Cardiff

Insensitive White Hippie

Several issues ago Ken Leighton made some off-the-wall claim that San Diego has the only reggae shows in the country (“Blurt,” January 29). Radio station KPOO in San Francisco has four reggae programs, KPFA in Berkeley has one, KPFA in LA has two. Now (“Blurt,” February 19) you have this arrogant, insensitive white hippie who insults rastas and makes me ashamed to be part of this Ugly Amer-

ican syndrome in this city.

Gregory Sendelbach
Downtown

As originally written, the January 29 story said that reggae specialty shows have disappeared from commercial stations, except in San Diego. The word “commercial” was edited out by mistake. The stations mentioned above are public stations. — Editor

Star Contradiction

Is there any such thing as a bad restaurant? Naomi Wise convinced me that George’s on Fifth would have to pay me to eat there, yet still gives it two stars, or a “good” rating. I enjoy the restaurant reviews in the *Reader*, but the bottom line here seems a bit contradictory.

Name Withheld
via e-mail

Naomi Wise responds: Yes, there is such a thing as a really bad restaurant — give me 20 seconds and I’ll name you at least 30 local favorites I’d give a zero- to one-star ranking. But I try to avoid reviewing such restaurants unless they’re so famous that people really need to be warned about them. G5 isn’t quite that bad if you order the right things. Although my first meal there was no-star joyless, the second offered some excellent appetizers and a fine pork chop and a good steak, once I scraped off the sauce. Averaging up the points for all the dishes, they came out to the “faint praise” rating of a two (actually 2.13), or “good.” Would I ever go back there? Not likely. Lots of other people would, though, and they could do a lot worse — unless they order Roger Hedgecock’s mother’s meat loaf, which may well represent the nadir of San Diego cuisine.

Shepherd Love

I moved from San Diego to Texas but still read Duncan Shepherd’s movie reviews online because I love his intelligent way with words and his hilarious and well-deserved dismissal of most movies. I mean, really, there are only five stars; this fact alone tells a normally intelligent person that the majority of movies made do not even deserve one out of the five. Thank you again!

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E Is for Ernest Who Choked on a Peach

F Is for Fanny Sucked Dry by a Leech

Across the road from the churchyard/ Alberta Stipple returned home to/ find the wallpaper in the drawing/ room gone."
— from *The Haunted Tea-Cosy*
by Edward Gorey

He was tall and lanky with a bushy white beard and multiple cats. He wore earrings and big silver finger rings. A raccoon coat was his outer garb in winter. One of the genuine eccentric geniuses of our time, he was Edward Gorey, the writer and illustrator best known to the general public as designer of the animated credits for public

television's *Mystery!* series.

Born in Chicago in 1925,

Gorey lived for years in Manhattan. He spent his last decade and a half on Cape Cod. When he died in 2000, he had written and illustrated more than 100 of his own books and illustrated 60 more written by others, including Samuel Beckett and T.S. Eliot.

Why, though, is the largest-ever public Gorey exhibit opening at SDSU next week when fans of his macabre sensibility and distinctive, cross-hatched pen-and-ink drawings are chiefly to be found back East?

The mystery is explained when one learns that Gorey's greatest champion is a San Diego native. A sort of benign Colonel Parker, he is Andreas Brown, whose family history in the city goes back to 1868, when his great-grandfather, Dr. Charles Merwin Fenn, bought acreage south of what would become Balboa Park. Brown was born in Coronado in 1933 and graduated from SDSU in 1955. Since 1967, he has owned the Gotham Book Mart of New York City.

Almost since that ownership began, Brown, one of Gorey's earliest fans, made the bookstore Gorey Central. He has published 15 Gorey titles under the Gotham Book Mart imprint and regularly exhibited Gorey's art in the bookstore's gallery. It was Brown who started getting Gorey reviews and publicity and arranged for him to illustrate Beckett's work.

"Gorey admired Beckett immensely," Brown said by phone from his office in New York last week. "The occasionally gloomy but always

existential Beckett, the absurdist writer tiptoeing to the edge of nonsense literature, appealed to Gorey greatly. He admitted Beckett was one of his idols. And Beckett was very pleased with Gorey's drawings."

Gorey's images are almost balletic. His hapless old maids fall face first onto the railroad tracks with aplomb. It makes sense that Gorey was perhaps George Balanchine's greatest fan.

The characters, all a bit dotty, often meet quick and terrible fates, like mystery-story characters. No one mourns.

And no one escapes. *The Gashlycrumb Tinies* by Gorey is an abecedarian composition about 26 children's deaths. *E is for Ernest who choked on a peach/ F is for Fanny sucked dry by a leech...*

There is a British feel to the work. But Gorey visited England only once,

Brown said, and went directly to Scotland's Outer Hebrides and nowhere else. The barren landscape, with its lone tree and thick-coated sheep, suited him.

"He never saw London, and that astonishes people because his work is so well-informed about all things English," said Brown. "That's because he read literally every English novel of the second half of the 19th and the first 20 years of the 20th Centuries. He's very tuned into the class society, the snobbery, the repression. He gets all of that down. It's very much like Monty Python. It's out of the Dickens tradition."

When strange things happen in Gorey books, the characters try not to notice. "It's inappropriate," said Brown. "In *The Doubtful Guest* they're all very uptight, stuffy, very 'country-gentry,' and even though this strange

entity has entered the house, it would be in poor taste to ask him to leave."

Gorey's wordplay is akin to Nabokov's. He loved to anagramize his name. The introductory note to *The Awdrey-Gore Legacy* is penned by E.G. Deadworry.

He would have done well to illustrate books by Borges.

After his death, the house on Cape Cod was emptied of 8000 pieces of art. "All was removed, because of their value and importance. It's just a nice, old expanded saltbox with lots of windows and glass-paneled doors — a security disaster." Brown moved it to the bookstore. "But once the appraisal came in at just under \$5 million, I said, 'Get it out of here.' We put it in fine-arts storage in Long Island City."

The exhibit at SDSU consists of some 300 items that Brown, a longtime SDSU library supporter, cherry-picked from those holdings — sketchbooks, notebooks, annotated manuscripts, original finished drawings, unpublished drawings, photographs, and other ephemera. And books by Gorey.

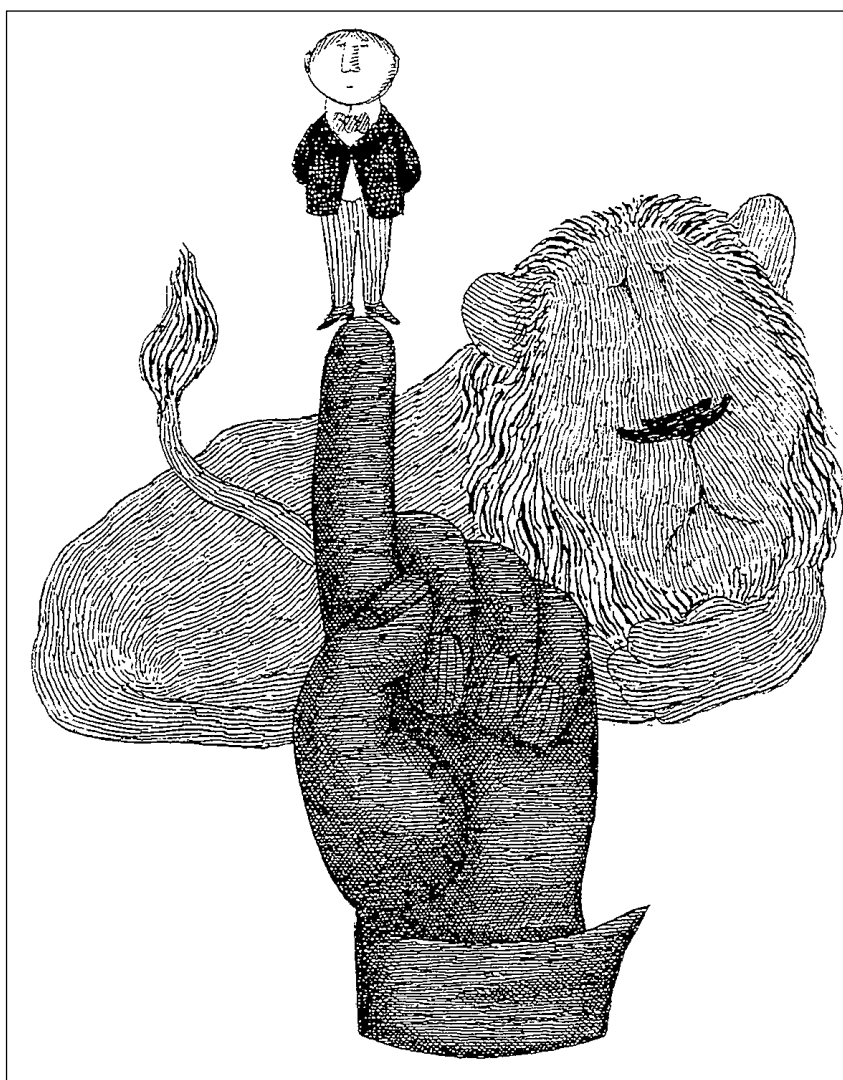
"Many are Gorey's own copies, which I thought gave a little mystique to them," Brown said. "Some of the very rare things that nobody has readily or would be willing to lend I took out of my collection."

Brown will speak about Gorey later this month. So will SDSU emeritus professor Peter Neumeyer, whose children's books, *Donald and the...* and *Donald Has a Difficulty*, illustrated by Gorey in the late 1960s, have just been reissued.

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

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Mountain Bike Ride, Sunday, March 7, 8 a.m., at Rancho Bustamante. Registration: \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-630-3496. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

5K Race and Fiesta slated for Sunday, March 7, benefiting Rosarito Rosary children's projects. Starting (8:30 a.m.) and finishing at Rosarito Beach City Hall. (ROSARITO BEACH)

"Baja California: Archaeology in Mexico," expo continues through March at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and



"The Time of Bells" by Steve Feld at San Diego Museum of Art, March 11 (see In Person)

Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Mozart in the South, Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series continues with concert by Violin Piano Duo on Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., at CECUT (Tijuana Cultural Center, Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Anne Akiko Meyers (violin) and Reiko Aizawa (piano) perform pieces by

Mozart, Copland, Messiaen, Fauré. \$20 U.S. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

March Is the Proverbial Windy Month here in San Diego, as in most places. From midday to late afternoon, sun-

warmed air expands and rises over the county's interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and hang-gliding.

Mexican Coral Trees or "naked corals," are showing their stuff this season by bearing and baring scarlet, flamelike flowers on the tips of their twisting, leafless branches. Commonly planted as park and freeway landscaping, this and other species of coral are blooming along State Route 94, Interstate 5 through Oceanside, along Harbor Drive near the airport, at the San Diego Zoo, on the lawns in front of San Diego City College downtown, and on the San Diego State University campus. The bloom may continue into late spring, when the naked corals will cover themselves with eight-inch-long leaves, just in

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almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, about to bloom on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

Saturday's Full Moon (March 6) is set to rise dramatically over the East County horizon around the time of sunset, weather permitting. Some folk names for the full moon of March include "Lenten Moon," "Moon of Winds," "Sap Moon," and "Seed Moon." Some 12 hours after the time of sunset and moonrise, you can watch the moon sink into the Pacific Ocean at sunrise. This out-of-phase, rise-set synchronicity is characteristic of every full moon.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, March 6, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weed-ing tools, water. Free. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Take a Strenuous Walk up Cowles Mountain with Canyoneers on Saturday, March 6. Learn a bit about the geology (volcanoes!) of the area, see plants, birds, great views. Hike starts at 9 a.m. at trail-head at northeast corner of Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road. Free. 619-255-0203. (NAVAJO)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m., visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Cucumbers and Radishes with Mustard! Not a salad, but some of the plants currently in bloom in Mission Trails Regional Park. 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, March 6, 7, 10. Outings begin at 9:30 a.m. at visitors' center, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through oak and sycamore trees, chaparral in search of birds and wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientation on Saturday, March 6, at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats on Sunday, March 7, at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Both begin at 2 p.m. 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

"Faults, Folds, and Foliation: Geology in San Diego's Desert," this expedition is hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 6, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Participants trace and examine portions of faults, visit rock formations. Fee: \$69. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY, IMPERIAL COUNTY)

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch Aquarium-Museum leads tide-pooling adventure on Saturday, March 6, 2 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6 to 13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (ENCINITAS)

Visit a Pristine Grassland (one of the few remaining in the county) when California Native Plant So-



Funkalosophy presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre at Sushi Performance and Visual Art, through March 14 (see Dance)

ciety hosts guided tour of Wright's Field, Sunday, March 7, 9 a.m. To reach trail, take I-8 to Tavern Road; exit south, drive one mile to Joan MacQueen Middle School (2001 Tavern Road). Free. 619-590-BCLT or 619-445-4443. (ALPINE)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, March 7, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish-speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Symphony Shuffle, walk up Symphony Hill, Cortez, and on outskirts of Little Italy with Walk-

about perambulators on Monday, March 8. Casual walk starts at 10 a.m. at Balboa Theater (at Fourth Avenue and E Street), concludes with free mini-concert at noon at Lyceum Theater. Bring money for lunch. 619-231-7463. (DOWNTOWN)

Escape to the Natural Beauty of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, with secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park features ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

DANCE

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 Round My Shoulder*. Tickets: \$46-\$56. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jump to Dance, JoAnn Koppany calls, Jump Fingers makes the music for contradance on Friday, March 5, 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)

"Hypnotical" Butterworth Dance Company performs Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, 7 p.m., at Scripps Ranch High School Performing Arts Center (10410 Trenea Street). General admission: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-501-5037. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Modern Dance Master Class taught by New York City choreographer and teacher Gabriel Mason, Saturday, March 6, 2:30 p.m., for Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, suite 200). \$15. 619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

"Bellydancing Fusion," Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, March 6, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

Swing and Jitterbug Mix Dance Party, Pattie Wells

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

"Evenings of Dance" directed by faculty choreographer Yolande Snaith, March 11-14, in Mandell Weiss Theatre at UCSD. Collection of dance pieces performed in "eclectic mix of styles." Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15 general. 858-822-3152. (LA JOLLA)

"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).

One-act "Funk for Kids" offered Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20, \$25; pay what you can on Wednesdays. 866-386-5101. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"Nightmare Alley" and *The Brasher Doubloon* screen Thursday and Friday, March 4 and 5, at Museum of Photographic Arts. *The 13th Letter* and *Ride the Pink Horse* may be seen Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12. Tickets: \$7. 619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., at Mis-

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sion Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Spanish Film *Butterfly* (1999) screens for Spring 2004 International Film Series at Mira-Costa College, Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

"Otello" screens with presentation by UCSD music faculty member Carol Plantamura, Saturday, March 6, 5 p.m., in Erickson B-210 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Salute to Women of Silent Films offered when Not-So-Silent Film Festival featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Program includes silent classics, music from women composers of the silent era played live. Free admission, parking. Audience members help with sound effects. Free. 858-534-2311 or 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Forty-Eight Hours of Madness," school team filmmaking competition, open to all high schools and colleges in county. Student teams take the same five-page script and craft their "version/vision" within 48 hours. Resulting films screen Sunday, March 7, 4 to 10 p.m., on big screen at UltraStar Poway (13475 Poway Road). Team fee: \$50. 858-449-7085. Admission for spectators: \$10. (POWAY)

"The Secret Lives of Dentists," described as a meditation on a marriage under siege, stars Campbell Scott and Hope Davis. Make an appointment to see *Dentists* when it screens Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines," a documentary following women in six countries exposing "often ignored aspects of peace building and women's leading roles in ending conflicts," screens Monday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Panel discussion follows. Free. RSVP by March 5 at 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

A Little Hypothermia's Not So Bad! *Ishmael* — a surf film boasting winter footage shot along coast of New Hampshire, Cape Cod, and Maine — screens Thursday, March 11, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$7. 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

The 11th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 11-21, boasting more than 100 films from U.S. and across Latin America. Screenings take place at Madstone Theaters Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Featured films include *The Virgin of Lust*, *Kill Me Tender*, *Nicotina*, many, many more. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 for students and seniors. Show-



Golden Bough at Hilltop Center, March 5 (see In Person)

times, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Celebrate the Spirit of Adventure when the 28th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour screens Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, at San Diego Natural History Museum. Featured films include *Front-Range Freaks: Biscuit*, *French Fries...To Go*, *Xtreme Tramping — The Lord of the Springs*, *Cost of Freedom*, *Unlimited Winter*, others. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Top Speed*, *Australia: Land Beyond Time*, *Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. "Fleet Anniversary IMAX Film Festival" features *Space Sta-*

tion (2002) and *Everest* (1998) Wednesday through Sunday, March 10-14. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Arson and Explosives Expert Sgt. Conrad Grayson helped investigate the Oklahoma City bombing. This San Diego County sheriff will speak for Sisters in Crime, Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-735-9313. (HILLCREST)

"Landscape Design" essentials covered by Dave Ehrlinger during "Home Landscape Class" at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gar-

dens Drive), Thursday, March 4. Ehrlinger returns to dispense backyard "Pruning Basics," March 11. Lectures start at 7 p.m. \$9. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Methods for Successful Propagation divulged by Anne Smith when Carlsbad Garden Club meets on Friday, March 5, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). 760-729-5989. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"From Lemons to Locomotives...and Beyond," 39th annual conference of Congress of History, Friday through Sunday, March 5-7, at Norman Park Center (270 F Street). Conference features speakers from a number of fields covering historic South San Diego County. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20 general. 619-233-8833. (CHULA VISTA)

Take a Look at "Public Art in San Diego County" when Kirk Butler speaks for docent guest lecture series Friday, March 5, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Container Gardening is topic for class on Saturday, March 6, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"The Depth of Shin Buddhism: In the World and in Our Lives" chronicled by Reverend Tetsuo

Unno, Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m., at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). Free. 619-239-0896. (SAN DIEGO)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including March 6, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Tell It!" Workshop using tools and techniques of "digital storytelling to celebrate the events of your life and the achievements of your community," offered by Heads on Fire on Saturday, March 6, 1 p.m., at Jacobs Center for Nonprofit Innovation (5160 Federal Boulevard, at Euclid). Free. 619-232-9573. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

"Dinosaurs and Other Mesozoic Reptiles of California" discussed during illustrated lecture by Richard Hilton, Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Edible Flowers and their culinary uses explored during class, Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$25. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Sexual Abuse Crisis: The Bishops Have Spoken — Is There Hope?" Call to Action and Survivors of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) host panel discussion, Sat-



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urday, March 6, 9 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4761 Cass Street). Expect “liturgy of lamentation” and small discussion groups following main discussion. Free. 858-277-0259. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Shamanism, Mesas, and Cosmologies in the Central Andes” discussed during 12th annual Latin American Symposium at San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Topics range from Andean Christianity to love spells cast by folk healers. \$75. Registration: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“Lifestyles for a Sustainable World” subject for Ross and Gloria Kinsler during symposium on Saturday, March 6, 1 to 8 p.m., at Mid-City Church of the Nazarene (4101 University Avenue). Workshops on sustainable household practices, energy, paradigm shift, economics of nonviolence. \$10 fee includes dinner. 619-528-8075. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Animal Communication: A Language of Love,” self-described “communication specialist” Gina Palmer speaks Sunday, March 7, 1 p.m., for Edgar Cayce Association, in La Jolla Village Square community room (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Donation: \$5. 619-295-7080 or 619-449-0948. (LA JOLLA)

Tuscan Cook Paola Baccetti travels to proffer secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine on Sunday, March 7, 1 p.m., at Macy’s School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). \$35 fee benefits Classics for Kids, includes class, food, wine. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (MISSION VALLEY)

“The Healing Power of Joy” is examined by Keith Wommack of Corpus Christi, Texas, on Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m., at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (334 14th Street). Free. 858-756-2960. Free. (DEL MAR)

“Yellow Camellias in Vietnam” discussed during slide-illustrated lecture by Richard Schulhof, deputy director of Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers on Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Plant forum follows talk. 858-756-2579. Free. (DEL MAR)

“Women’s Subjectivity, Structural Inequality,” and Borderlands’ Ethnography” presented by Maribel Garcia, Monday, March 8, 3 p.m., in Kellogg Library room 4400 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-8008. (SAN MARCOS)

“Experiencing the Landscapes of George Inness” presented by art historian Michael Quick for Meet the Masters series on Tuesday, March 9, at San Diego Museum of Art. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

The New Catalog System recently implemented in Carlsbad’s libraries will be discussed by Mary Van Orsdol for Computer Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, March 9, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers



U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships at San Diego Sports Arena, March 4–6 (see Sports)



Chanticleer at St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, March 7 (see Classical Music)

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(1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Postimpressionism is discussed by Linda M. Blair during series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Take a look at Paul Cézanne on Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$52 for series, \$15 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Prairie Architecture: Tilled from Wisconsin’s Soil, Solace for the Western Soul,” this presentation by architect Spencer Lake, in conjunction with “Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature’s Image,” is Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free.

Luisen member Richard Bugbee focuses on “Native Plant Uses by Native Americans,” Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at the library. Bugbee will highlight grassland management and use of native plants for medicinal uses and in food preparation. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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)

“Non-Natives in San Diego Bay” provide topic when Jeff Crooks examines this serious environmental problem, Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. 619-255-0203. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Tune Up, REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic Tuesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. Essentials of fixing flats, brake and derailleur adjustment, more. Find REI at 5556 Copley Drive. Registration: 858-279-4400. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

“Frozen Passage to Zanzibar,” David Anderson presents slide-illustrated lecture on his winter ad-

ventures on Wednesday, March 10, at Adventure 16 (2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). He’ll repeat the program on Thursday, March 11, at A-16 located at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). 7 p.m. Free. (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH)

“World Trade Organization — What Are All the Protests About?” Discuss the topic on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

“Creating a Back-Yard Wildlife Program” is the subject when Robert Opliger of National Wildlife Federation’s Western Resources Center speaks for Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, March 10, 10 a.m., at Point Loma Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (POINT LOMA)

Desert Camping is the topic on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

“Inkjet Technology Introduction” offered by Joe Chou of Hewlett Packard on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

Tour “George Inness and the Visionary Landscape” exhibit with curator D. Scott Atkinson on Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m.; and Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m., for Insight Gallery series at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“Ancient Hula, Women, and Power in Hawaii” is subject when Leilani Holmes speaks Thursday, March 11, 3 p.m., in Commons 206 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-8008. (SAN MARCOS)

More Talks About Buildings and Work, Michael Maltzan speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of

Architects, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street; \$7 general (includes gallery admission). 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

“The Gospel According to Mel Gibson: Historical and Religious Perspectives on *The Passion of the Christ*,” offered during panel discussion, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Temple Emanu-el (6299 Capri Drive). Free. 619-286-2555. (SAN DIEGO)

Dyed Eggs Par Excellence! Easter egg season fast approaches, so the House of the Ukraine hosts its annual *pysanky* workshops from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays, March 13 and 27. *Pysanky* are created using dye-resist method with tools called *kystka* and beeswax, employing ancient and lovely pagan symbols.

Workshops offered at St. Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 9558 Campo Road. \$25. Registration: 619-447-1252. (SPRING VALLEY)

The San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered yearly by San Diego Master Gardeners, is Saturday, April 3, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners beckoned to selection among 40 classes on all facets of gardening. Space availability and fees: 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

IN PERSON

New York Poet Patrick Donnelly — described as “brilliant” by local poetry maven Steve Kowitz — 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)

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 150th anniversary of John Philip 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)

Local Author Debra Ginsberg discusses and signs *About My Sisters* on Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

“Landscape Design” essentials covered by Dave Ehrlinger during “Home Landscape Class” at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive), Thursday, March 4. Ehrlinger returns to dispense backyard “Pruning Basics” March 11. Lectures start at 7 p.m. \$9. Registration: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

“The Importance of Being Earnest — A Trivial Play About

Serious People” performed by EastLake High School students, 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 4 and 5, at Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (at EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and students. 619-216-5054. (CHULA VISTA)

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. 619-594-6031. (SDSU)

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)

Busy on the 4th? Morris will also discuss and sign books Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

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

“Healing Ground: A Visionary Union of Earth and Spirit” — photographer Trish Tuley and poet Myra Dutton introduce their new book on Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Pianist Harry Pickens performs improvisational music. Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

Busy on Thursday? The whole show repeats Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., at the Grove at Juniper and 30th (3010 Juniper Street). Free. 619-284-7684. (SOUTH PARK)

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)

Actor and Comic Jason Stuart presents “Coming Out in Hollywood: Making It to the Middle,” 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$18. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Excerpts from Broadway’s Greatest Musicals on tap when SDSU Department of Musical Theatre presents “Landscapes of the American Musical,” Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, 8 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

International Women’s Day Celebrations hosted by Red CalacArts Collective, featuring poetry and theater, Friday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., at Memorial Academy Auditorium (2850 Logan Avenue). Participants include Haero Dizaye, Marissa Raigoza, Nancy Zepeda, Maria Figueroa. Free. 619-434-9036. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Celtic Night, Golden Bough in concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Southwestern Mystery authors Richard Benke (*The Ghost Sea*) and Twist Phelan (*Family Claims*) are joined by Los Angeles mystery author Thomas Griffith (*The Burger Barn on Sunset*) sign and discuss their books on Saturday, March 6, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

The Comic Stand, described as “new standup comedy showhap-

pening,” features Bob Frady, Sean Kelly, Tony Calabrese, Saturday, March 6, 10:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

“California Surfin’,” starring Jan and Dean, along with the California Girls and the Surfaris, Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$17, \$27. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

“Ukulele Chanteuse” Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys present concerts of “early jazz, lively swing, ragtime, and vaudeville,” Saturday, March 6, 7 and 8:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

“Soljus Saturdays,” live music by Israel Maldonado Band, dance/fight by Capoeira Brasil, live Brazilian percussion sets, all on tap on Saturday, March 6, 10 p.m., at

Capoeira Brasil Cultural Center (655 Tenth Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-819-0200. (EAST VILLAGE)

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)

Poet Gretchen Sousa reads from *The Soul’s Habitation* on Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Classical guitarist Miles Moynier will perform during booksigning and reception. Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Wipeout” features poets M. Merrick and Cassandra Gonzalez for Whackjob! readings, Sunday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Recognize (4746 El Cajon Boulevard). Open



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LOCAL EVENTS

mike. Free. 619-521-4747; 21 and over. (SAN DIEGO)

Multi-Instrumentalist Sam Rivers performs jazz on Monday, March 8, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Uterine Vinegar" presented by performance poet Pat Payne, Monday, March 8, 6 p.m., in Arts Building Performance Hall, room 111, at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). 760-750-8008. (SAN MARCOS)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, March 8, in Green Room at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:10 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

SDSU Student Entrepreneur and Ochoasting.com founder Lance Larson discusses the new book *Student Entrepreneurs: 14 Undergraduate All-Stars Tell Their Stories*, Tuesday, March 9, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego State University Bookstore. Larson started his first business at age 14. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

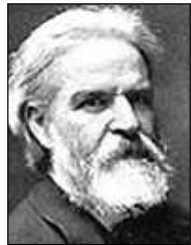
Social Studies Education Scholar Ronald Evans discusses his new book *Social Studies Wars: What Should We Teach the Children?* on Tuesday, March 9, 3 p.m., at San Diego State University Bookstore. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

"Argentinean Narrative: Experiencia y Escritura" — Buenos Aires native Cristian Feijóo presents lecture on development of Argentine narrative and reads from her copious work, Tuesday, March 9, 4:30 p.m., in room 430 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San

A MAN WITH A HOE

Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back, the burden of the world.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair,
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes,
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?
Who loosened and let down this brutal jaw?
Whose was the hand that slanted back this brow?
Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?
Is this the Thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion of Eternity?
Is this the dream He dreamed who shaped the suns
And marked their ways upon the ancient deep?
Down all the caverns of Hell to their last gulf
There is no shape more terrible than this —
More tongued with cries against the world's blind greed —
More filled with signs and portents for the soul —
More packed with danger to the universe.
What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of the Pleiades?
What the long reaches of the peaks of song,
The rift of dawn, the reddening of the rose?
Through this dread shape the suffering ages look;

Time's tragedy is in that aching stoop;
Through this dread shape humanity betrayed,
Plundered, profaned and disinherited,
Cries protest to the Powers that made the world,
A protest that is also prophecy.
O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
Is this the handiwork you give to God,
This monstrous thing distorted and soul-quenched?
How will you ever straighten up this shape;
Touch it again with immortality;
Give back the upward looking and the light;
Rebuild in it the music and the dream;
Make right the immemorial infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, immedicable woes?
O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will the future reckon with this Man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings —
With those who shaped him to the thing he is —
When this dumb Terror shall rise to judge the world,
After the silence of the centuries?
— Edwin A. Markham (1852–1940)



Diego State University. She was an activist with Peronist Left, political prisoner twice, exiled from 1979-1983. Free. 619-594-6588. (SDSU)

"Beyond Superwoman: A Celebration in Honor of the History of Women" — panel discussion led by author Karin Strasser Kauffman on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Flamenco Guitarist and Composer Maria Zemantauski performs Tuesday, March 9, 2:30 p.m., in commons 206 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-8008. (SAN MARCOS)

Suspense Author Eileen Dreyer signs and discusses *Head Games* on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books, 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Slam Poet and Spoken-Word Artist Bridget Gray performs Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., in Arts Building Lecture Hall room 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Her poetry addresses racism, sexism, problems facing black women in society. Free. 760-750-8008. (SAN MARCOS)

U.S. Propaganda Efforts and covert operations are expanding more rapidly now than at any other time in the nation's history, according to former United States

Information Agency employee Nancy Snow. Snow signs and discusses *Information War* for Matters of Controversy series, Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., in Bard Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

Magee Park Poets Poetry Reading, Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., in community room at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-434-2881. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Jazz and Latin Music on tap when Rob Thorsen Trio performs Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Author Bill Seaton signs *Humorous Letters from the Edge: Chronicles of a Crazy Clan*, Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., at Point Loma Library (3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

A Little Oud, a Little Saz, and Little Yali Tambour — Todd Green plays exotic instruments during family concert on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Limited to 215 people. Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Jazz Ensemble, led by Jimmy Cheatham, performs Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"The Science of Blowing Up: Preaching Chaos in One of America's Most Conservative Cities" — spoken-word show by San Francisco writers/performers Beth Lisick and Tara Jepson, and locals Cecil Hayduke, Jimmy Jazz, Michael Klam on Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Cover: \$3-\$5. All ages. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Sitcalm" Cafe, a live multimedia interactive show with speakers, trivia game show spoofs, spoken word, art, music, food, starts at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at Capoeira Brasil Cultural Center (655 Tenth Avenue). Requested donation: \$3. 619-819-0200. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Carnegie Hall, Here We Come!" Carlsbad High School Band benefit concert, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). \$10. 760-802-6526. (CARLSBAD)

"The Time of Bells" presented by ethnomusicologist and musician Steven Feld from New Mexico for Fresh Sound series, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$20, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Info: 619-298-5255. (BALBOA PARK)

"East Current," Mieko Miyazaki (koto) and Dozan Fujiwara (shakuhachi) perform to "promote cultural understanding between the U.S. and Japan by introducing traditional performing arts." The duo presents a workshop on Thursday, March 11, 10 a.m. to noon, in Warren Hall room 2136 at UCSD. Free.

Concerts planned on the 11th at 6 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$6 general, free for students through 12th grade. (LA JOLLA)

East Current also performs on Friday, March 12, 6 p.m., in UABC Theater. Tickets: \$5 general, free for students. Information on events: 619-233-6873. (TIJUANA)

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The Art of Language, author and radio host Richard Lederer speaks for Children's Museum fundraiser, Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m., at El Cortez Hotel (702 Ash Street). Signing follows at 7:30 p.m. \$20 general. Reservations: 619-233-8792 x109. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Forest Lover" read from, discussed, and signed by author Susan Vreeland, Thursday, March 11, 11:30 a.m., at San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

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)

Faith and Begorra! The 25th annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Members of the public are invited to read favorite passages from Joyce, Yeats, Swift, Shaw, Wilde, others. "Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Explore the World of "Varekai," the new Cirque du Soleil show — replete with aerial hoops, clowns, aerial straps, hand-balancing on canes, Russian swings, triple trapeze, more — runs Thursday, March 18, through Sunday, April 4, in parking lot at Qualcomm Stadium.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays; at 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 1 and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$50, \$61, \$70, with discounts for seniors and children. 800-678-5440. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Irish Rovers celebrate their 40th anniversary with concert of "tried and true classics, good cheer, great jokes" on Saturday, March 20, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$27 to \$36, available by calling 800-988-4253 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ESCONDIDO)

Canadian Comic Genius? See Martin Short when he appears Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., at Pala Casino Events Center (15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$50 to \$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to Spring Training, San Diego Padres begin spring training games with a charity game in Seattle on Thursday, March 4. Games each day through April 4, mostly beginning at 1:05 p.m. Future tickets: 877-374-2784.

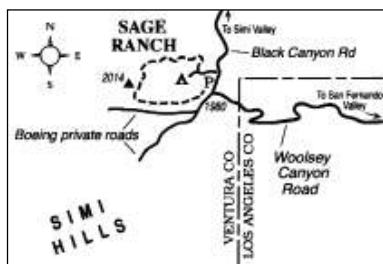
Synchronized Skating National Championships hit the ice at San Diego Sports Arena for competition March 4-6. More than 100 teams and 3000 skaters (8 to 75 years old) from across U.S.

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The 635-acre Sage Ranch lies west of the San Fernando Valley in the scrub-covered Simi Hills. The ranch owes its name not to the predominant sage vegetation growing there, but rather to the former owner of the ranch, one Orrin Sage, Senior. Mr. Sage grazed cattle here for a time and planted orange and avocado orchards on a portion of the property in 1981. Purchased by the state in 1990, this pocket-sized patch of publicly owned open space has become a model park for passive recreation such as hiking, birdwatching, and nature study.

Tilted sandstone outcrops and boul-



ders punctuate the landscape here — the result of slow uplift of Cretaceous marine sedimentary rock along thrust faults. The rock originated from layers of sandy muck deposited near the ocean shore some 70 million years ago. Framed by these sometimes dramatic rock outcrops, the hiker's view on a clear day extends broadly toward Simi Valley and the Santa Susana Mountains in the north, San Fernando Valley in the east, and the Santa Monica Mountains in the south. The closer-at-hand view to the south and west includes some worn-out-looking former Rocketdyne (now Boeing) test facilities and buildings.

The park's single entrance and spacious parking lot is accessible by way of Woolsey Canyon Road from the San Fernando Valley, or (much more awkwardly) by way of the excessively narrow and squiggly Black Canyon Road from Simi Valley.



Turtle Rock, Sage Ranch

The two-mile loop trail (with minor spurs) going around the property follows graded and ungraded roads, passing near dramatic rock formations known as Turtle Rock and Sandstone Ridge, and skirting a maintained grove of orange trees.

You can see Sage Ranch at its very best from now through early May, when wild-flower fragrances, mixed with the scent of orange blossoms, suffuse the air.

compete. Top two senior winners from this competition compete in Croatia in April.

Competition begins at 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, 1:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. on Saturday, concluding after 10 p.m. each day. Tickets: \$18-\$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Pala Punch-Out, IBF Eliminator featuring Verno Phillips versus Julio Garcia, Friday, March 5, at Pala Events Center (15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$65, \$125, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

Ride Rancho Santa Fe and into Del Mar for lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Saturday, March 6. The 50-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-287-1993. Bring money for lunch. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, March 6. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue, lasts one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability welcome. 619-276-2216. (DEL MAR)

March Madness Miles, 10k trail runs (men: 7:30, women 7:45 a.m.) and 5k trail runs (men: 8, women 8:10 a.m.), as well as two-mile walk-run (8:30 a.m.), munchkin mile (9 a.m.) are all on tap on Saturday, March 6, starting at Rancho Bernardo Park. To reach park, take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road, drive west two blocks, then north two miles on West Bernardo Drive. 760-602-1011. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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)

NSSA Jr. Event Number 7, surfing competition runs 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at harbor south jetty. 714-960-9107. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Ultimate Frisbee League, eight-week coed league competition starts Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m., in Mira Mesa Community Park (8575 New Salem Street). Beginners welcome. \$30 for season. Registration: 858-558-7012. (MIRA MESA)

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)

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Get Your Kicks on Route 56, annual 5k run/walk event is Sunday, March 7. Registration: 6:30 a.m. Events start 7:45 to 9:30 a.m., with Rollerbladers, scooters, skateboarders, runners, kids race, 5k run/walk. Events start at west end of Highway 56, at Carmel Valley Road and El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

The San Diego Sockers host Cleveland Force for indoor soccer, Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m., at San

Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

Kayak Tours on Mission Bay offered every Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., starting at 1548 Quivira Way. Bring a flashlight. No experience necessary. \$15. Reservations: 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

Tallest Party in Town, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosts 23rd

annual StairClimb to Cure CF on Friday, March 12, at One America Plaza (600 West Broadway). Registration at 6 p.m.; two hours of climbing begin at 7 p.m. Competitive and slower-paced stairwells offered. 858-578-2945. (DOWNTOWN)

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 all-day climbing, T-shirt, equipment rental and instruction for first-time climbers. Registration: 9 a.m. 619-238-5790. (MIRAMAR)

SPECIAL

Celebrate the Grand Opening of new Kellogg Library at CSU San Marcos on Friday, March 5. Performances by Bi-National Mambo Orchestra (noon), Bob Boss Trio, Benedetti and Svoboda, koto musician Reiko Obata, library tours (1 to 5 p.m.). Free. Find campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Spring Home/Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 5-7. "Garden Masters" landscape design and installation area, talks on home and garden topics, vendor booths. Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$12 for adults, free for kids under 12. 858-519-0855. (DEL MAR)

Planet X, every Friday and Saturday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Vista Entertainment Center (435 West Vista Way) offers "bowling experience unlike anything else." Live

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LOCAL EVENTS

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

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

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

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

The 56th Annual Kiwanis Ocean Beach Kite Festival and parade, Saturday, March 6, starting at 9 a.m. at Ocean Beach Elementary School (4741 Santa Monica Avenue). Kite making until noon at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue).

Judging at 1 p.m.; parade down Newport Avenue to beach at 2 p.m. Kite flying on beach at 2:30 p.m. All kites entered in contest must be handmade; bring your own kite string (all other materials provided). 619-531-1527. (OCEAN BEACH)

Henri Poincaré's Science and Hypothesis is considered when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers Saturday, March 6, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)



Julio Garcia in *Pala Punch-Out* at Pala Events Center, March 5 (see Sports)

Liberty Station community bus tours, at the former Naval Training Center, Saturday, March 6, beginning at 9, 10, 11 a.m., at Waterfront Market (off Lytton Street). 619-224-1302. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Book Sale, San Carlos branch library hosts book sale, Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

Safety Is No Accident! California Highway Patrol and 21st Century Insurance host car-seat safety inspection and installation fair — replete with appearance by actor Erik Estrada signing autographs — Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to noon, in parking lot at Wal-Mart (1200 Highland Avenue). Free. 818-728-3352. (NATIONAL CITY)

Community Unity Day — a regional picnic and celebration of community — is celebrated Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Sixth Avenue (between Upas and Quince on west side of Balboa Park). Community groups, non-profit organizations, schools, civic groups will participate. Free. 619-233-9202. (BALBOA PARK)

"Active Open House" on Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m., at the Studio Academy of San Diego (11777 Sorrento Valley Road). Academy faculty plan "interactive film set," dance, recording artistry, photography, modeling, screenwriting,

demonstrations. 858-793-0168. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Dance, Music, and Cultural Costumes offered when House of Pacific Relations hosts "sampler program" Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Walk 'n Write with Jan and Jo'el, Sunday, March 7. Gather at Cafe in the Park (in hallway between Museum of Photographic Arts and San Diego Historical Society) at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, introductions, writing prompt; then explore hidden grottos, walkways, courtyards on foot, with stops for writing. \$7. Reservations: 619-293-7156. (BALBOA PARK)

"From Prodigy to Polymath: The Singular Journey of Edward Gorey" is traced in retrospective exhibit opening on Monday, March 8, in donor corridor of San Diego State University's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). Show spans Gorey's entire life; many of the pieces have never been displayed before. Free. 619-594-6791. Through May. (SDSU)

Grand Avenue Writers' Collective gathers for fiction/prose critique every second and third Wednesday of the month, including March 10, 7 p.m., in Fountain Estates Apartments Clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

"Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image," a national traveling exhibition, continues through Monday, April 19, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Exhibit explores history of vast grasslands of North America, "one of the most productive agricultural regions on Earth," through photographs, mural. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"America," created by sculptor/retired veterinarian Paul Weber, the seven letters of this piece stand



Madeline's Rescue by San Diego Junior Theatre through March 14 (see For Kids)

nearly seven feet tall and weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Each letter is engraved with quotes from famous Americans.

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

Not Your College Chiantis! The focus is on Italian red wines during Planet Wine discussion and horizontal tasting, Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., at Hotel Paris; \$15 fee includes tasting, presentation, study materials. Requested reservations: 858-459-7407. (LA JOLLA)

The 50th Anniversary Tour for Playboy hits On Broadway Events Center (615 Broadway), Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., with live music, Bunnies, dance, picture-taking sessions, memorabilia exhibit, artwork from *Playboy* collection. \$65. 800-919-6272. 21 and older. (DOWNTOWN)

Spring Civil War Re-Enactment hits grounds of Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of uniformed combatants "from the North and South" enact battle scenes; encampment of historians, entertainers, food vendors, merchants.

Find museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for kids 11 and under, free under 5. 805-496-6036. (VISTA)

How Many Lawyers Does It Take to answer questions that arise during Law Day 2004? Find

out Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mission Valley Public Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Attorneys will answer questions about personal injury, bankruptcy, medical malpractice, more. Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

Required "Grunion Greeter" workshop, Thursday, 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 through March 21, at Playhouse on Plaza (500 Plaza Boulevard). Performances start at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$13-\$16 for children, \$26-\$32 for adults. 619-437-0600. (NATIONAL CITY)

Lord Cucuface Ousts Courageous Canine Genevieve from the old house in Paris covered with vines in musical version of *Madeline's Rescue*, the next production by San Diego Junior Theatre, continuing 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)

Country Mouse/City Mouse and *The Monkey and the Crocodile* presented by Puppet Express through March 7 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pinocchio* performed by comic-ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, March 10-14.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find theater near Aerospace Center. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pinocchio" presented through 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 Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$6 youths, \$8 adults. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Beading and Jewelry-Making Workshops for beginners ten and older, Fridays, March 5 and 12, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Fee: \$35, plus \$15 for materials. Registration: 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

Seussian Birthday Party, Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). RSVP: 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"The Crane Daughter," original play with puppets presented by Icarus Puppet Company, Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7, 2 p.m., at Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Production features large *bunraku*-inspired puppets, as well as masks, rods and shadow puppets. 619-563-5252. \$6. (KENSINGTON)

Drive, Chip, and Putt Contest sponsored by Golf Channel for kids 7-14 on Saturday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stadium Gold Center (2990 Murphy Canyon Road). Free to first 250 kids. Registration: 858-277-6667. (MISSION VILLAGE)

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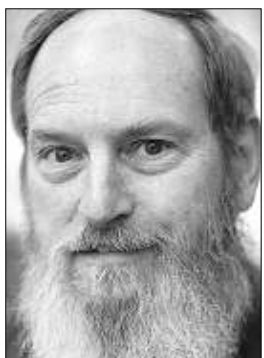
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READING

The Working Poor: Invisible in America



David Shieler

Alfred A. Knopf, 2004; 321 pages; \$25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: From the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Arab and Jew*, a new book that presents a searing, intimate portrait of working American families struggling against insurmountable odds to escape poverty.

As David K. Shieler makes clear in this powerful, humane study, the invisible poor are engaged in the activity most respected in American ideology — hard, honest work. But their version of the

American Dream is a nightmare: low-paying, dead-end jobs; the profound failure of government to improve upon decaying housing, health care, and education; the failure of families

to break the patterns of child abuse and substance abuse. Shieler exposes the interlocking problems by taking us into the sorrowful, infuriating, courageous lives of the poor — white and black, Asian and Latino, citizens and immigrants. We encounter them every day, for they do jobs essential to the American economy.

We meet drifting farm workers in North Carolina, exploited garment workers in New Hampshire, illegal immigrants trapped in the steaming kitchens of Los Angeles restaurants, addicts who struggle into productive work from the cruel streets of the nation's capital — each life another aspect of a confounding, far-reaching, urgent national crisis. And unlike most works on poverty, this one delves into the calculations of some employers as well — their razor-thin profits, their anxieties about competition from abroad, their frustrations in finding qualified workers.

This impassioned book not only dissects the problems, but makes pointed, informed recommendations for change. It is a book that stands to make a difference.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publishers Weekly: This guided tour through the lives of the working poor shatters the myth that America is a country in which prosperity and security are the inevitable rewards of gainful employment. Armed with an encyclopedic collection of artfully deployed statistics and individual stories, Shieler, a former *New York Times* reporter and Pulitzer prize-winning author, identifies and describes the interconnecting obstacles that keep poor workers and those trying to enter the work force after a lifetime on welfare from achieving economic stability. This America is populated by people of all races and ethnicities, whose lives, Shieler

effectively shows, are Sisyphean, and that includes the teachers and other professionals who deal with the realities facing the working poor. Dr. Barry Zuckerman, a Boston pediatrician, discovers that landlords do nothing when he calls to tell them that unsafe housing is a factor in his young patients' illnesses; he adds lawyers to his staff, and they get a better response. In seeking out those who employ subsistence wage earners, such as garment-industry shop owners and farmers, Shieler identifies the holes in the social safety net. "The system needs to be straightened out," says one worker who, in 1999, was making \$6.80 an hour, 80 cents more than when she started factory work in 1970. "They need more resources to be able to help these people who are trying to help themselves." Attention needs to be paid, because Shieler's subjects are too busy working for substandard wages to call attention to themselves. They do not, he writes, "have the luxury of rage."

Booklist: Shieler examines issues behind poverty and changes in policy and ideology regarding the poor. Shieler fleshes out statistics and social policy with portraits of people who struggle to maintain lives for themselves and their families with low-paying jobs and little social support. Looking at workers from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, from illegal immigrants working on farms in California to factory workers in New Hampshire, Shieler vividly portrays the plight of people living on the very brink of economic disaster, some of whom are only one paycheck away from homelessness. He examines schools, job-training programs, and health-care services aimed at low-income people that often fall woefully short of actually

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MUSEUMS

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

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

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of

the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and water-

fall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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

Gemological Institute of America Museum, unlike gemstones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, jet, and pearls are showcased in

Make a Bookmark and listen to Shel Silverstein's *Giving Tree* on Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Ms. Frizzle Digs Dinosaurs, jump on the bus and go Mesozoic with the Friz during program for kids 4-6, Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum.

Museum also hosts "Dinosaurs Rock Your World" for those in grades one through three, same date, 1 p.m. Fee for either class: \$13. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Guitar," this theater piece "written with children of San Diego in mind" by La Jolla Playhouse's Performance Outreach Project may be seen Saturday, March 6, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Kid's ArtJam planned Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Magic Wand (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Live chil-

dren's music, crafts, drum circle, face painting. Lisa Laughbaum of Children's Music Workshop performs at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, benefiting Museum of Making Music. Registration: 858-755-9263. (DEL MAR)

"Baja to Vancouver" Explorations led by San Diego artist Roman de Salvo for Free-for-All-Family Day activities, Sunday, March 7, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Free. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Dive Into the "World of Water" when Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, March 7, 11:45 a.m., 12:45, and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Fee is \$2 for nonmember kids, in addition to regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Crazy Hair Day" author Barney Saltzberg appears throughout the county on Wednesday, March 10, in commemoration of

Crazy Hair Day. Catch the writer at 10 a.m. at Upstart Crow (835 West Harbor Drive; 619-232-4855); at 2 p.m. at Starbucks (10601 Tierrasanta Boulevard); at 4 p.m. at Starbucks at 2740 Fletcher Hills; and at 7 p.m. at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North, 619-295-2201). Free. 619-BUILD-IT. (SEAPORT VILLAGE, TIERRASANTA, EL CAJON, MISSION VALLEY)

Explore "Barney's Colorful World" on Friday, March 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$13 to \$33, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Drop the Pop, the Shake Stuff Up Got Milk? Tour hits Mission Valley shopping center (1640 Camino del Rio North) on Saturday, March 6, 2 to 6 p.m. Pose for a "milk moustache celebrity photo," enjoy "Got Talent? Get Famous Battle of the Bands." Free. 312-208-3673. (MISSION VALLEY)

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READING

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New York Times: This is clearly one of those seminal books that every American should read and read now — stick with it. Shipler, like the man who pays to wrestle a behemoth at the county fair, is just trying to get leverage on an indomitable opponent. By the fourth chapter, just a third of the way, his strategy takes shape: he's wearing down the giant. Shipler's subjects, many of whom he spent nearly seven years following with meticulous empathy, begin to reappear in the text. Their stories start to deepen, mixed with complex insights that Shipler interweaves judiciously. In the chapter "Harvest of Shame," he deftly shows how government crackdown on illegal immigrants creates "migration within the migration," as an army of immigrant workers races from strict-enforcement states like Ohio to more lenient ones like North Carolina, and notes that "when a migrant stops moving...he starts to enter America." There are employers like Jimmy Burch — a North Carolina farm owner — who co-signs loans for new trail-ers for his workers. He has an interest. His workers do, too. He says he's "never been burned" with a default — not yet. Shipler never shies away from noting the employer's power, but by embracing complexity, and trusting the reader to be up to the

helping their clients. Finally, Shipler ties together the micro and macro factors that condemn the working poor to a marginalized existence.

task, he burns off the easy illusions of hero versus villain that so often addle journalism.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in 1942, David K. Shipler grew up in Chatham, New Jersey. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1964. He served in the U.S. Navy as officer on a destroyer from 1964–66. He worked for the *New York Times* from 1966 to 1988, reporting from New York, Saigon, Moscow, and Jerusalem before serving as chief diplomatic correspondent in Washington, D.C. He has also written for the *New Yorker*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He is the author of three other books — *Russia: Broken Idols, Solemn Dreams; Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* (which won the Pulitzer Prize); and *A Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America*. Mr. Shipler, who has been a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has taught at Princeton University, at American University in Washington, D.C., and at Dartmouth College. He lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He is married and a father to three children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "Were you ever poor?"

"No. Fortunately, I never was."

I confessed that the lives of Mr. Shipler's interview subjects often were so upsetting that I had to put his book away for a day.

"Then you can imagine what it was like to spend years talking to these folks and checking in with them and visiting them

again and again to see how things were going. There were ups and downs in their lives. Sometimes I'd call and I would dread it because I did not know what the latest would be. Sometimes it was good news — fairly decent job or getting off booze or good news about a kid in school. But within those parameters you knew that the long-term trend was not going to be upward for most of these people. They were stuck and pretty much confined to the kinds of lives that they'd been living."

Mr. Shipler began his interviews in 1997. I asked what provoked him to take on this subject.

"I think it must be part of my quest to understand my own country. I was overseas for some years with *The New York Times*. When I came back I wrote about foreign policy from Washington, which proved to be too vicarious for my tastes. I realized I liked interviewing ordinary people, in the country I was living in. It's what I always loved about being a foreign correspondent.

"I began with race and did *A Country of Strangers*. That took me a long time because I just thought it was a real education to travel around the country talking to primarily blacks and whites about misperceptions or perceptions and stereotypes across those racial lines. And I was having a great time and learning so much I didn't start writing until much later than I probably should have.

"Once I got finished with the *Race* book, I saw that when you delve into that subject, you are invariably thrown into issues of class and policy. So I began to feel, if I want to understand my

"All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals," on view through April. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April.

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

light, and rotation.

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on view through April, features artifacts from the area. The center — located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road — is dedicated to "curation

of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "The Evolution of Porsche" is traced in exhibit on view through Monday, May 24. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, through costumes and ephemera, the "Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire" exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. "Belles" showcases examples of the evolution and style and of "proper attire." Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulie and lace garment from the 1950s. Through May.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

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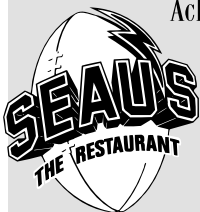


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New York Times: This is clearly one of those seminal books that every American should read and read now — stick with it. Shipler, like the man who pays to wrestle a behemoth at the county fair, is just trying to get leverage on an indomitable opponent. By the fourth chapter, just a third of the way, his strategy takes shape: he’s wearing down the giant. Shipler’s subjects, many of whom he spent nearly seven years following with meticulous empathy, begin to reappear in the text. Their stories start to deepen, mixed with complex insights that Shipler interweaves judiciously. In the chapter “Harvest of Shame,” he deftly shows how government crackdown on illegal immigrants creates “migration within the migration,” as an army of immigrant workers races from strict-enforcement states like Ohio to more lenient ones like North Carolina, and notes that “when a migrant stops moving...he starts to enter America.” There are employers like Jimmy Burch — a North Carolina farm owner — who co-signs loans for new trailers for his workers. He has an interest. His workers do, too. He says he’s “never been burned” with a default — not yet. Shipler never shies away from noting the employer’s power, but by embracing complexity, and trusting the reader to be up to the task, he burns off the easy illusions of hero versus villain that so often addle journalism.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in 1942, David K. Shipler grew up in Chatham, New Jersey. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1964. He served in the U.S. Navy as officer on a destroyer from 1964–66. He worked for the *New York Times* from 1966 to 1988, reporting from New York, Saigon, Moscow, and Jerusalem before serving as chief diplomatic correspondent in Washington, D.C. He has also written for the *New Yorker*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He is the author of three other books — *Russia: Broken Idols*, *Solemn Dreams*; *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* (which won the Pulitzer Prize); and *A Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America*. Mr. Shipler, who has been a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has taught at Princeton University, at American University in Washington, D.C., and at Dartmouth College. He lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He is married and a father to three children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: “Were you ever poor?”
“No. Fortunately, I never was.”
I confessed that the lives of Mr. Shipler’s interview subjects often were so upsetting that I had to put his book away for a day. “Then you can imagine what it was like to spend years talking to these folks and checking in with them and visiting them again and again to see how things were going. There were ups and downs in their lives. Sometimes I’d call and I would dread

it because I did not know what the latest would be. Sometimes it was good news — fairly decent job or getting off booze or good news about a kid in school. But within those parameters you knew that the long-term trend was not going to be upward for most of these people. They were stuck and pretty much confined to the kinds of lives that they’d been living.”

“Despite the adversities they confronted, there was a yearning that never stopped, a restiveness about them, a hopefulness that was very uplifting.”

Mr. Shipler began his interviews in 1997. I asked what provoked him to take on this subject.
“I think it must be part of my quest to understand my own country. I was overseas for some years with *The New York Times*. When I came back I wrote about foreign policy from Washington, which proved to be too vicarious for my tastes. I realized I liked interviewing ordinary people, in the country I was living in. It’s what I always loved about being a foreign correspondent.
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North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)
San Diego Museum of Man, “The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest,” on display through April 2004, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum’s extensive collections exhibited.
“Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun,” continuing through April

2004, brings to life the *iliqqusiq* or “ways and habits” of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture.
“Efe: Archers of the Congo” examines one of the most enigmatic and little-known groups on the planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer.

Ongoing exhibits: “Inquisition: Torture and Intolerance,” focusing on reality of torture in world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. Collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some extremely rare, primarily used from 1400s up to early 1800s. Pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans,

primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)
San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at

15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)
Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as “the only one on view in San Diego.” Also on view: model of an 1862 settler’s cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)
Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum

and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)
William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)



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READING

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"Why would you? Exactly. And half the poor families in America are headed by single women, which has both emotional and economic consequences. So I think this is an enormous problem in this country. Probably not just this country. It hasn't been addressed. I don't know that we have a great deal of knowledge about how to address it. I think we're better at healing people who've had the experience than we are at preventing the experience in the first place. And one of the difficulties of researching this is that when minors are involved, the court records are actually sealed, so you can't even gather statistics very well or file cases.

"Also, I have heard enough stories to make me think that a lot of judges are not tuned in to the problem, and they won't remove children from homes where this is allegedly happening. You know, there's a pattern where mothers will deny it and won't want to believe it. That just deepens the sense of insecurity that the child feels because there's no safe haven then. There's no rescue. I think it's a huge part of this whole problem."

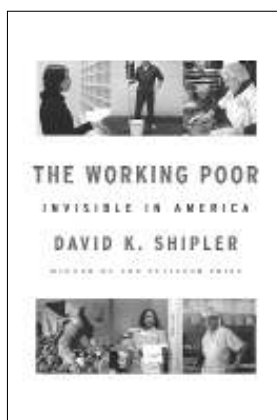
"You mention in your book that many of these poorer women have difficulty playing with their children. I thought that the dissociativeness was in part responsible for that inability."

"I think that's right. The mechanisms that are employed to defend against the trauma are exactly the wrong ones that need to be there to be a good par-

ent. You have to be able to open emotionally, to give emotionally, to receive, to be close. Unless you can learn how to turn that mechanism on and off, to protect yourself but then not cut off your children from the emotions that they need to feel from you. I don't know how to do that but unless you can learn to do that, your children will also suffer.

"During the time I read your book I tended to pay attention to your book's subtitle — 'Invisible in America.' I would think about how all around my lovely little place where I lived, there are people working for \$6 and \$7 an hour. People who were making my comfy life possible, who were chopping my cantaloupe and folding my laundry. Did that happen to you as you worked on the book?"

"Absolutely. That's one reason I chose that subtitle because suddenly I saw these folks as real people with full lives. I imagined what they were trying to do to support their families on these low-wage jobs. I saw them not just as people who were serving me at that instant but who came from a long history of their own and with all the tribulations that they endured. I must admit I've become a much more generous tipper than I used to be. Especially if I see a middle-aged person, a mature woman or man, waiting tables, and I know also that the cook back there and the bus boys and everybody else are maybe sharing these tips and not getting much money. I was always a reasonable tipper, but I jack it up quite a lot in those situations.



"I think that we take a lot for granted. Whenever I'm in a store or where a customer is being haughty or short-tempered with someone, I just cringe. I never thought that was very nice but it just makes you wince when that happens. I think that the other thing that's important is the recognition that a lot of the people who make our lives comfortable are recent immigrants and often undocumented immigrants.

"So we have a contradiction in this society about wanting and needing that labor and yet condemning it simultaneously. I remember being in Maine a couple of summers ago and hearing two news items on the radio. The first extolled the wonders of the current blueberry crop in Maine, which that year happened to be particularly good and that was important for the state's economy. And the next one was about the roadblocks that had been set up by immigration and state troopers to intercept undocumented workers on the main turnpike coming to pick the

blueberry crop. I thought, 'Talk about working at cross-purposes with ourselves.' I think Bush's idea, the concept of it, is a good one, to normalize or legalize people who are here to work. I don't know how it's going to work in practice; there are so many potential problems with implementing something like that. But certainly the basic idea makes sense and should have been done a long time ago."

"Is there a strong link between poverty and dysfunctional families?"

"I don't know. I don't think it's possible to say that problems such as sexual abuse or alcoholism exist in higher percentages of low-income households than in affluent households. I think it is possible to say with conviction, however, that when those problems exist, they have a much more damaging impact on households at the low-income levels. One is the most obvious, which is that people who are affluent can purchase services. Secondly, people who are affluent generally tend to be in professions with skills where employers value them enough to tolerate some breakdown periodically. If they have to miss work, they check into a treatment center for a couple of weeks or whatever, and they'll probably have a job when they come back."

Mr. Shipler mentioned one of his interview subjects, Caroline Payne, "who was on the job at Procter and Gamble for a day or two and she had a back problem and had to miss a day, and that was the end of that job. That would not happen when

I worked at the *New York Times*, because my editor would figure; 'Well, he's got enough to offer that we'll tolerate this.'"

"You would have sick leave."

"The other part of this question about dysfunction is harder to grab onto, but I think it's as important, and that is that people who are at low-income levels have clusters of problems that interact and magnify one another. They cause chain reactions. So, for example, the case of Lisa Brooks. Now, this is not a dysfunctional issue. Well, in a way, it is, because Lisa Brooks, this young mother of four, was divorced. Now the divorce may be a product of family dysfunction, certainly a breakup of the family, and that made her very vulnerable because she was earning \$8.21 an hour as a caretaker in a home for mentally ill adults. And she had to move into a drafty, damp apartment in an old wooden house, which exacerbated her son's asthma, which resulted in a couple of attacks where they had to call the ambulance, and she was left with a large ambulance bill. That whole chain reaction would not have happened to an affluent family.

"First of all, they could have paid the ambulance bill, but beyond that, they could have probably gotten a better apartment, or they would have known, if the insurance company hadn't paid it, that they would have been able to figure out how to appeal that decision and get the doctor and scream and yell and rant and rave until the hospital refilled the claim properly so that it would be covered.

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"Then the other part of it is that, as I mentioned in the book, the day that I heard from her that she'd had to take out this car loan at 15.747 percent or whatever it was, I was offered an unsolicited loan at 7½ percent. The predatory lending problem is enormous in this country. I'm glad to see a couple of Democratic candidates who have mentioned that issue in position papers.

"What demands did you think we should make of our candidates during this electoral season?"

"That's a good question. Let's take a couple of steps back from it. My first wish is that low-income Americans would vote in as high a percentage as wealthy Americans vote. That, all by itself, would force both Republicans and Democrats to pay attention to their issues. It is also important to convince people that they had something at stake when they vote. People I interviewed, when I asked them about voting, some voted. But those who didn't, didn't feel it made any difference to them. They felt so deeply alienated from the political class. They couldn't imagine one candidate being better than the other on their behalf.

"And I think that the campaign would have to change. You'd have to have candidates who would make it clear to low-income people that they were going to benefit by electing Senator X or Governor Y. I remember looking at the Census Bureau figures and seeing that essentially the lower the income, the lower the voter turnout."

"What do you think your interview subjects make of television?"

"Television becomes a window onto the world. It's the only access they have to the public square. I spoke yesterday to a group in Washington, and I was talking about a budget and how it can shrink — it's got to pay the rent, you have to pay the electric bill, you have to pay the phone bill, you have to pay cable television. And

there were snickers in the room. I said to them, 'We may snicker about that, but without television, people are cut off from America. That's just the fact of the matter.'

"You don't want that. That's completely unjust. But having said that, I'd add that television becomes a kind of constant presence in many households. You walk into an apartment, and the TV set is always on. I've heard parents sort of scold their kids when they're getting in their way and say, go watch TV, as if that were a punishment. It's a babysitter. It drains away inventive and creative thinking among kids.

"There's not much reading in these households. I've been in apartments where there's a TV set in every room. There are mothers who go and sit up on their beds watching TV, and she eats away from the rest of her family. Now maybe you have to explore that more than I did to find out why it is; is this the only quiet, solitary time she gets the whole day? I don't know. But it's not good. TV is definitely not good. It's not a positive influence on the kids. It generates desires and wants. It's a kind of consumerist pornography. I think it does make being poor a lot more difficult. Kids want stuff, and their peers want stuff, and they want the latest sneakers and this and that. And parents save and scrape, and they try to buy these things for their kids. The consumer society definitely works its hardships on these folks.

"As for the television, when I would go in and interview, I would often ask people if they could turn it off or down, mainly because I was using a tape recorder. But it's constant company. With Tom King [one of Mr. Shieler's interview subjects], when I went into their house, the TV was not always on. But after Tara, Tom's wife, died, it was almost always on. Tom said, 'Well, it just kind of keeps the silence out of the

house.' And it was therapeutic for him to some extent."

"Is there anything that I should ask that I haven't?"

"The only point I would add is that I came out of this project feeling that liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans both had parts in the picture here. And that somehow instead of just assembling their own pieces of the jigsaw puzzle and looking at that, they ought to sit down at the same table and put all the pieces together. I'm a liberal, and I vote Democratic. But as I looked at these issues and got to know families, I also experienced what I suppose you'd call the classic liberal analysis of poverty, which is essentially addressing society's responsibility and not addressing the personal and family difficulties that plague these folks and could be helped if we mustered the right resources and directed them in the rightly focused fashion. The conservatives, by and large, look at the individual responsibility issue and the family dysfunction issue as a reason to hold the poor in contempt rather than as a reason to help them.

"But there are some conservatives — some Republicans, anyway — who do not think in this way. I shared a platform yesterday with several who are actually deeply involved in antipoverty efforts and do think that the society, through government, can muster resources to attack problems at the individual and family level. I think that Bush's faith-based initiatives and marriage initiative contain the kernel of an idea. The trouble with the faith-based initiative is that it funds religion. But you could partition federal funds in a way that it didn't do that.

"John Kerry has endorsed faith-based initiatives. Joe Lieberman did, too, but that's no surprise. I think there is something there. Religious organizations do a lot of good antipoverty work on a grassroots level. If we can figure out how to help them

without funding their prayer and church construction and proselytizing, that would be great.

"The other thing is the marriage initiative. I don't like the reasons Bush is doing this. But the idea of trying to figure out some ways of helping people get into good relationships and stay there is a worthy idea. And I think it would have an impact on the life opportunities of a lot of people.

"One of the guaranteed ways of living life in poverty is if you are a teenage girl who comes from a relatively poor family, and you get pregnant, and you have the baby, and you drop out of school, and you don't get married. You are pretty much sealing your fate. You're going to be poor for life. That argues for some strong efforts at that level to try to prevent that.

"If people get pregnant and can get married, they can form some kind of a solid relationship with the help of counseling, fine. I don't know if the government is capable of funding the right organizations to do this sort of work, but I think so. I think there are a lot of private organizations out there that are doing intensive home visits and working very hard. Measuring the success is always questionable, but I think that if liberals and conservatives can reach across the divide and borrow good ideas from the other side and figure out a series of mechanisms to attack these

problems — all for the better."

How did Mr. Shieler feel about President Clinton's "welfare-to-work"?

"I happen to think it was basically a good idea. Even though it had its punitive aspects. And Clinton just borrowed it from the Republicans. Now, if the Republicans had funded child care and job care sufficiently to facilitate work, the whole situation would be much better than it is now. But people have benefited from that requirement."

"You show that in your book."

"I was a little surprised to find so many people praising it who are in the middle of it. But 99.9 percent of the people in the world, no matter where they are in the hierarchy, want to be productive and want to get out and work. Welfare mothers especially were excited by the different kinds of people they were meeting and different kinds of relationships they were having in the workplace — being with adults and getting advice about child rearing.

"So I think it was a good idea. And the earned income-tax credit is one that's been supported by both Democrats and Republicans for completely different reasons. But it's a very effective antipoverty mechanism and should be expanded and reordered in certain ways. There are a few problems with it; it could work better than it does.

"So I think that's the answer now. When you have such a

deeply divided country between the two parties, no matter who wins this next election, if the Democrats win and if they take Congress, I think there's going to be a lot of vengeance. The Republicans in the House especially have been ruthless.

"The polarization is severe, and it's worrisome for anyone who's spent time in the Soviet Union. I watched Russia as it emerged into a so-called democracy. And one of the cultural styles in that country was to try to destroy people who disagreed with you. And it carried over into the post-Soviet period. And has. I think it's still there. I think we're coming to that.

"I was at a small dinner a couple of months ago with former Republican Senator Warren Rudman from New Hampshire, and he was going on about the Bush Administration. And I finally said to him, 'Senator, tell me, can you think of another president in your lifetime as bad as George Bush?' And he just sat there in silence. He just sat there. Finally he said, 'Well, Democrats would have made different mistakes.' And that was as much as he could come up with. And there was a piece in the *New York Times* today about conservative Republicans beginning to criticize Bush. So that's interesting, what's happening. So maybe the pendulum has swung too far, and it's going to start swinging back. I hope so. I'd like to help give it a push."

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Foreign players of the viola da gamba are quite naturally suspected of being terrorists.

The San Diego Early Music Society had long ago announced a concert by the great Italian gamba player Guido Balestracci, and all lovers of the wonderful Baroque instrument were looking forward to it. Alas, in the era of George W. Bush and John Ashcroft, foreign players of the viola da gamba are quite naturally suspected of being terrorists, and the government stubbornly delayed issuing Balestracci a visa to come here and play such subversive composers as Carl Friedrich Abel and Johann Sebastian Bach. How can you tell the difference between rosin and ricin, after all? At the last moment, after desperate efforts by the EMS, our State Department relented and issued the visa. But by that time it was too late; Balestracci canceled.

Fortunately — or maybe not so fortunately, as it turned out — the EMS found another gamba player to take Balestracci's place. This was John Dornenburg, a distinguished musician living in the San Francisco Bay Area, and professor of gamba at Stanford University. When I heard the news, I felt that the choice was an excellent one. I know Dornenburg's talents from his first-rate Centaur CD of pieces from the Third Book of Marin Marais. This is beautiful, lyrical, sensitive, and passionate playing, at a high level of techni-

cal skill; and the recording is enhanced by the brilliant harpsichordist Malcolm Proud as the continuo player.

The program offered by Dornenburg and harpsichordist Yuko Tanaka at St. James by-the-Sea also seemed a good substitute for what we would have heard from Balestracci. There was some Abel, some J.S. Bach, and several other major Baroque composers.

But the moment the music began, it was evident that something was badly wrong. We have not had good luck with Bach gamba sonatas this season. Just a while ago, Bach's Circle offered a lackluster performance of the Sonata for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord No. 2, BWV 1028; and here was No. 1, BWV 1027, played with a good sense of style, but with painful problems of pitch on the part of the gamba-player.

Dornenburg's Marin Marais was recorded seven years ago, and at that time there were no signs of the erratic intonation that disfigured his playing at St. James. Pitch on the gamba can be at first disconcerting for listeners unacquainted with the instrument. This six-stringed, flat-backed, fretted cello-lookalike (it is actually related to the double bass, not the cello) is played without vibrato and with the fingers just behind the frets, so that when the instrument is handled

right the pitches we hear are exactly on the mark, like open strings, as opposed to the intentionally wavering pitch of modern string instruments. Because of this, the tones may seem dry and lifeless and somehow flat. But when you listen to Balestracci or Jordi Savall or Dornenburg's 1997 Marais, you soon realize that the tones are neither flat nor sharp, and that what had seemed dryness is in fact an engaging tone color, and that what had seemed lifeless is full of vivid energy, even though it doesn't throb.

In Dornenburg's recent concert, however, the impression of flatness and sharpness was not an illusion. His pitches were all over the place, although in the Bach the effect was relatively marginal. As the evening went on, however, the deviations became progressively more extreme. On the second half of the program, the virtuosic pieces for solo viol by Abel and the selections from the colorful Third Suite of Antoine Forqueray were truly agonizing, above all in the aggressively skewed double-stops. Listening to the Forqueray was like sucking a lemon. And this in spite of the fact that Dornenburg's interpretation of the music was stylish and expressive throughout. What we were hearing, I regret to say, was a fine gamba-player who for some reason had fallen disastrously off the track. Dornenburg used to sport wavy, shoulder-length hair, which has now given way to a crewcut. Is this a Samson story? Was his pitch in his hair?

As something of a counterweight, harpsichordist Tanaka played with relative finesse — though in a small-scale way — on the lovely Curtis Berak French-style harpsichord we are lucky enough to hear so frequently here in San Diego. In the Bach BWV 1027, the well-



John Dornenburg

John Dornenburg, viola da gamba; Yuko Tanaka, harpsichord
St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society)

J.S. Bach, Gamba Sonata in G, BWV 1027 and Keyboard Toccata in E minor, BWV 914; Froberger, Suite in A; Corelli, Sonata in A, Opus 5, No. 6; Abel, four pieces for solo viol; Antoine Forqueray, Pièces de viole, Suite III, selections

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balanced interplay between the harpsichord and the gamba was (intonation aside) gratifying to listen to. Tanaka played two solo pieces, the A major Suite by Froberger from his *Li-bro quarto*, and Bach's E minor Toccata, BWV 914. In both cases, the instrument, liberated from competition with the gamba, revealed its exquisite tone, which Tanaka made discerning use of. Her Froberger was blithe, her Bach vigorous (although both were perhaps lacking in ultimate refinement of detail); her highly competent management of articulation, pulse, and phrasing gave the solo works an air of almost careless ease; but what one was most thankful for in Tanaka's playing was that — necessarily — she was always on pitch!

There was one work on the program that had to labor under a burden beyond Dornenburg's defects. An anonymous 18th-century composer took it upon himself to produce a gamba version of Arcangelo Corelli's A major violin-and-continuo sonata, Opus 5, No. 6. I have never heard this version before, but I suspect that even a gamba-player in better shape than Dornenburg could not have made a persuasive case for it. The sweet and dazzling aspects of Corelli's violin writing are more or less smothered by the dark timbre of the gamba, and the fleeting violinistic embellishments sound lumbering and almost grotesque on the larger instrument.

As for John Dornenburg, I sincerely hope he has gotten over whatever was ailing him that evening. Even with his difficulties, his playing intermittently gave witness to his thorough musicianship and his mastery of the gamba. In the solo pieces by Abel, for example, he demonstrated with panache the wide range of colors the gamba is capable of, and the delicate transforma-

tions of affect a change of tone color can convey. If only the notes those colors clothed had been in their correct place on the scale! ■

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Piano Students of Aleck Karis present class concert of their recent work, Thursday, March 4, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Duo Cantilena Recital by oboist Susan Barrett and guitarist Randy Pile, Friday, March 5, 8 p.m., at Congregational Church of La Jolla (1216 Cave Street). Program includes pieces by John Dowland, de Gant, Sor, Costa, 20th-Century works by Ravel, de Falla, Rodrigo. Requested donation: \$15. Reservations: 858-459-3459. (LA JOLLA)

Piano Trios by Beethoven and Mendelssohn may be enjoyed when Alyze Dreiling (violin), Angela Yeung (cello), Myron Fink (piano) perform Friday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor, in Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

A Festive Winter Concert presented by 40-member New City Sinfonia, Friday, March 5. Violinist Michael Palmer solos in Albinoni's "Concerto in A Major," pianist Ilana Mysior joins group for

Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto in G Minor." Also on tap: Haydn's "Symphony No. 99," "Scherzo" by Mendelssohn. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 619-527-4457. Free. (HILLCREST)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter showcase their recent work in concert, Friday, March 5, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at Mandeville Center, UCSD. 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Mozart's "Quartet in G Major" and "Quartet in D Minor," the "Quartet" by Berg, and Webern's "Rondo" are on the program when Orpheus Quartet performs Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$25. 858-534-8497. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

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Selections by Schnittke, Piazzola, Schumann, Chopin on tap when cellist Ruslan Biryukov and pianist Mary Au perform for Saturday Night Concert series, March 6, 8 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Donation: \$12 general. Reservations: 858-259-2503. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Salute to Women of Silent Films offered when Not-So-Silent Film Festival featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Program includes silent classics, music from women composers of the silent era played live. Free admission, parking. Audience members help with sound effects. Free. 858-534-2311 or 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Instrumental and Vocal Solo and Chamber Works promised when 4 from Juilliard perform Sunday, March 7, 7 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Performers include Chelsea Chen (organ, piano), Janice LaMarre (viola), Omar Butler (trumpet), Ernestine Guzman (soprano). Offering. 858-729-5531. (LA JOLLA)

Orchestral Summit, 150 musicians from Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and SDSU Orchestras gather to play Rimsky-Korsakov's "Spanish Capriccio" and "Symphony No. 2 in E Minor" by Rachmaninoff in concert, Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$13.50 general. 619-644-2277. (EL CAJON)

Post-Evensong Organ Recital with Jung-A Lee at the keys, Sunday, March 7, 5 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. Offering. (MIDTOWN)

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Masterworks Concert Number 4, the San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Julian Wachner, is joined by soprano Joanna Mongiardino, mezzo-soprano Phyllis Pancell, tenor Scott Wyatt, bass Curtis

Streetman, and San Diego Master Chorale for "Regina Coeli" by Wachner, Sharpe's "Proud Music of the Storm," Mozart's "Requiem." Concert is slated for Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Who Are the "Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra"? UCSD's wind players claim the title and present a concert highlighting talents of wind ensembles, Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Grammy Award-Winning Violinist Joshua Bell — now evolved from child prodigy to "classical music superstar" — performs in concert, Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$35, \$40, \$50. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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Once upon a time, when the O.J. Simpson verdict came in, it was announced over the PA system of the pokey commuter train I was riding from San Francisco south to Stanford. A few weeks earlier, in a hotel bar in Rhode Island, I'd argued with an African-American convinced of O.J.'s innocence. Everything about the trial, the commuter crawl, and the cordial back-and-forth between me and the guy on the barstool seemed to run at the same pace as O.J.'s white Bronco — slow, steady, tedious.

One of the most compelling things in the exhibition currently at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, *Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art*, is by the German-born, San Francisco-based artist Kota Ezawa. *The Simpson Verdict* is a short animated film, adapted from actual courtroom footage, that reenacts the announcement of the verdict. It's lethally subversive. The colors, mostly dull olives and duns, are flatly blocked out. The stiff, herky-jerky gestures recall *South Park* but are devastating, especially when the defense team and Simpson exchange smug, twitchy looks. Ezawa converts historical event to blandly artificial but insinuating replay. The film turns the trial into a coy, sly, racially coded dance of silhouettes: the bailiff's brown, featureless head is rendered invisible by the identically brown wall behind him, and the (red-lipped!) defendant is scarily affectless.

Ezawa's film gets under your skin, as does a lot of the photographic material in the exhibition, which surveys recent art produced along our side of the Pacific rim. There are younger photographers like Steven Shearer (born 1968) from Vancouver, who prints minuscule images off the Web, usually from eBay, and assembles them into penny-picture displays. His *Guitar #5*, which depicts hundreds of homemade snaps of people advertising guitars, explodes with all sorts of self-advertisements — peppy salesmen, camera flirts, hams, heavy-metal wildmen — and offers an encyclopedic invasion of American interiors. You never feel you're violating any privacy, though, because everyone has chosen to be photographed and is putting on some sort of act. The Seattle photographer Glenn Rudolph (born 1946) also finds a way into people's private lives, but he actually goes there. For years he has traipsed around the Pacific Northwest, seeking out, as the catalog puts it, "what is vanishing, abandoned, and overlooked as sprawling growth overtakes the region." His images are an anthropological archive. A cherry-picking hobo looks blissfully toward the sky like an ecstatic evan-

gelical, but he's leaning on a rickety aluminum chair in some unidentifiable barrenness. A security guard at Stampede Pass, with his lanky looks, bushed-out beard, and makeshift provisions, could be one of the roughneck mountain men encountered by Carleton Watkins and other intrepid 19th-century photographers of western wilderness.

The paintings in *Baja to Vancouver* are less interesting than the photographs, though they depend on some of the same effects as the Simpson film: monochrome, collapsed space, and decorative surface. Brian Calvin's riffs on traditional motifs of bathers and musicians have a ghostly charm similar to Thomas Eggerer's sketchy, unfinished-looking pictures of a softball game and ferryboat. (Pop and post-Pop painters like James Rosenquist and Alex Katz are backstage presences.) But since the show aims to represent what's going on in art generally, it's mostly made up of video, installation art, sculptural constructions, and word assemblages. It's largely issue-driven, and readers of this column know that art with proselytizing designs on us makes me impatient and a little testy. Trendy contemporary work often announces its democratic, demotic, borderless ambitions, but much of it is prescriptive, even censorious. It tells us how and what we're supposed to think, which curators spell out in catalog copy, just in case we miss the point.

No need to pound on the Vancouver artist Brian Jungen. His work has an eerie presence and stops your attention. Jungen "reconfigures" Nike athletic equipment, shoes usually, into objects that resemble masks and totems of the Northwest Coast First Nations. (He has also crafted huge suspended whale skeletons out of carved-up plastic patio chairs, though these aren't in the show.) Mixing secular and sacred can shake us into altered consciousness — imagine a reconstructed Nike shoe inverted on a stick to look like a long-haired mask of a frigate bird — but Jungen's work is so loaded with a self-aware set of "meanings" that, whatever its oddly compelling presence, once we've realized that Jungen's work "redeploys the basic material elements of commodities," as the catalog tells us, "while prompting us to rethink how such objects operate in a global economy," I'm ready to reply that I don't have to be told to rethink such things; they are, in fact, on the minds of many people I know, and I doubt our thinking would be any more refined or impassioned after seeing Jungen's work.

The O.J. verdict on the P.A. system was an efficient way to disseminate Pop information to the

populace. In late-19th and early-20th-century Mexico, the literate got their news from newspapers; others relied on broadsides, single sheets of cheap foolscap with attention-grabbing illustrations and text. The greatest illustrator of the time, José Guadalupe Posada, is the subject of a funny, cutting exhibition at the San Diego Museum of Art. Posada did his sharpest, most scabrous political work during Porfirio Díaz's (1876–1911) dictatorship, when Mexico was being modernized and pumped up by American investment. The new prosperity depended on official corruption (the culture of *la mordida*), censorship, and persecution of dissenters. There was no trickle down: material wealth accumulated during "El Porfiriato" never seeped down to the lower classes, especially the peasant class.

Posada was furiously anti-Díaz, and many of his more than 20,000 illustrations address issues of dictatorship and revolution. His broadsides were widely disseminated, sold on street corners and in open markets, and he frequently attacked what he saw to be America's economic opportunism and imperialist designs. He usually presented the human figure naturalistically, as in a picture where beefy mosquitoes attack different members of Mexican society, from a well-heeled gent in a top hat to a peasant beating away insects with his sombrero. The text announces that the blood-sucking pests are American interests.

The most subversive imagery Posada produced were his *calaveras*, memento mori skulls that symbolized, sometimes mountainously, human rapacity and vanity. The skulls were often fitted out with *El Día de los Muertos* skeletons. It was the perfect pictorial instrument to attack sociopolitical realities. You can almost hear the bones rattling in Posada's *Calaveras of Craftsmen*. Three skeletons, their skulls beaming shocked grins, are shown working jobs the poor did for miserable pay: one irons, another saws a board, the third (with punkish hair) cobbles shoes. Posada's illustrations also documented, usually



Prototype for New Understanding #2, 1998 (*Nike Air Jordans, Hair*), Brian Jungen

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with razor's-edge satire, contemporary events and mores. He illustrated murders, floods, plagues, bullfights, hot-air balloon flights, and episodes from the revolution. His wildest blasts reported crimes of passion. His pictures and texts, plentifully represented in the exhibition (and in the clever, helpful catalog, which looks like a stack of cheap broadsides cheaply bound), blend the hilarious and the horrendous with a blowout gusto familiar to us all from tabloids. Apart from saying that this show should not be missed, I can't offer much more by way of commentary. You can't top these things anyway. Posada's penny sheets say (and show) it all, so I'll close with the text of one of them. You can fill in the picture.

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“Inner Light” is an exhibition of “elegant still lifes” created by Flor Garduno in a small adobe shed using only natural light. The show opens with reception on Friday, March 5, 6 p.m., and continues through Saturday, April 17, at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

“Pretty Useless Rose Garden,” a “core exhibition” by Tony Gaddis and Eric Tilford, opens with reception on Friday, March 5, 7 p.m., at Ramsden Morrison Gallery (343 Fourth Avenue). See show through Monday, April 5. 619-230-1000. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

“In Like a Lion” is the March show, juried by J. Kelly Pack, at San Diego Watercolor Society’s Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Exhibition opens with reception on Friday, March 5, 5 p.m. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Locals Only,” new work by five local artists opens with reception, Saturday, March 6, 6 p.m., at Emporium Gallery (inside Ducky Waddle’s Emporium, 414 North Coast Highway 101). Closes Monday, April 5. 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)



Calaveras of Craftsmen, José Guadalupe Posada

“Paws and Claws (Cats n’ Dogs),” an exhibit of work by Susie Reneau, opens with reception on Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m., at Many Hands Cooperative Gallery (302 Island Avenue, suite 101). 619-557-8303. Through March. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heart Paintings, calligraphy students at Taiwanese-American Community Center attempt to “express their emotions on paper by using a brush.” Exhibition of their work opens with reception on Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m., in center’s gallery (7170 Convoy Court). Through March. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

“Pinhole to Pixels: A Photography Exhibition” by Peggy Ann Jones opens with reception on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive; 619-644-7299). Closes Friday, March 26. (EL CAJON)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in “George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective.” The objects are ex-

hibited 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



¡HORROROSO ASESINATO!, José Guadalupe Posada

selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: “Niki de Saint Phalle Remembered.” Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Everything Matters: Paul Kos, a Retrospective,” begins with the artist’s early work and follows his career through development of video art to public art projects made as recently as 2000. This exhibition of work by one of the major figures in the conceptual art movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s continues through Sunday, May 2.

San Diego-based artist Anne Mudge exhibits one from a series of “TapRoot” sculptures commissioned for the new trolley station at SDSU in her “Cerca” exhibit, closing Sunday, April 4. The installation allows viewers an up-close perspective of the university’s underground station.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, “Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art,” featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installa-

tions, 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 tints 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 Kertész, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

“The Beauty of the Albumen Print” examines a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of making photographs in latter part of 19th Century. Through May 23.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, found objects with a specific history are featured in “Generation to Generation: Contemporary Assemblage.” Show includes work by Poupee Boccaccio, Irma Sofia Pooter, 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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1. *Something's Afoot.* It's too early to declare a winner, but 2004 could become one of local theater's best seasons in years. In the past two months, we've had a host of quality productions: comedy, drama, classics, cabarets. The bar's been raised.

One sign of theatrical health: extended runs. Lamb's added many performances for *Hamlet*, as did Cygnet Theatre with *Fully Committed*, and 6th @ Penn should have extended *Kimberly Akimbo*, one of its best shows ever, but overscheduling didn't permit it.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, a bit less lightweight than meets the eye, could run quite some time in Old Town. Based on acting alone, Linda Libby, Shana Wride, and Bernard Baldan made the Rep's *Women Who Steal* worthy of greater audiences (an enterprising local producer would be wise to mount a Libby/Baldan comic vehicle, soon).

Another sign of health: we've had four Shakespeares since New Year's. In theater, January's usually the blandest month, breeding the soft and safe, if it breeds. Nowadays we're lucky to get two Shakespeares a year. Count the ways: *Hamlet* at Lamb's; *Macbeth* at Sledgehammer; *Richard III* at UCSD; and *Henry IV, Part I*, by Richard Baird's Poor Players (a young company — led by a gifted

actor — to watch). Each production had flaws, but strengths too — and four Shakespeares by March???

2. *How They Did It:* Guest director Daniel Fish staged Sarah Dart Ruhl's *Eurydice* at UCSD. The pace lagged in spots, the acting was a mite technical, but the production, overall, was unforgettable.

Melpomene Katakalos's sleek set included a rear wall, 25 feet wide by 16 feet tall. Flanked by black I-beams, it was composed of 504 Sparkletts water containers. With the bold simplicity of ancient Greek architecture, the wall looked, at various times, like a piece of sculpture, or precise rows of glistening nubble, or a tapestry of bubble wrap.

In the play, when Eurydice dies and "falls" into Hades, the wall explodes. The plastic containers cascade down, bounding across the floor, flopping in crazy piles. The effect was extraordinary — from elegant order to sheer chaos — something, in this day and age, film companies cartoon with computer graphics.

Katakalos's Hades became the reverse image of the world above. The containers made movement sluggish (Eurydice and Orpheus danced on earth; now she trudges below). Under Jason H. Thompson's evocative lighting, the bottles could be boulders, or blocks

FIELD NOTES

JEFF SMITH



Scene from Eurydice

of shaved ice, or — shoving metaphors aside — mounds of Sparkletts jugs. These could be empty or full. If the latter, the water might be Lethe, the River of Forgetfulness.

"We worked from details to the big picture," says Katakalos (whose first name, Melpomene, is the Greek muse of tragedy). She, Fish, and Ruhl met last October during auditions. Having the author on the scene can be a boon or a bane. The most useful play-

wrights approach theater as a collaborative process. Sarah Dart Ruhl "was great," says Katakalos. "She didn't dictate, she reacted" and made valuable suggestions.

Rather than "impose a predetermined mold" onto *Eurydice*, the three began from scratch. As they read the script, they asked how individual moments felt. They noticed that Eurydice's always looking for water. Was it symbolic? "No," said Ruhl, "she's just thirsty."

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"And that," says Katakalos, "sent us down the bottle path." At one point Eurydice goes looking for water in a public place. But where? How about a cooler? "Daniel's all about finding a moment, not creating it." He liked the idea and mentioned how Pina Bausch intensifies an object through multiple uses. What if, Katakalos mused, there were literally millions of bottles?

They also studied Eurydice's fall into Hades: how to make it visual — and honor the script, which says the set doesn't add anything. The transformation, the fall, must come from what already exists onstage. They brainstormed possible contexts: bottles on the ceiling? A shelf? Nah. A wall...that crumbles! Great! But how many bottles? And where to get them? Ruhl liked the idea a lot but added, "How do you do it?"

Enter Brad Powers. The technical director of the La Jolla Playhouse and UCSD Theatre has been e-mailing his friends, "You'll never guess what I'm doing for this show." He and Katakalos experimented with mini-walls — sticks and rows of AA batteries — watching how they fell, intrigued by the physics of the challenge. Too many slid sideways. To make the effect work, they realized, the stage must tip forward, from back

to front, at least a foot.

Powers devised a mechanism, a large trap that tilted the wall toward the audience. Now, where to find at least 1000 bottles? After many calls to distributors, Powers got an okay from the Sparkletts factory of Santa Ana. He backed a 24-foot Budget Rent-a-Truck up to their loading dock. The company loaned UCSD over a thousand — "free!" exclaims Katakalos.

She originally wanted an 800- to 1000-container wall. But, as the first test showed, that was way too many. It wasn't just the erratic spillage (they tumbled everywhere, out into the audience). The stacking, like lining up endless strings of dominoes, took seven people over three hours. After many attempts, and arduous restacking, they found that 504 bottles actually behaved when tilted forward: "We had way more control than I thought," says Katakalos. Six people — passing each container hand-to-hand, like sandbags for a flood — could rebuild the wall in an hour and a half. They tested it 12 times.

The containers were a loan to UCSD. Each had an imperfection. During performances many cracked, some even shattered. But that was okay with the company. All the bottles have since gone back to Sparkletts — to be recycled. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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 AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH APRIL 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Boy Who Fell Into a Book

For its new "Play House" series for young audiences, Lamb's Players stages the U.S. premiere of Alan Ayckbourn's tale about a boy *really* immersed in what he's reading. James Saba directed.

PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Burkie

OnStage Playhouse presents Bruce Graham's portrait of a stubborn, blue-collar Philadelphian and his equally stubborn children. Jeff Gas-tauer directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH APRIL 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

C'est L'Absurd: One-Acts by Cocteau and Ionesco

Vantage Theatre presents an evening of farce: *The Wedding* by Cocteau and Ionesco's *Wedding on the Eiffel Tower*. Robert Salerno directed.

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The Caucasian Chalk Circle

Palomar College presents Bertolt Brecht's "ancient but modern tale" about Grusha's attempts to save a child's life. Michael Mufson directed. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE, PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 WEST MISSION ROAD, SAN MARCOS, THROUGH MARCH 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-744-1150, X 2453

The Constant Wife

Laguna Playhouse presents W. Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners about "high social infidelity and inequality of the 7sexes 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. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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Fifth of July

UCSD Theatre and Dance stages Lanford Wilson's drama about the "morning after the 1960s peace movement and Vietnam." Steven Adler directed.

157 GALBRAITH THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO, LA JOLLA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, THROUGH MARCH 14; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

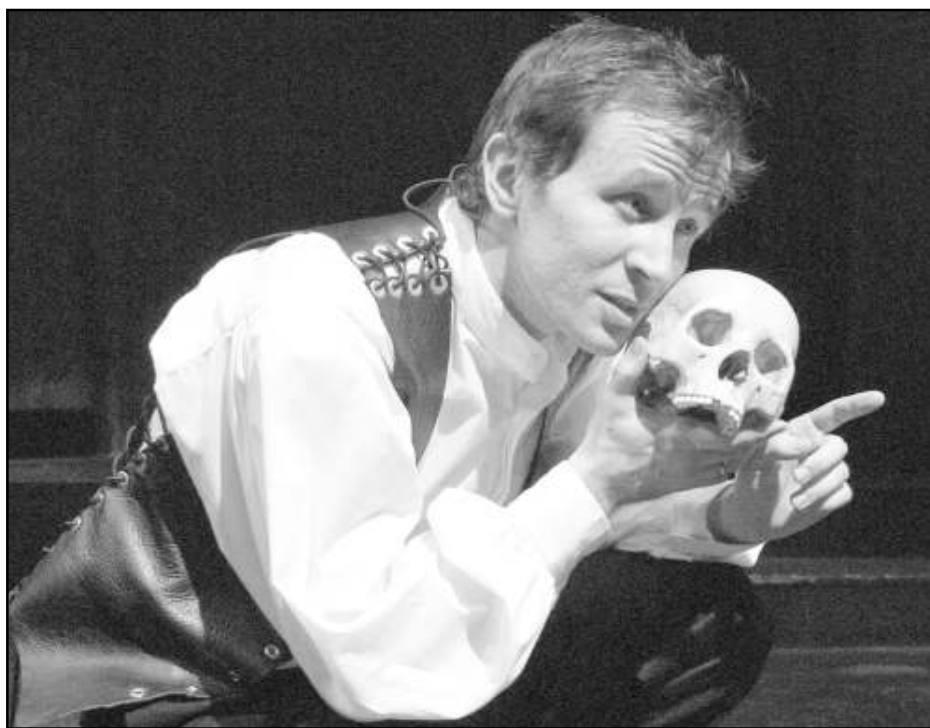
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Vantage Theatre stages Terrence McNally's bittersweet comedy about an unlikely romance. D.J. Sullivan directed.

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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



Hamlet

into Sam's frantic, behind-the-scenes world. He's an aspiring actor lacking "a strong sense of personal entitlement" — just what every caller has! Sam gets a crash course in assertion training and passes with flying colors. Throughout, the audience's "Oh yeah's" and "That's right's" punctuate the show with shocks of recognition. Anyone who has ever been an actor, or waited tables, or worked at entry level with the public will empathize with *Fully Committed*. And, given David McBean's special performance, so should everyone else. (Note: Cygnet has extended the run of *Fully Committed*.)

Critic's pick.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (AND MONTEZUMA), COLLEGE/ROLANDO AREA, THROUGH MARCH 7; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Grassroots Greeks

6th @ Penn's former "Seven Weeks of Greeks" became so popular it's a regular series. And what a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings.

The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations. Also: since space is limited, the theater recommends reservations in advance. Next reading: *The Suppliant 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 Century-generic 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.

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House of Yes

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House of Yes

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Wendy MacLeod's dark comedy about a hurricane and Marty's fiancé, Lesley, an even bigger threat to his family. Jim Payton directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS IN THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, THROUGH MARCH 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

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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 T-shirts — and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes.

Worth a try.

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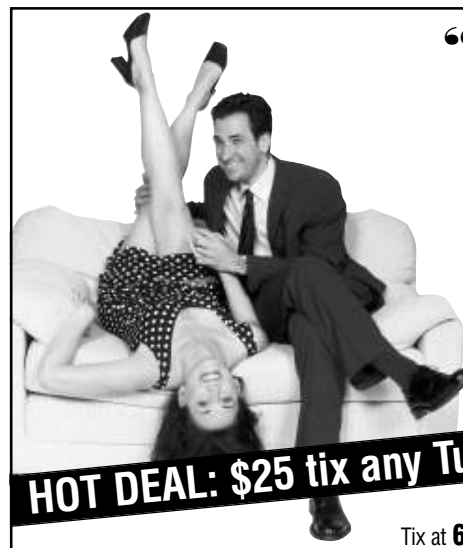


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Late-Night Catechism

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 times.)

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 8; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Macbeth

Sladehammer's share-the-guilt interpretation's a mix of arresting images, smart and questionable choices. It's a modern-dress, Levi's-and-leather take that works best when it doesn't try to pin the play down. David Tierney and Janet Hayatshahi, real-life husband and wife, give the Macbeths strong sexual chemistry — and symbiotic breakdown. She speechifies on occasion, giving readings too formal a balance. He could improve a competent performance if he "cut short all intermission" between thoughts and deeds. Macbeth isn't just ready to go, he's already there. Ruff Yeager's effective in multiple roles (though his costumes, ranging from jogging suits to kimonos, are oddly specific). In Kirsten Brandt's direction, men play women, and women men (one of the best performances: Laura Lee Juliano as Banquo). In the show's biggest eyebrow-raiser, Lady M. slays Macduff's wife and children. But having Hecate — goddess of the underworld and dark magic in Shakespeare's time — rule over the stage limits the play's nihilistic vision (its world is more unknowably evil than that). As is having Hecate's minions and the Weird Sisters dress in gauze outfits (that recall Kurosawa): the look works, at first, but becomes routine, then mundane.

Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY 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.

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 AcroTurf. 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. 619-295-4999.

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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 youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

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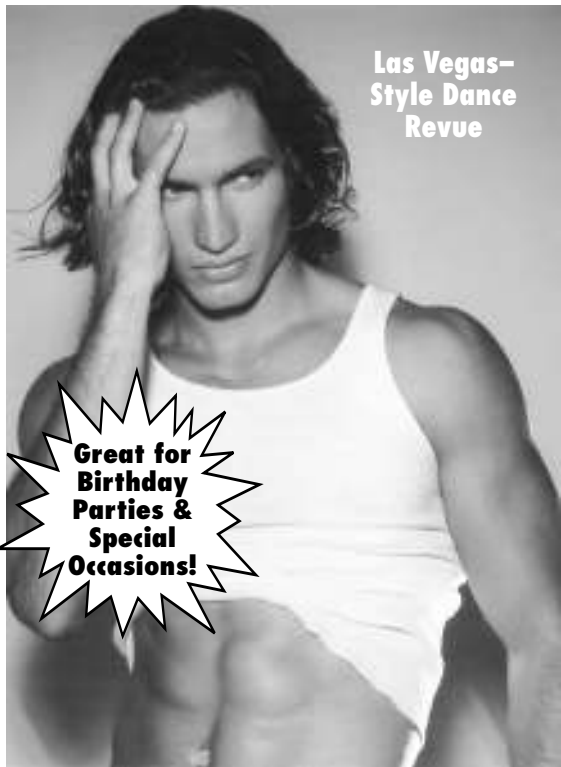
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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s.

The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*.

There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)



Macbeth

Worth a try.

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The first day without Howard Stern was rough on Rock 105.3.

The show normally airs live from 3 a.m. to about 6

president and CEO of Clear Channel Radio, said that a February 24 discussion Stern had with the man who was videotaped having sex with Paris Hilton pushed Hogan over the edge.

"It was vulgar, offensive, and insulting, not just to women and African-Americans," Hogan pointed

standards."

A Rock 105.3 insider predicted that Stern's show will be back on Rock 105.3 after a few days' suspension,

seen. Stern may now be free to move another, non-Clear Channel, station in town. Insiders say Clear Channel has a contract with Stern for



HOGAN AND HOWARD — SEPARATED AT BIRTH?

PHOTOGRAPH BY AP

"They know they violated my contract," Stern said Thursday. "Once you breach the contract, you don't own the show anymore."

Local Clear Channel vice president Jim Richards had no comment on Stern's contract status.

Last Thursday Stern disclosed what insiders say may be his true, long-term master plan. "All these radio stations that I'm on are going to be obsolete in 20 years. They're worthless because satellite radio is going to take over."

If Stern moves his show to the Sirius or XM satellite networks, he would be free of FCC scrutiny.

— Ken Leighton

With Stern off the air for indecency, it's not clear what Clear Channel intends for its other noncompliant stations.

Local station 91X has a reputation for pushing the boundaries. They regularly flaunt the fact that they are not broadcasting from the U.S. "Because we have a Mexican license, we here at 91X are telling the FCC to go F themselves." They also run a version of an old expression, "If you see Kay,

tell her *hola*."

"It's just a tongue-in-cheek promo," said Clear Channel vice president Jim Richards. "It's meant to get attention. No one on 91X is saying obscenities on the air."

Perhaps that depends upon the definition of the word "obscenities." On March 1, Preston Turegano of the *Union-Tribune* cited the "Doggie Style" song (a parody of a 1979 song by Heart) that is played on *Dave, Shelly & Chainsaw* as being particularly "bawdy." Turegano suggested Hogan should have played that tape on Capitol Hill.

"Each station has a different audience," says Richards. Some wondered why Stern's crude antics never offended Hogan until 24 hours before he appeared before Congress.

"If you want to know how Clear Channel really feels, you have to look at those promos on 91X," said one non-Clear Channel radio employee. "John Hogan is protecting his broadcast licenses and his stock prices, and he has no problem throwing Stern under the bus to do that. It's the height of hypocrisy."

— Ken Leighton

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a.m. The station then begins a rebroadcast in its four-and-a-half-hour entirety. But from 3:00 to 3:27 a.m. last Thursday, it was 27 minutes of dead air — an absolute radio no-no. When the station finally went on the air, the DJ made no reference to the fact that he was playing Incubus and Ozzy songs instead of airing Stern. Callers to the station's request line were met with a busy signal all morning long.

There was no Stern because John Hogan,

out, "but to anyone with a sense of common decency.... Clear Channel drew a line in the sand today with regard to protecting our listeners from indecent content, and Howard Stern's show blew right through it."

Hogan decreed the Stern show would not air on the six Clear Channel stations that carry it (including stations in Miami, Orlando, Pittsburgh, Rochester, and Louisville) until Clear Channel execs are assured it would conform "to acceptable broadcasting

once Clear Channel made its point.

Hogan testified last Thursday at a congressional hearing on broadcast obscenity. Congress is considering increasing the maximum fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000 per on-air offense. Clear Channel was just hit with \$715,000 in fines for on-air offenses uttered by Florida DJ Todd Clem, a.k.a. Bubba the Love Sponge. Clear Channel fired Bubba two weeks ago.

However, whether Stern comes back remains to be

another four years to stay on Rock 105.3. But if Clear Channel's action voided that contract, another station like Planet 103.7 could pick him up. That classic rock station (KPLN 103.7 FM) is owned by Viacom/CBS, which syndicates the Stern show. Stern's show is also carried by 75 other Viacom stations. Viacom has not publicly threatened to yank Stern off the air. Stern's flagship station, WXRK, in New York, is owned by Viacom.

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"They used [the song] 'Succinylcholine....' It's

named after a neuro-muscular blocker that paralyzes your esophagus so they can stick a tube down your throat," said Greg Russell, singer/guitarist with the dark and moody lowcloudcover about MTV's *Real World San Diego* using one of their songs.

"I heard they used it when Frankie passes out while she's on the phone. Apparently Frankie is the big drunk on the show."

Russell said Bunim-Murray Productions approached lowcloudcover out of the blue. "I have no idea how they heard about us. But I sent them a CD. Two days later I got back a contract that said we would let them use any song from our [five-song] EP."

Russell said there was no

money involved, but he happily signed it and sent it back. "I never heard anything back from them."

He said he first discovered that *The Real World* used one of their songs on the Internet.

"I would have expected maybe an e-mail.... Friends of ours told us they saw it last week."

The band isn't a big fan of MTV normally. "I don't even



LOWCLOUDCOVER BETTER GET A TV

have a TV. My girlfriend has one, but we don't watch *Real World*. My bassist (Dario Izarraras) and his girlfriend decided to keep their cable and pay an extra \$50 a month just to see *Real World*, but the week it aired, they didn't watch it."

lowcloudcover (www.lowcloudcover.com) appears April 16 at Scolari's Office in North Park.

— Ken Leighton

"Four clowns stole our band's equipment trailer and used it to commit other crimes," says

Mower's Brian Sheerin. Sometime during the early-morning hours of January 30, the group's trailer, packed full of instruments, lighting gear, and Mower T-shirts, disappeared.

"It was parked in front of one of our residences near Windansea. The [thieves] hitched our trailer to their vehicle.... Then they transported it and emptied it out. The thieves used the trailer to steal a safe from a business."

Sheerin says the police have four people in custody. "We don't think they were after the gear. They were after the trailer."

While Sheerin has yet to see any of the band's equipment returned, he says the police have some of Mower's property in impound. "They've got the trailer. I don't know much more. They're working with the guys they've got locked up to retrieve the rest of the stuff."

He estimates the lost gear to be worth around ten thousand dollars. A full list of the stolen equipment is posted at www.mowermusic.com.

"The real story," Sheerin

says, "is the impact [the theft has] had on our guitarist and our drummer. They've both decided to leave Mower. The theft sucked the spirit out of



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Michael Andrews and Gary Jules topped the U.K. music charts Christmas Day with their morose remake of the 1982 Tears for Fears hit "Mad World." The song has remained on the British charts since. The song, from the soundtrack to the cult horror film *Donnie Darko*, was an unlikely holiday hit

with its simple, plodding piano and maudlin vocals. This week it was at number 28 on the BBC Top 40 and number 10 on the BBC's indie music chart — one spot lower than Ozzy and Kelly Osbourne's remake of the Black Sabbath ballad "Changes."

Andrews, who is also the guitarist for the local band the Greyboy Allstars, wrote, performed, and produced the entire *Donnie Darko* score. He has also composed music for the TV show *Freaks and Geeks* and the movie *Orange County*.

Though their song has yet to chart in the U.S., it has been heavily requested on both 91X and 94.9 in San Diego.

"My friend told me he



JULES AND ANDREWS REMEMBER A CHEAPER LA JOLLA

heard it on KROQ in between Green Day and Linkin Park. When that happens, it's, like, miraculous."

Asked if Greyboy fans are requesting *Darko* tracks at their shows, he says, "No, my musical lives are completely separate. My name's Elgin Park in the Greyboy Allstars, so no one knows that I have anything to do with 'Mad World.'"

Andrews says he and Jules performed together in a local rockabilly band, Origin, in high school that played a lot of back-yard parties and the now-defunct Headquarters in Pacific Beach.

When asked if he has thought about moving back to La Jolla, he laughs. "No, I couldn't afford to live in La Jolla."

— Pat Sherman

"I have a reservation on Marina Park South

for August 7," says Michael Kinsman, producer of the San Diego Blues Festival.

Jim Hutzelman works for the Port of San Diego, which administers the park and is currently involved in negotiations with Kinsman. The only thing that Hutzelman is able to say with certainty is that Kinsman's reservation for the August 7 date at Marina Park South won't be honored because of the Summer Pops schedule. Instead, the Port offered Kinsman the use of Embarcadero Marina Park North, a somewhat hilly expanse that juts off of Seaport Village. "It's not ideal," says Kinsman, "but it

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will work. They wanted me to go to the Broadway Pier. I said no way."

The San Diego Blues Festival is the sole presentation of Kinsman's Hoodoo Productions and draws upwards of 4500 fans to two stages. "It's not like I'm doing 20 events a year and if one doesn't work it comes out in the wash. This is my one event. If it goes haywire, I have to wait another year to get it back on track."

For the past six years, the event (formerly known as the Volkswagen San Diego Blues Festival) has been staged on the grass at Embarcadero Marina Park South. But this year it appears Kinsman will be uprooted by a decision of the Port of San Diego that would allow the San Diego Symphony to construct a band shell and bleachers and move its Summer Pops series from the Navy Pier to Embarcadero Marina Park South from May through September.

The promoters of Street Scene also have their eyes on

that same location. On February 13, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* reported that Street Scene producer Rob Hagey was working out a deal with the Symphony to use the park for the weekend of August 27-29 (other sources now say the deal may not go through). According to the story, Street Scene, uprooted from East Village due to the opening of Petco Park, is in search of a new venue. The *Union-Tribune* story indicated Hagey had staked his claim for Marina Park South prior to the reservations secured by the Symphony. Michael Kinsman claims that reservations for the Blues Festival were filed before either Street Scene's or the Symphony's.

Kinsman says he confirmed that same date on at least two occasions with the Port's marketing department.

"We're working on alternatives," Hutzelman says. "We want to host the Blues Festival. It's a great event."

— Dave Good

Jackson Browne, who appears at the California Center for the Arts March 9, was seething about rock writer Richard Meltzer (who wrote for the *San Diego Reader* for many years) when I interviewed him some years back. "You have to understand that he was

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making fun of my whole fling with Nico [of the Velvet Underground], and this was serious stuff to me. I had just turned 18, my first time in a bar... seeing her, and suddenly I was playing guitar for her, and we were lovers and, I mean, at that time Richard was there as a friend; we were just hanging out. For him to write about it later [in *Rolling Stone*] like it was a big gay cabaret, and I'm the scared little lamb... Yeah, these were Andy Warhol's people; they were far out. I was scared of six-foot-[tall] transvestites coming up to me. Wouldn't you be? But for Richard to make me out as

this lust object of all the old New York faggots — I said it before: it was unprofessional. He wanted his story full of LSD and gays and the



GET OVER IT, JACKSON

innocent lamb lining up for the slaughter, and that wasn't necessarily *my* story, but he grafted it onto me anyways. I

still don't appreciate it, and you can tell him so."

— Jay Allen Sanford

House of Blues Concerts sent out an e-mail press release February 3 detailing an upcoming David Bowie concert at SDSU's Open Air Theatre on April 20. Ticketmaster also listed the date.

House of Blues then retracted the release, and Ticketmaster dropped the listing.

"I heard he is skipping San Diego to play two nights in LA [April 22 at the Greek Theater in LA and April 23 at the Anaheim Pond]," said Candace Mandracia of House of Blues, San Diego. "We were told it [the April 20 show] was confirmed."

Because House of Blues controls SDSU's Open Air Theatre, House of Blues announced the tour. But the actual tour is being handled by Clear Channel Entertainment of LA.

Clear Channel spokesman Greg Terlizzi said he would get back to me on why the SD show was booked then unbooked. He never did.

A call to Bowie manager Eileen D'Arcy was not returned.

— Ken Leighton

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The music press is already talking about the New York rock renaissance in the past tense, which means that if a young Brooklyn band wants to stay in the public eye for a while, it had better have already made its mark.

The **Yeah Yeah Yeahs** could be here to stay, but the way this much-hyped trio made its first splash — through singer **Karen O's** almost Iggy-like stage moves and beer-soaked sexuality, her screaming and yelping vocals, her bizarre fashions, and the band's fast and furious post-punk-funk-blues rave-

ups — is probably not tenable. A few months ago, Karen O fell headfirst off a stage in Sydney. Proving herself a professional, she finished the song and then went to the emergency room. But an incident like that has a way of making a singer tone down her act.

Fortunately, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs have already given a hint of where they can go. While *Fever to Tell*, the band's Grammy-nominated debut album (released last year after a couple of EPs), was made up mostly of rockers, its standout track is "Maps," a...well, a power ballad. While **Brian Chase's** drums rumble around the beat, guitarist **Nick Zinner** overcomes the limitations of not having a bass player through dense echo effects and a sweetly melodic riff. On top of that, Karen O delivers a stunningly tender performance. Maybe it's



YEAH YEAH YEAHS

not fair that a female singer should have to show her vulnerability while men can go about being as aggressive as they want, but "Maps" is the best thing in the Yeah Yeah Yeahs' catalog. Listen for more songs like that if the band survives its punishing tour schedule and records another album.

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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, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MAY

Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B, Sunday, May 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Belle & Sebastian: Spreckels Theatre, Monday, May 3, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Josh Groban: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, May 10, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Kweller: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

iCubanismo! [676]: California Center for the Arts, Friday, May 14, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Fall: The Casbah, Sunday, May 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Alejandro Sanz [610]: Cox Arena, Thursday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Blind Boys of Alabama and **Charlie Musselwhite**: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Hepcat: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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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Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252.

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Sarah McLachlan [252]: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, July 12, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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ALTERNATIVE

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The Afterparty: The Kensington Club
Agent Orange [195]: Brick By Brick
Around the Corner: Epicentre
As If One Travesty: Dream Street
The Biddy Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Big Provider: 'Canes

Butterface: California Club
Chris Carter: Brick By Brick
Controlling the Famous: Dream Street
The Corduroys: The Jumping Turtle
The Creepy Creeps: The Kensington Club
The Crystal Method [122]: 4th & B
Da Hawnay Troof: The Casbah
Dead Moon: The Casbah
Die Princess Die: The Casbah
The Displaced [104]: The Kensington Club
Dorado Gold: Epicentre
Dragon Lounge: Brick By Brick
8 Foot Face: Dream Street
Enraged: Dream Street
Etched in Red: Brick By Brick
F-Minus: Epicentre

The Fall of Monroe: Epicentre
Fifth Hour Hero: Epicentre
The Fire Theft: Soma
The Fixx: Brick By Brick
Flying Douglas: California Club
The Fury of Yen: Dream Street
Futyle: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Goodbye, Blue Monday: The Casbah
Grandaddy: Soma
The Gypsy Orchestra: California Club
Hey Mercedes: Epicentre
Hot Like a Robot [146]: Soma
How's My Driving: The Blvd.
In the Name Of: Neimans Bar and Grill
Invidia: Epicentre
I.R.A.T.E.: Brick By Brick

Jack the Original: The Blvd.
Jenix: Soma
Just Like Yesterday: 'Canes
Kaelin's Web: Dream Street
Kut U Up: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Lackluster Hero: Dream Street
Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone Pub
Letter Kills: Soma
The Licorice Quartet: The Kensington Club
Limbeck: Epicentre
The Loons: The Kensington Club
Low Fuel: Dream Street
Machete: Brick By Brick
Mad Habit: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Malachi Crunch: Brick By Brick
The Manifolds: The Casbah

Money Shot: Brick By Brick
No Way Out: Epicentre
The Numbers: The Casbah
The Old Man Hands: California Club
Reeve Oliver: Soma
One Track Mind: Soma
One-Sided Dice: Plum Crazy (Pacific Beach)
Open 24 Hours: Dream Street
Pensive: Soma
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The Residuals: California Club
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This Holiday Life [145]: The Blvd.
Undecided: Soma
The Weekend Blacks: The Casbah
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X-27: The Casbah
The Yeah Yeah Yeahs: Soma
Zero 2 None: Plum Crazy (Pacific Beach)

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Band in Black: The Firehouse
Bargain Music: 'Canes
Big Slam: Fannie's
Blue Öyster Cult [504]: 4th & B
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
Brain Bucket: Tiki House
The Elijah Clark Band: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Concord: Surf N'Saddle
The Cool Luke Band: JP's Pub
DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
The Detroit Underground: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's
The Druthers: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Electric Waste Band: Winston
Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill
4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle
427: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The Fryday Band: Pacific Beach Bar & Grill
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
Glü: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
The Greasy Petes: Tiki House
Guess: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
The High Rollers: Tio Leo's Lounge
Hot Lunch: Tiki House
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge
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- Pocket:** Moondoggies
- Private Domain** [489]: Dick's Last Resort
- R.D.G.:** 4th & B
- R.O.K.:** Second Wind (San Carlos)
- The Salt Lickers:** The Kraken
- The Selectors:** Winstons
- The Eve Selis Band:** Cannibal Bar, The Calypso Cafe

- The Sensations:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
- Serious Guise:** Second Wind (Santee)
- Shady Gray:** Fannie's
- The Sons of Champlin:** Humphrey's
- Steal Dawn:** Boar Cross'n
- The Stiletto's:** Henry's Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
- Sugarbone:** 4th & B
- Sweet Tooth:** Humphrey's
- Triple X:** Pounder's
- The Trophy Life:** Dream Street
- Two of Us:** The Metaphor Coffeehouse
- Uplift:** Pounder's
- Wag the Dog:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

- Carol Ames** [619]: Humphrey's
- B Natural:** Bahia Belle Cruise
- Jesse Davis:** Buon Giorno Restaurant
- Donell:** The Caliph
- The 80z Allstars:** Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
- A Flock of '80s:** Henry's Pub
- Karen Giorgio:** The Inn at the Park
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- Jack Pollack:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Polyester Express:** Cannibal Bar
- Peter Robberecht/Pianoman** [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
- Super Diamond:** Belly Up Tavern

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

They may only tour a few months out of the year, but **Bill Champlin's** namesake band the **Sons of Champlin** is alive and kicking. He uses words like "magic" to describe their current sound. "We're slammin' it," he says. "Just like the Sons back in the day." That's good news. *Loosen Up Naturally* was the album you learned your chops from if you were an ambitious horn player in the early '70s. It was the Sons' first album, and it was like gasoline on the fire of the season of the horn band. The Big Three at the time included Chicago; Blood, Sweat, and Tears; and Tower of Power, and they all met with commercial success. The Sons of Champlin were commercial flops, but they made the music that all the others were measured against. "We laid heavier on the reeds," Champlin

explains. "Brass can be kinda cold."

Maybe so, but there was the funky Hammond B3 organ and Champlin's voice that hung out front of the music and lingered long after, like incense. Mickey Hart has called the Sons the most talented of the bands of that era. Hart should know — the Sons lived that same Fillmore/Avalon Ballroom drug fest as did the Grateful Dead. "We were in the process of going for our master's degree [in drugs]," says Champlin. Did he earn his? "No," he tells me. "I didn't have the strength to keep going."

While the Sons' self-released *Minus Seeds and Stems* only furthered their dope and jazz band image, they made their reputation with songs like "Freedom," an R&B turkey trot with open jazz chords, and "Get High," a Cannonball Adderley-style floater. Formed in 1965 from the remains of the Masterbeats, the Sons of Champlin put out seven acclaimed albums between 1968



SONS OF CHAMPLIN

and 1977, then closed shop for 20 years. What happened in 1977? "I remember once that a fan told us that we were great because we never sold out," says Champlin. "Hell, I'd have been glad to sell out. We just never did."

SONS OF CHAMPLIN, Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. 619-224-3577. \$24.

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

- The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies
- Blue Largo** [636]: Tio Leo's Lounge
- Blue Velvet:** The Caliph
- Ray Briz:** Hotel del Coronado
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- Ken Dow:** Dizzy's
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- Daniel Jackson:** Hotel del Coronado
- Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del Coronado
- The Ron Jerman Band:** Viejas Casino
- Chris Klich** [695]: Humphrey's

- Tony Lasley:** Hotel del Coronado
- Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel
- Bob Magnusson:** Dizzy's
- Joe Marillo** [645]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Sean McVicker:** Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- Jerry Melnick:** The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn
- The Shep Meyers Quartet** [660]: Hotel del Coronado
- Duncan Moore:** Dizzy's
- The Orbitz:** Carvers
- Sue Palmer** [641]: Caffe Calabria
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Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort
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Lisa Sanders [893]: Humphrey's
The 7th Day Buskers [812]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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Del Crone: The Caliph
Elliott Louis: Bahia Hotel
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant
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Los Reyes del Ritmo: Mr. Joey's Cantina
Dean Paul Ratzman: La Scala
The Mike Reilly Band [978]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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Brown Sugar: Fridays, urban sounds with DJ Myx2lpx; 21 and up. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-451-8805.

Church of Noise: Second and fourth Monday of the month, new noise mixed with alternative rock classics with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.

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Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, Lance Boling, and weekly guest DJs. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

Therapy: 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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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *the CeeCee James Band*, blues.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Friday and Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *Super Diamond*, pop.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie Finnell & Co. East*, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, solo guitar.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues. Saturday, *the Elijah Clark Band*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Earl Thomas*, blues.

Sunday, *Torpedo Betty*, funk/jazz. Monday, *the Eve Selis Band*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Orbitz*, jazz.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Late Late Show*, rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Druthers*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, classic rock/blues.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Friday, live band.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, 427, classic rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday,

and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Friday, live blues. Saturday, *the Corduroys*, alternative. Sunday, 7 p.m., open mike, acoustic. Wednesday, open mike, bands.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Nude Barbeque*, rock. Sunday, *Salt Lickers*, pop rock.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *the Shooters*, rock.

M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside. 760-758-6363. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Joshua J.*, folk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Heather Marie & the Inside*, folk.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Kut U Up*, alternative.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, *the California Rangers*, country.

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Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John Foltz*, acoustic folk/rock.

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Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

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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, *Elliott Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

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The Firehouse, 7877 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla. 858-459-1640. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Band in Black*.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Futyle*, *Mad Habit*, and *the Soothsayers*, alternative rock. Saturday, *Glu* and *Guess*, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Curtis Peoples* and *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Saturday, *Something Else*, alternative.

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Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Friday through Wednesday, *Larry Fogel*, singer pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Friday, *the Fryday Band*, rock.

Plum Crazy, 1060 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-1212. Saturday, 7 p.m., *One-Sided Dice* and *Zero 2 None*, alternative.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Music hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, *Phil Lean*, guitar. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & His Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday and Wednesday, *Doug Stevens*. Tuesday, *Nathan Weldon*, guitar.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, acoustic rock. Friday, *the Greasy Petes*, blues. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Chris Kelly's Open-Acoustic Night. Wednesday, *Hot Lunch*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Selectors*, rock. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*.

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes*, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, *Jenn Grinels*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon*, alternative.

The Blvd., 6949 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-464-9945. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *This Holiday Life* and *the Parker Theory*. Saturday, *Jack the Original* and *How's My Driving*.

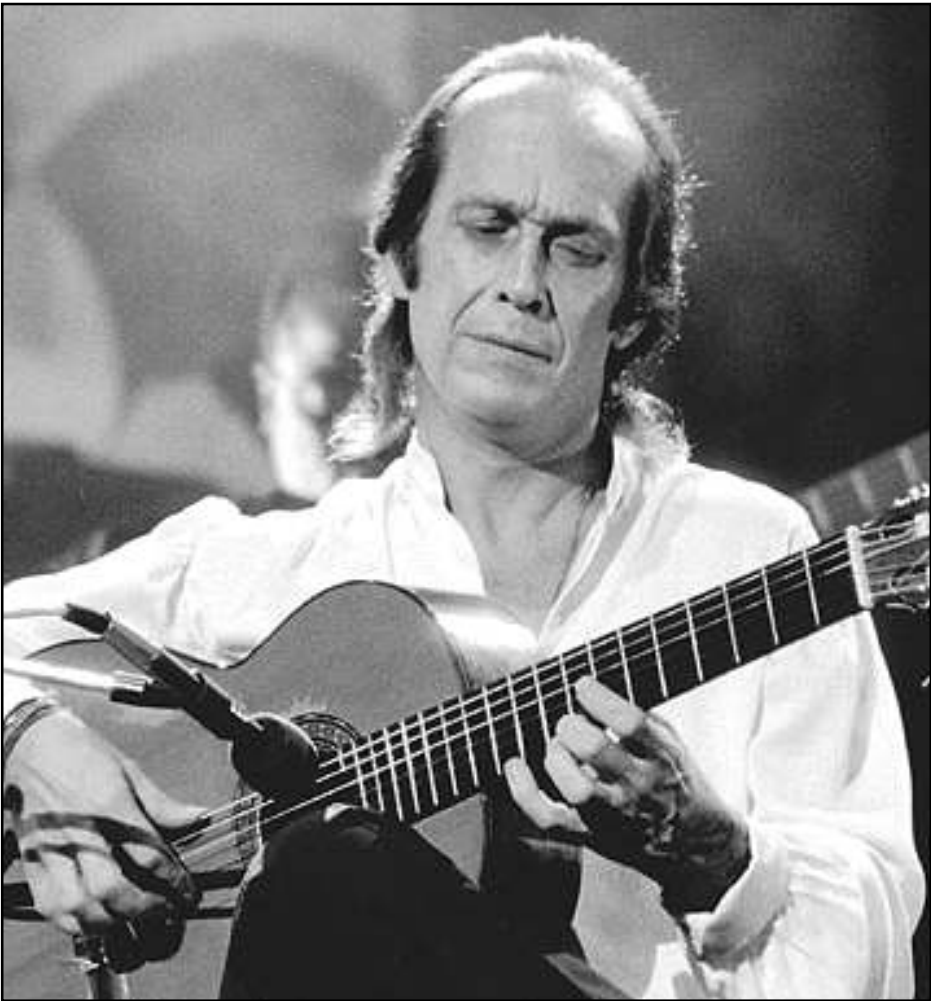
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Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Sue Palmer*, jazz.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Music is alternative. Friday, *the Residuals*, *Flying Douglas*, *the Old Man Hands*, and *the Gypsy Orchestra*. Saturday, *Butterface*.

The Caliph, 3100 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-9495. Friday, 9 pm, *Kevin Cavanaugh*, lounge piano. Saturday, *Blue Velvet*, jazz. Monday, *Donell*, piano. Wednesday, *Del Crone*, contemporary.



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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, *Rick Lyon*, contemporary keyboard.

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*.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano, vocals, open mike.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 pm, *the Cool Luke Band*, rock.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band*. Wednesday, call club for information.

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Album Name: *Sliver* (2003)

Artist: Sliver

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Goldenhands 2) Breathe Breathe 3) Shower Games

Price/Where Available: www.sliversd.com for \$5

Band Members: Shad (vocals), Theresa (bass), Mark (guitar), Russ (drums)

Extra Info: Sliver will be playing LA's Viper Room (8852 Sunset Blvd.) in April.

Website: www.sliversd.com

The album's cover, depicting some type of crude female bondage scene, is a preview of the twisted angst to be heard. The band claims, "Our music and our lyrics are an expression of the dark, sexual tension within us all." The bed of nails on the back cover brings into

question how shared that sexual tension might be. The heavy sound of the hard-rocking foursome lies somewhere in the vast chasm of hard rock/metal/electronica, and the anguished wailing of front man Shad sets the mood.

"Up on the back of your neck / feel me roam / knife nails upon my skin / cut me

till I'm numb." The requiem "Breathe Breathe" and its caustic words make for some biting reflections. Sex, pain, anger...what better stuff to sing about? The lyrical infatuation with gratuitous sadism aside, the music itself is raging yet melodic. Frenetic tempos are standard. The band has managed to trap a certain grinding, electric guitar crunching sound that distinctively drives their message with each booming palpitation.

"The passion we had is all bruised and black, shower games.... No love is left here / we just ignored / beyond the doubts...beyond our violence." It is clear that the material's in-your-face aggression is meant not only to shock but also to add another dimension of visceral appeal. But my guess is it's mostly to sell albums and get money.

Sliver does retain charisma in the rush of the ever-fierce



Sliver

(and at times overwhelmingly raw) debut. The recording might go farther if they lost the masochistic orgy shtick. It makes the music much less credible.

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Ladies' Night

I have long felt pity for the poor devils that have to write TV reviews of each year's Super Bowl broadcast. You might as well try to cast a shadow on the sun. Nothing you say will change anyone's decision about whether to watch next year or influence the networks' decisions about airing the thing. Now, that pity has sharpened to sympathy. I find myself offering opinions about the latest Fleming's Steakhouse downtown, at the edge of the Gaslamp, across from the Convention Center, near the new ballpark. For what, my words of praise and censure? Surely the chain will go from strength to strength with this new addition.

But no matter — going there was never about me, anyway. Red, my wife Grace's college roommate for four years, was visiting from Orange County. Fleming's — an upper-tier steak house with a reputation for a female-friendly ambiance — seemed an ideal choice for two women bent on catching up and a tagalong husband. Red, the only woman I have ever known who thought Monty Python was side-splittingly funny, would undoubtedly enjoy the experience of a wood-paneled, red-leather meatery tweaked for a feminine sensibility.

The tweaks were a hit. Instead of darkly gleaming mahogany everywhere, there is warm red cherrywood everywhere: huge panels, simple trim, blinds, banquettes. Instead of bordello-red leather seats, there are cranberry leather seats — "Three shades darker than bordello," said Red. Instead of brown carpeting, purplish. Top it off with oversized French posters like the ones at Z Gallerie and enormous orange-bowled chandeliers that Red thought resembled breast implants, and you had "warm and inviting" instead of "clubby and ominous." Hearing Tori Amos — and later, Natalie Merchant, Pete Dinklage, and Edie Brickell — coming in over the sound system was merely the clincher.

The music was quiet; our waitress cheerfully informed us that Sunday was a low-key, locals sort of night. "Friday and Saturday, it gets loud and we turn the music up — though it's not a very Gaslampy place," she said. "Weeknights, we get a lot of convention business." A glance around the room revealed a couple of old-timers, a classic older-man-younger-woman couple (ah, father and daughter having dinner), a family of four, and a solitary gentleman munching beef with his cell phone on the table beside his plate.

A glance at the wine list revealed a "pro-



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gressive" philosophy of wine. Rather than being arranged simply by varietal, region, or price, the wines were also organized by sensual effect: "From moderate to full intensity and tannin." The reserve list offered only bottles, but the standard list contained over 100 wines available by the bottle, by the glass, or as part of a three-wine tasting flight. "Oooh," squealed Grace, "I can try a little bit of lots of things! Just the way I like it!"

I began to have regressive stirrings and ordered a Wild Turkey Manhattan to start things off in proper steak house fashion. It arrived, less potent than the ones I drink at home, but far larger and icy cold. Grace, ever convivial, joined me. Only then did we order our three flights: Sokol Blosser Evolution Number 9 (a white blend), DeLoach O.F.S. Zinfandel, and Matanzas Creek Merlot for Grace; Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc, ZD Pinot Noir, and Melville Syrah for Red; and Consilience Petite Sirah, Whitehall Lane Merlot, and Honig Cabernet Sauvignon for me. Red, who

prefers red wine but wanted scallops for dinner, got a recommendation from our waitress for a Gloria Ferrer Gamay that turned out to be the match of the evening. "I'll just bring it," she said, waiving the charge. "I want to see how it works." The flights alighted in voluminous glasses — or rather, beside them, in their own little tasting decanters. "That way, we can pass them around and share!" said Grace.

My desire for clubby steak-dinner fare led to my being the only one who ordered a salad: the classic iceberg wedge. Actually, it was three wedges of crisp lettuce that coolly tickled my Manhattan-numbed taste buds. Rings of red onion gave zip, and the tomato beneath was surprisingly red, if still hard and light on flavor. The rich dressing, laced with hefty chunks of mild Danish blue, started out yummy and then turned gummy as I progressed. A little would have gone a long way.

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a mix of fine-grain panko bread crumbs, slivers of toasted almonds, cilantro, salt, and pepper, then lightly deep-fried. I had thought "lightly deep-fried" to be something of an oxymoron, but the brie proved me wrong. The leaden weight of accumulated grease never took hold in my mouth. Sweet jalapeño jelly quivered alongside the nutty, creamy cheese, but we mainly stuck to the unadorned fried goodness. The shrimp — described on the menu as "wicked Cajun" but really only pleasantly spicy and garlicky — were full of flavor and still translucent in the center. "Perfectly done shrimp? This is corporate cookery? Hooray!" And despite myself, I was glad for a smidgen of Grace's slightly sweet Sokol Blosser to play off the heat of the spice.

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So it was with happy anticipation that we awaited our entrées — rib eye and a side of shoestring potatoes for gruntingly masculine me, veal chop and sautéed spinach for Grace, and seared curry scallops wrapped in bacon with a citrus butter sauce for Red. They arrived borne by a trio of waiters; throughout, we were attended by a series of different servers, which made Red feel a touch exalted. My shoestrings were piled into a cone of white paper held upright by a metal stand. (An arty take on the old chips-in-newspaper idea, but I wonder if the stuff at the bottom suffered from the crush and the heat. Too soon, it seemed, my strings were almost as limp as their

namesake, not crisp little slivers of starch.)

I moved on to the main event: 16 ounces of prime, corn-fed, Midwestern rib eye, firm under my knife and perfectly medium-rare. A vein of opaque, gelatinous fat ran through one side of the steak. Oh, the primitive joy of it. I lifted the first bite of meat to my mouth and...

In his wonderful essay on New York beefsteaks, *New Yorker* writer Joseph Mitchell profiled a chef who rolled his steaks in salt and pepper before grilling. "The salt creates a crust that holds the juice in," said the chef. Fleming's steak is similarly crusted, and I will readily grant that my rib eye was drippingly juicy. But I also agree with a

comment chef Thomas Keller wrote in *The French Laundry Cookbook*. Keller observed that while "salt opens up flavors, makes them sparkle...if you taste salt in a dish, it's too salty." Amen. I can taste kosher salt anytime I like at home; I get it at Trader Joe's for cheap. When it gets in the way of my \$28 steak, it's a problem. I know I can be salt sensitive, so I passed it around. Red was with me, and even Grace — who is more liberal on this question — agreed that it was just too much. Some bites were better than others, however, and aside from the salt, the steak was a delight.

Grace's veal got KO'd by that other tabletop staple, black pepper. "Why season such a

delicate meat with such a powerful spice?" she wondered. The chop's delicacy was further marred by the cooking. Our waitress had suggested she order it medium, since the meat near the bone would tend to be rarer than the stuff at the outer edge. She was half right; near the bone, the veal was tender, suffused with the rosy pink of dawn. But further out, we found only a solid, over-chewy gray — a decided medium-well. Grace was glad for her accompanying béarnaise and took comfort in her side of gently sautéed spinach, with its just-charred red onions that gave both heat and caramel sweetness.

Red — who had daringly gone ahead and ordered scallops

at a steakhouse — ended up the happiest of our group. "Very firm scallops, but not chewy at all," she said. The bacon — pre-cooked before wrapping — "wasn't droopy, but just lightly crispy. I loved the sweet-salty counter to the scallops. The bed of spinach had some tooth to it, and the sauce — very fluid and light and buttery. I'm pleased as punch and very full." We had a hard time picking up much curry or citrus, and I thought I picked up a tinge of old-age ammonia, but Red's bubble would not be burst. And that Gamay, with its black-olivey finish, made the whole thing more interesting.

Though stuffed, Red promised to help us if we

ordered a couple of desserts. We picked Key lime pie and an apple tart with vanilla ice cream — no crème brûlée for this good old boy, thank you. The tart was easily dismissed — soggy puff pastry below (although crisp on the sides) and a heavy dose of cinnamon above. But the pie had enough substance and style to hold the three of us captive. A very dense, gooey, almost custardy filling hid a sharp stab of fresh lime in its creamy folds. And the graham cracker and brown sugar crust proved full of crunch. When I spoke with Fleming's corporate chef, he told me the pie exactly followed a traditional Florida recipe. Score one for the old school. ■

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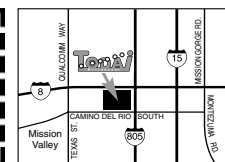
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Under Thumps

"It has three ancient machines grinding out tortillas. We used to go there in the '80s."

Talk about serendipity.

This all started when Carla asked me to come down to TJ to get her a silver bangle from the Mixtec ladies. A match for the one I got her last time. Plus some carnitas. And not just any carnitas. "There's only one place," she said. "It's on Third. Carrillo Puerto. Just before Niños Héroes. You'll know it. It has three ancient machines grinding out tortillas. We used to go there in the '80s. Get some of their tortillas too. Can't get fresher."

Well, you know it doesn't take much to push me down to TJ. Free day today, so here I am waltzing along Carrillo Puerto, soaking up the street life — cassette-tape booths blasting out *norteño* sounds, ladies squeezing fresh fruit for juice, barkers yelling to fill buses, old geezers selling Bic lighters, and a guy with a guitar singing "¡Vámonos a Playa!" right next to the number one bus that takes you to the Playas de Tijuana (beaches) section. He has a beautiful, tuneful voice. Name's Adán Salas. Plays a mean guitar too — right where the number one bus stops. In front of a cavernous, crowded tortilla factory...

Hey. Tortilleria La Nueva Unica. It has three ancient tortilla-making machines, just as Carla said. They look like those four-legged robot giants in *Star Wars*. They rattle away, jerking out fresh-cooked tortillas onto a conveyer belt. A man sits at the end, collecting the tortillas into bundles. But I need to be sure. "Was this place here al-

ready in the '80s, selling tortillas and carnitas?" I ask the woman at the cash register.

"Of course," she says. Elvia. "Our family has run it for 27 years."

Cool. I order a dollar's worth of carnitas and a kilo of tortillas (\$1.00) and leave. 'Course, I sneak some of the carnitas. Oh, boy. Really beautiful, strong taste. Carla's right. Pork as it should be. In fact, I'm looking for somewhere to sit and chow the whole lot down — then go back for another order for Carla — when I spot a sign farther along Carrillo Puerto. "Pizza Restaurant." Hmm. Italian in TJ.

"D'Stefano," it says, right beneath a gym named Gimnasio d'Luis.

Before I know what's happening, this lady Gabriela has me inside and ordering up a full meal.

It's nice. Reminds you of those old-fashioned Italian places you see in Chula Vista and La Mesa. Red Naugahyde-ish tablecloths, plastic roses, black hoop chairs, heavy-beamed ceiling, lots of dark wood paneling, big chandeliers with blue-and-white ceramic light holders. Kind of place a bunch of school friends would come to at night and set up a long table.

The menu makes big plays for pizza. A pepperoni and ham one, *chica* size, runs 65 pesos, about \$6.50. Sizes go up through *grande* (\$7.50) to *extra grande* (\$8.50) to *gigante* (\$18.50).

But I'm more interested in things like "espaguetti" (\$2.50 with tomato sauce, \$3.00 with

mushrooms, \$4.50 with clams), or cordon bleu chicken (\$5.50), or *milanesa napolitana* (breaded beefsteak with tomato sauce, \$6.20), or lasagna (\$4.00).

I end up choosing the lasagna, because it's, well, cheap and sounds filling. I order a Sangria Señorial (\$1.00), I guess the nearest thing to red wine without ordering a glass of their actual *vino tinto* (about \$3.30 a glass).

The waiter brings out a small salad, sprinkled with Parmesan cheese. It's fresh, good. Then the lasagna in an oval ceramic plate comes with three hot toasted pieces of garlic bread. Baked right here, Gabriela says. She says that 23 years ago, her husband Moisés's parents paid an Italian restaurant in San Diego to teach them how to cook Italian style. Now Moisés and Gabriela run the place together.

I'm just about to chomp in when a thumping starts above me. "Don't worry," says Gabriela. "It's just weight lifters upstairs at Mr. Mexico's gym."

"Mr. Mexico?"

"Yes, Luis of Gimnasio d'Luis. He won the Mr. Mexico contest. He's famous in Tijuana. That's

him." She points to a wall full of customers' photos. Mr. Mexico is one of a bunch of Arnold look-alikes who've left signed pictures behind.

The odd thumps and clunks continue, but really, for four bucks, this is a deal. And it's fresh and filling. And I can see the place hops at night.

"Most people come around eight, nine," Gabriela says. "And they order *tarros*." She reaches into a big cooler and hauls out a giant glass beer mug, along with a *caguama*-size bottle of Tecate beer. *Caguama* means "sea turtle," *tarro* means "jar, mug" but what they both really mean is "big." One liter big, \$3.80 for a fill. Oh, man. Got to drag Hank down here.

A girl comes in with a baby. "Señor, I need money. My baby is not well." The baby coughs in my direction. I give her a couple of bucks.

"I don't think the baby will get any of that," says Gabriela. "Is this your first time down?"

Ouch. Guess I was suckered in.

I pay up. Five or six bucks. Deal. Still, it means I'm going to have to bargain with the Mixtec ladies for Carla's bracelet. ■

The Place: Tortilleria La Nueva Unica, 1734 Carrillo Puerto (Third Street), near Niños Héroes Avenue, Tijuana (011-52-664-685-6341)

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Tortillas, 1 kilo (36), \$1.00; Tecate cheeses, \$2.00; chicharrones (fried pork rinds), \$10.00 per kilo; carnitas, \$10.00 per kilo

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday to Tuesday; closed Wednesdays

The Place: D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant, 7835 Carrillo Puerto (Third Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo, Tijuana (E Avenue); (011-52-664-638-4309)

Type of Food: Italian

Prices: Pepperoni and ham pizza, chica size, \$6.50 (prices approximate); grande, \$7.50; extra grande, \$8.50; gigante, \$18.50; spaghetti with tomato sauce, \$2.50; with mushrooms, \$3.00; with clams, \$4.50; cordon bleu chicken, \$5.50; milanesa napolitana (breaded beefsteak with tomato sauce), \$6.20; lasagna, with garlic bread, salad, \$4.00

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"You can't replace a man who's been pounding the pavement selling — that kind of experience."

Dick Colangelo didn't need a day job. He was making it as a jazz musician, playing sax and vibraphones in a big band based in Buffalo, New York. "We played Frank and Teresa's Anchor Bar on Main Street for five years," he recalls. "That's where buffalo wings were invented. The place was jammed. One person would leave, and they would let another in."

Then he had kids, two of them, barely a year apart. "You go on the road as a musician and you don't spend time at home. I decided I needed to be with my children, so I started doing something in the days and playing part-time." The day job he landed was selling insurance for Prudential — a bit of a leap for an ex-jazzman, but he doesn't shudder at the memory. "It was good training for me. I left there with a good foundation in selling. If you're selling a piece of paper to someone, it's not like selling something tangible like a beautiful car."

When, in 1963, Colangelo did leave, he headed west to San Diego; he had family here. He got a job selling musical instruments for local giant Thearle's, but after a few months the son of his godfather invited him to work selling wine for the Simon Levi Company. "I loved wine," he says. Growing up, "My grandfather made wine from California Zinfandel grapes. When we sat down at the dinner table, my grand-

father would sit at one end with a big gallon jug of homemade wine at his side. He was the dispenser of the wine glasses — we had fruit jars — and then add 7-Up. So the job sounded pretty good."

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

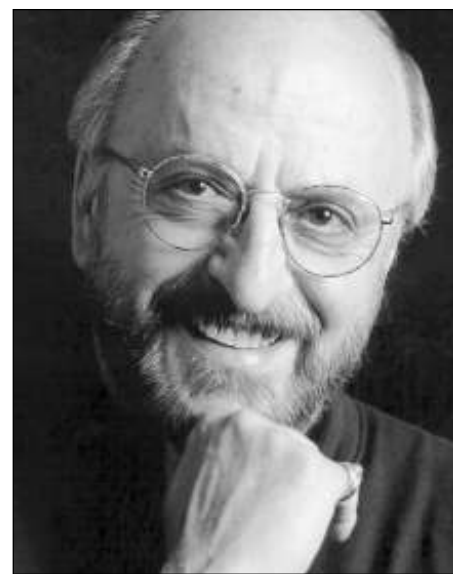
Levi was a classic distributor for the time — a liquor house that also handled a few wines, matching the public's interest at the time. "You might have a six-foot section in a store and that was your wine department. They had only one wine salesman on staff; everyone else sold liquor. He covered San Diego, and they gave me North County, which was very undeveloped then." But there was a difference. Levi's book contained some of the premiere wineries of the day: Louis Martini, Wentz Brothers, and Paul Masson, a name recently purchased by the Seagram's Corporation for development into a national brand. Colangelo did well, and when Levi's San Diego salesman moved over to liquor, he took over the territory. His efforts attracted the notice of the Seagram's people, and after a year he was a Paul Masson representative.

"I found that you need to know what you're talking about in order to sell anything," says Colangelo. "As soon as I got into the wine business, I started reading every book I could, attending every lecture, visiting the wineries for tastings. Frank Schoonmaker's *Encyclopedia of*

Wine was good. He put phonetics next to the names of some of the foreign wineries. And there was Alexis Lichine's encyclopedia. And *Grossman's Guide*, even though it dealt more with liquor than with wine, was the bible of the industry."

Again Colangelo succeeded, and in 1969 he was made state sales manager for New Mexico and Arizona. Two blistering days in Phoenix were enough to convince him that he had made a terrible mistake, one he decided to nip in the bud. "I called my boss and he asked, 'How are things in Arizona?' I told him I was in San Diego and he said, 'Dick, you just broke in your replacement. There's no place for you in San Diego now.' " So Colangelo resigned and landed with the distributor Alfred Hart. "I was interviewed by Gallo and the Heublein Corporation" — which owned multiple wineries — "but the manager at Hart called me and asked, 'How would you like to be a wine manager?' They were the first liquor distributor in San Diego to have a manager responsible for selling wines." In four years he took wine from 3 percent of total sales to 15 percent. And because he was training salesmen, he kept reading, kept tasting, kept learning. "I was like a sponge. If you can't talk intelligently to a sales force, you're not going to get them to respond."

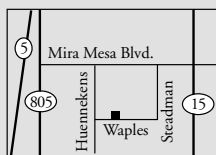
Eventually, Seagram's wooed him back, and he became an area manager for their import arm, Browne Vintners Company. It was a good gig. "I had Mumm Champagne, Barton & Guestier French wines, Julius Kayser German wines. Seagram's was even bringing in Chilean wines: Concha y Toro and Santa Rita. We had quality-control people down in Chile," since the wines tended to be less consistent back then. The company went so far as to take its employees on a tasting tour of Europe, Colangelo included. "Sea-



Dick Colangelo

gram's used Emile Peynaud as a consultant, and he was the man at the University of Bordeaux, which was for many years the top place if you wanted to learn about wine. We had many seminars with him." And because of Peynaud's reputation and Seagram's power in the marketplace, Colangelo found himself in the cellars of wineries with names like Lafite and Margaux. There, he tasted wines from the barrel, "and the guy telling us about the wine was the guy who made it." By 1982, he was back handling Paul Masson, but this time as a manager for San Diego and Imperial Counties. Seagram's was booming, boosted by such mass-market wines as Lancers and Mateus Rose, and San Diego was a favorite testing ground. "If it did well here, they figured

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it would do well in the rest of the country. They would saturate the media, do various kinds of promotions. For me, it was a great experience.”

Three years later, however, Seagram's decided to downsize all the old-timers with the big salaries and go for “young kids out of college with marketing degrees. They lost people who were seasoned veterans. You can't replace a man who's been pounding the pavement selling — that kind of experience. I think it was the demise of Seagram's; they're out of the business now.” Colangelo landed with San Pasqual Vineyards in Escondido as their director of sales and marketing. But, he says, the winery was heading towards financial ruin and wasn't much interested in spending on marketing. “I was in a situation where nothing was going to happen.” By 1988 he was self-employed, working to start up a wine brokerage with an old co-worker from the Seagram's days.

The brokerage was later absorbed into a distributorship, Distinctive Wines Limited, which Colangelo founded with Larry Cox, an ex-manager for the retailing giant Liquor Barn. They prospered and were able to focus on discovering small-

production, high-quality wineries such as Gary Farrell. But a heavy percentage of their business came through Cox's old Liquor Barn connections, and when the chain went under, it threatened to drag Distinctive Wines down with it.

Colangelo was rescued by “one of the companies we were marketing, Maddalena. They were a distributor as well as a winery, which was unusual, and they said, ‘Why don't you come work for us?’” He stayed on with Maddalena until 2 years ago, when he retired. But he never stopped the music; his band, the Variations, worked the floor of the Hotel Del for 15 years, and in 2000 they put out a CD, *Songs Revisited*. By 2002 he didn't need a day job anymore. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the “Super Combo Plate” of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m.

to 9 p.m.) which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepalitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepalitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of “local food.” While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trattoria 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Long-time deli Rosanna's has grown into a full-service restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jean-Louis and Rosanna Mar-

tin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna della casa* done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a *panna cotta* or *bavarese*. Best seats in the house are on the front and back patios — even Highway 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rickety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily. Pastas and pizzas low moderate, entrées upper moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self-Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided

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St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

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When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

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Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclotted tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Centre City Cafe 1680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside

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Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do

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Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

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Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

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Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine

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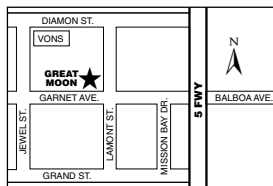
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Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared

pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

Ocean Kitchen 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but

some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch

(including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Torreyana Grill Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served the fourth Friday night of each month, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Excellent value for the money. Expensive. — *E.W. (6/99)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Baci Ristorante 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you're on a low-fat, low-calorie diet, consider this "healthy Italian" restaurant a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Some dishes heavily salted. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as

well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks,

cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Phuong Trang 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hot-pots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accom-

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panying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N.* (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing

pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinner-time entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (12/03)

French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing

desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moon-doggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun

flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping

along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.* (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

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CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted

Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls—ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert—like the delicious pineapple pie—all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, de-

livering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine—sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Old Mill Cafe 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap—for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rib Masters Express 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie's Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food.

This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony's originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don't know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there's the ribs themselves. Everything available "to go." Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/02)*

EAST COUNTY &
STATE COLLEGE

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice

and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all—forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A de-

lightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food—yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*



Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup,

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salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsey curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Back Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground-in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low/moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002.

Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The “Joe and the Volcano”-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa’s. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel ‘n’ eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you’ve gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap—or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. —E.B. (12/01)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India
3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest,
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India here, right? That means lots of
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door-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer*—creamy, cheesy spinach—delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakor*as (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu—say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate.—*E.B. (4/03)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffee-house/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricki!!", an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special—it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals un-

til 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Chez Odette 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the *quiche Lorraine*. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitolacoches*.

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ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavily: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zorape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you’ll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zorape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, home-made, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fourth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with “Mediterranean” standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabouli. Don’t leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker’s Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it’s been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You’re thinking “business class,” but don’t be fooled. We’re talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to

mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It’s across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, “We cater to seniors.” While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she’s doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Noted cookbook author Su-Mei Yu prepares casual Thai food — noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) — to eat in or take out. There’s gorgeous artwork to look at as you wait or chew. Open seven days, continuous service lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (5/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Cafe 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-8282. It’s worth making your way past the construction project next door: Jay Greenfield (long-time chef at the celebrated Bernard O in Rancho Bernardo) warmly presides at this “find,” a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything’s carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don’t miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto. Desserts alone are worth the trip the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust... the pecan “cannoli” filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar, below-average corkage for

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Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come

to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffuletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe pre-

What the Chef Eats

MACADAMIA-PANKO-CRUSTED JOHN DORY WITH BEURRE BLANC

BY CHRIS MESA

Chef, Carver's Steaks and Chops, Rancho Bernardo

We serve this dish in the restaurant, and it is one of my favorites. It's extremely popular. I make this at home, too, for my wife, who likes seafood.

This is a user-friendly recipe, what I call idiot-proof. It's a Polynesian dish. What the French did in Indonesia was take the indigenous food and put their own French twist upon it. The John Dory and macadamia nuts and panko all being common to Polynesia combined with the French influence of the beurre blanc sauce is a perfect match.

Basically what you're

doing is throwing together a bunch of aromatics in a skillet with shallots and reducing them two times. That way you get a concentrated reduced aromatic taste.

Real beurre blanc is not made with heavy cream. This is the true idiot-proof part of the recipe. Two ounces of heavy cream, and you reduce it, will stabilize the sauce. Often it will separate if you don't properly make it. With the heavy cream you don't have to worry about it. It won't break up while your date's waiting for dinner.

sents sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussel soufflé and seasonal *agnolotti* stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a rau-

chous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/03)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake

(even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). En-



roughly tends to break up when you cook it.

The proper match of a beverage would be an Australian white wine. Lindemann's makes a good Chardonnay. You definitely want a Chardonnay or a fume, not a Riesling.

HOW TO DO IT

Beurre Blanc Sauce: Combine clarified butter in a 2-quart pot with

trées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Diners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

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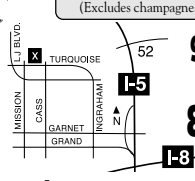
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shallots, parsley stems, bay leaves, thyme, rosemary, and whole peppercorns. Sauté for 4 to 5 minutes on low heat, stirring occasionally. Add white wine and vinegar. Reduce until most of the liquid is absorbed by the aromatics, about 4 minutes. Add heavy cream and reduce by 50 percent. Turn off heat. Cut softened butter into pats, and with a fine wire whisk, whip the pats one by one into the reduction, stirring constantly until all

have dissolved. Add salt and pepper. Then run mixture through a fine strainer and reserve. Fish: Remove all skin and bones from fillet. Take the fillet and coat completely first with flour, then egg wash, then macadamia nuts and panko. Sauté fish in clarified butter in a skillet. Cook until golden brown on both sides. Place on plate immediately and cover with sauce. Sprinkle ½ leftover parsley over the

entrée, and use the remaining half to garnish the plate.

INGREDIENTS

Beurre Blanc Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon clarified butter
- 2 ounces shallots, minced
- 1 bunch parsley stems
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- ¼ sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar

- 2 ounces heavy cream
- ¼ pound softened butter
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon white pepper

Fish:

- 1 8-ounce fillet of fresh John Dory
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 beaten eggs
- ¼ cup crushed macadamia nuts mixed with ¼ cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 ounces clarified butter

Garnish:

- Leftover parsley leaves, minced

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and na-

chos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here

has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for

the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, av-

ocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbage-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4:00 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado,

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Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

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view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empandas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features

fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

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Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, toma-

toes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant 7835 Carrillo Puerto (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateo 993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crepes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

El Faro De Mazatlan 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster.

The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — E.W.

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jockey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

La Lena 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and

intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder this has become the destination restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some waitstaff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Rica Torta Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies,

with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Hometown Buffet 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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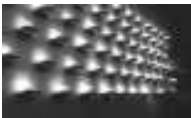
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Mel's martyrdom in Braveheart was but an appetizer.

When word about *The Passion of the Christ* first began to get around, it told of the smallness but riskiness of the venture, a labor of love for Mel Gibson, son of a mover and shaker in the circles of Catholic conservatism, a work of devotion financed out of the filmmaker's own pocket, featuring no big-name stars (Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci, the biggest), not to mention English subtitles for ancient languages, graphic gore, and the potential to reignite the flames of anti-Semitism. Prospects along the lines of Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ* were envisioned. A specialty item at best. The question at the time, though it seems almost unreal to recall it, was whether the film could even find a distributor. And now here we are, a week after its unveiling, and it would appear that Jesus (pronounced YESH-oo-wah) may after all be bigger than the Beatles. The spillover has been spectacular: the talk shows, the news shows, the front page, the op-ed page, the religion page, the financial page — the sky's the limit. In the result, the film has effectively been taken out of the

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hands of the critics (it wasn't screened for the local press until two days before blast-off), and I for one would be glad to be relieved of the burden.

To focus tightly on movie matters, let me simply grant that this is a story fated to be retold on screen more times than *Hamlet* (Gibson got in on that one, too), and that a version of it which

would bear down on the bodily punishment absorbed during Christ's last day on Earth was probably, in the fullness of time, inevitable. Why it should also have been inevitable that Christian churches would fall all over themselves to sanction and promote such a version (right down to its "R" rating), I would not presume to guess; and Jewish leaders, tempted to draw a connection between the ferocity of their protests over it and the eagerness of the official Christian endorsements of it, are entitled to their suspicions. There's a lot of history there. But already I am wandering from mere movie matters.

It is a short step from saying that such a version was inevitable to saying that it's a particularly appropriate one for our age: a Passion, if you will,



The Passion of the Christ

for the new millennium. More specifically, bereft of the spiritual and obsessed with the physical. (Not for the first time in my life do I feel the loss of Carl Dreyer's unrealized "Jesus film" — the great Dane was both a true believer and a true artist — although I don't suppose Bill O'Reilly or Diane Sawyer would have taken such

an interest.) As a filmmaker, Gibson seems a simple soul. You do not need to be Jewish to feel discomfort at the depiction of the conniving priest Caiphas — his pupils floating to the tops of his eyeballs — who lobbies implacably for crucifixion against the wishy-washy reluctance of a henpecked Pilate, whose wife lobbies for

clemency. Gibson is not going to waste his thimbleful of imagination on trying to understand the point of view of a threatened Jewish cleric whose chief sin was his lack of two thousand years of foresight. The giggling and guffawing floggers and flayers among the Romans (why haven't we heard from the Italian anti-defamation

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watchdogs?) come from the same cabinet of stock villains, albeit from a lower shelf, down around the brainless brutes of *Mad Max*. And the hairless reptilian Satan, putting in a personal appearance along with a pet snake, bears a vague family resemblance to the likes of Murnau's or Herzog's Nosferatu, Ingmar Bergman's Grim Reaper from *The Seventh Seal*, and Peter Jackson's Gollum from *The Lord of the Rings*.

In the end, there's really very little to it, apart from duration: the arrest in Gethsemane (with such excessive force as to leave Jesus at the outset looking like Rocky Balboa after a fifteen-round); the kangaroo court; the interminable public torture (Mel's martyrdom in *Braveheart* was but an appetizer); the marathon uphill climb to Calvary; the spikes in the hands and feet and the spear in the side; and scarcely more than ten seconds for the rolling-away of the stone and the restoration of the body for the ascent to Paradise. The narrowness, the repet-

itiveness, the monotony, of the action cannot be explained away with stuff about our shock and awe over the extent of the suffering. (Shock and awe followed by what? — resignation or rage? reverence or revenge?) Nor can it be alleviated with brief flashbacks to Happy-Go-Lucky Jesus at home with the Holy Mother, to Silver-Tongued Jesus at the Sermon on the Mount, to Calendar-Art Jesus at the Last Supper.

A major contributor to the aforesaid duration — two hours plus — is the willy-nilly use of slow-motion, always a handy access to dramatic emphasis for a filmmaker too lazy or inept to achieve it by honest means such as pacing and camera placement. (Please don't bother to voice any misgivings over the suitability of so voguish a device in so classical a setting: that just goes along with the ultra-violence to identify the film as *of our time*.) The Jewish high priest pitches the pouch of gold to Judas in slo-mo. Judas plants his kiss on Jesus in slo-mo. Jesus slumps to the ground after the judgment at court in slo-mo. The floggers and flayers, having perhaps worn out their arms, ultimately gear down into slo-mo. Jesus falls five separate times on the trek to Calvary

in slo-mo. God himself, once Jesus announces "It is accomplished" (a more positive spin on the traditional "It is finished"), lets falls a teardrop from the heavens in slo-mo. And so it goes: time stretched out on a torture rack. On a list of the film's excesses — hysterical histrionics, blue and amber monochromes, overamped sound effects, thunderous drumming and choral high flights, etc. — the slow-motion forges to the head of the pack and edges out the gore. Dramatic justification would be easier to argue for the latter.

Hidalgo, a much more run-of-the-mill Disney sports film than the exceptional *Miracle*, feeds the current hunger (to put it as crudely as it merits) to kick some Arab butt, this time in the allegedly factual story of a long-distance Bedouin horse race across the Ocean of Fire to Damascus. The titular mustang, the lone American entry, mirrors the components of his native land: horse of the Red Indian, descended from Spain, of mixed blood, and subjected to a bit of thoroughbred (or Old World) snobbery. His rider, the legendary Pony Express courier Frank T. Hopkins (a mumbly Viggo Mortensen), is himself a half-breed, who otherwise perfectly matches the profile of the American invader and conqueror of *The Last Samurai*: a drunken participant in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a tormented soul eaten by guilt over the massacred Sioux at Wounded Knee, and a rakish blade

who effortlessly cuts through cultural barriers and in particular the facial veil of a sheik's daughter named Jazira ("Why do I feel that you truly see me when others do not?"). Spurred on by the blustery music of James Newton Howard, horse and rider outrun a computer-generated desert tsunami (curse of *The Mummy*), dodge a couple of cartoon leopards (sons of *Gladiator*), and tilt into a three-way photo finish after a race of three thousand miles (fact-check, anyone?). I have tried for some time to see something special in the directing career of Joe Johnston — *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* and *The Rocketeer* and *October Sky* and, yes, even *Jurassic Park III* — but I have here lost sight of it. Or he has.

If, as I believe, Philip Kaufman has long been overrated (trace the blame to the identically initialed Pauline Kael), *Twisted* may remedy the problem all by itself. Though intriguing in its initial set-up and directed with care throughout, this cheesy feminist thriller, fully worthy of the Lifetime Channel, takes a suicidal high dive from the lofty pomposities of *Quills*, Kaufman's last one. Our bally heroine (Ashley Judd, always sinking to the bottom of her vocal range, trawling for *gravitas*) has just been promoted to Homicide Inspector on the S.F.P.D., when the first case to fall in her lap proves to be the serial murder of her former bedmates, their bodies turning up with regularity whenever she blacks out on Cabernet. Could she be her own

prime suspect? For all the perfunctory interest in psychology — her sessions with a police therapist, her passion for casual and rough sex, her violent temper, her childhood trauma over the deaths of her parents — the film knows only one motivation: to astonish the audience at all costs. The audience is liable to laugh in its face.

Crimson Gold, at the Ken for a single week, begins with an armed robbery at a jewelry store, a shooting, and a suicide — though the single-take camera seems more concerned with the symmetry of the composition and the rectangle of light at the center of the shot than it is with the people inside the store or the crowd of bystanders on the street — before retreating into a flashback and working its way back to the starting point at the very end, with no overlap. You'll have to remember what happened next; you will get no replay. And in spite of all the illumination in the interim, motives for the final act of violence remain opaque; or in other words, open to speculation. Written by Abbas Kiarostami and directed by Jafar Panahi (same division of labor as on *The White Balloon*), it is a story of dignity and degradation, of haves and have-nots, of whom the latter are principally represented by a pizza deliverer and petty criminal, a big glum blob of a man on a tiny motorbike, medicated for some unspecified reason on cortisone, and wounded to his soul by the *hauteur* of an upper-crust jeweler when he and his bosom buddy try to palm off a stolen wedding ring. The excitements of the film tend to be small (the shadows of the trees and the play of headlights when the protagonist is detained on his nocturnal rounds by police on a stake-out, or the bad stitching and shapeless cut of his best suitcoat on his return visit to the jeweler), yet they are larger than all the explosions and car chases in all the *Die Hards* and *Lethal Weapons*. They are the excitements of awareness and aliveness. (A sort of cinematic Cartesianism: *I see, therefore I am*.) One wonders when we might reach the saturation point with the Iranian cinema; when we might tire of tout-ing its puritanical virtues: no piped-in background music, no laboratory-added special effects, no photographic frills, very little compression or acceleration of the action, only the indefinable magic generated by an individual point of view, a vision. The answer to our query, notwithstanding some hints of tedium and suspicions of stagnancy, is *not yet*. Not with this one.

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No film as good as *Mystic River* had ever won the Oscar for Best Picture, and there was no reason to suppose that this year would be any different, not when the final installment (or the final tally) of *The Lord of the Rings* permitted members of the Academy to pay such titanic tribute to what they most revere: money. ■

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Against the Ropes — Not too glossy or glossed-over a portrait of Jackie Kallen (a hoarse, coarse, brassy, sassy Meg Ryan), a woman in a man's game, manager of a prizefighter whom she discovered in a brawl with two crackheads: "Reminds me of Marvin Hagler." Not too believable a portrait, nevertheless. Charles S. Dutton, who also directed, is quite likable as the wise and wily trainer coaxed out of retirement. With Omar Epps, Tony Shalhoub, Tim Daly. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; SANTEE
DRIVE IN)

Along Came Polly — An ostensibly romantic comedy throwing together Mr. Uptight (Ben Stiller) and Ms. Free Spirit (Jennifer Aniston), written and directed by John Hamburg, whose mind is quite literally in the toilet. The fart at the men's-room urinals is just a warm-up for the illustrated definition of "shart," an intended fart that produces solids in addition to gasses, and then the movie's *pièce de résistance*, the first-date effects of Middle Eastern cuisine on Irritable Bowel Syndrome, the guest's after-dinner pit stop in his hostess's bathroom, the turning-on of the shower to cover up the brass-band noises, the mere scrap of tissue on the roll of toilet paper, the use of Grandma's embroidered handtowel instead, the plugged-up and overflowing toilet bowl, the use of the hostess's brand-new loofah as a plunger — well, you could just about die, although not from laughing. Hank Azaria contributes a funny French accent as a nudist scuba instructor on St. Barts, but funny French accents are a dime a dozen. And climactic crosstown dashes to prevent departures of loved ones on airplanes are a dime a gross. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Debra Messing, Alec Baldwin. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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 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, Dorothee Berryman, Marina Hands. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 3/5)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Big Fish — Big bore, Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his “fan base,” needed to bounce back in a big way from the commercial conservatism of *Planet of the Apes*, and in Daniel Wallace’s slender novel he has found a fund of peculiarity: the sententious and sentimental memoirs of an Alabama fabulist, none of whose tall tales and fish stories — literally tall in the case of a twelve-foot giant, literally fishy in the case of a freshwater Moby Dick known as The

Beast — explains how the moles on his cheek and forehead vanished between the time he was Ewan McGregor and the time he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narration-heavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in *Planet*. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red

Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and co-directors Eric Bress and J. Mackye Gru-

ber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternate-universe subdivisions. It concerns a college student (Ashton Kutcher, with scholarly beard) who had suffered from memory blackouts as a child, and who now discovers that by rereading his diaries he can return to the lost moments and rewrite the outcome, emerging from the experience with nothing worse than a bloody nose. But every time he changes one thing, it changes the entire future. This might sound as though it ought to be more interesting than

it is. (Or else it might sound exactly as confusing as it is.) The makers' reliance on "shocking" subject matter — pedophilia and kiddie porn, dog burning, baby bombing, etc. — bespeaks their doubts about their ability to interest. An image that did not look as if it were viewed through sunglasses might have helped, but not significantly. Amy Smart, Ethan Suplee, Eric Stoltz, Melora Walters. 2004.

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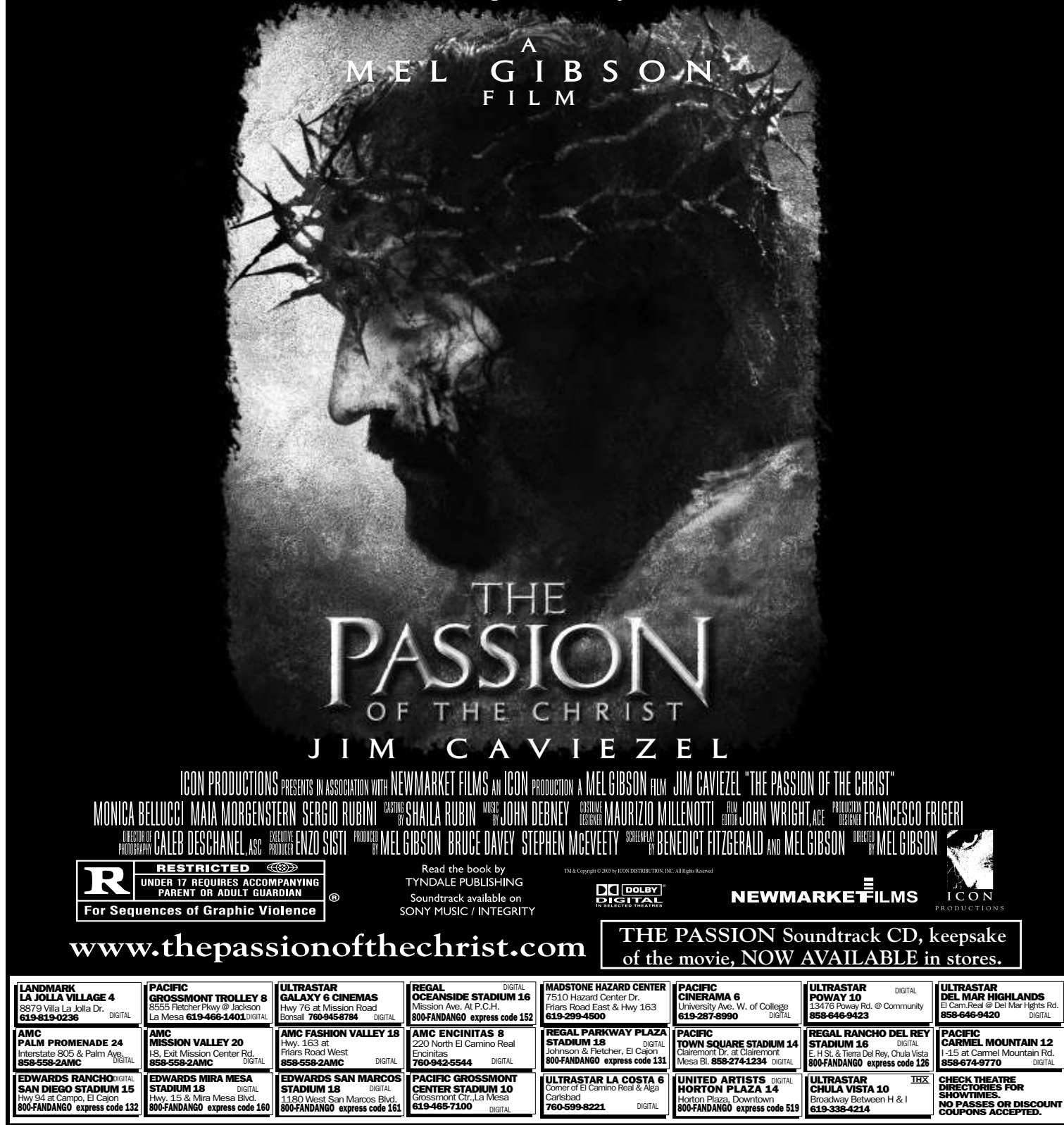
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★ (HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Club Dread — Horror comedy from the Broken Lizard troupe, directed by Jay Chandrasekhar. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Cold Mountain — The hardships and heartache of the American Civil War, cushioned in the plushness of the production: the crane-happy camera, the spendthrift special effects, the “painterly” washes of color and “dynamic” compositions, the visual poetry and bombast, the chiselled and sanded faces of the A-list romantic leads, Nicole Kidman (with her Orientalized eyes) and Jude Law (blue lagoons). Paying customers will likely feel they are getting a lot for their money, and no doubt they are getting a lot of money for their money. They will also be getting, by way of the prize-winning novel by Charles Frazier, spools and spools of storyline, strung out to a slight sag: back and forth in time, from the Siege of Petersburg in 1864 and its immediate aftermath, to the antebellum quietude of the North Carolina hills; and then, after the convergence of the two time lines, back and forth in space only, from the eventful homeward trek of a wounded Confederate deserter, to the struggle of the womenfolk to keep the home fires burning. On both fronts, it’s the gentle sex who bear the heaviest burdens, particularly moral and philosophical ones: “[If] I had my way, they’d take metal altogether out of this world, every gun, every blade.” No doubt, too, the film gains interest 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 well-bred belle once she

is let loose almost an hour into the film; and there are strong contributions from Eileen Atkins (a backwoods goatherd meticulously realized down to the dirt beneath her fingernails), Kathy Baker, James Gammon, Ray Winstone, Brendan Gleeson, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman. But then again, the cast also has Philip Seymour Hoffman and Giovanni Ribisi in it. 2003.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; 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 co-produced in addition to starring, and just a labor for Robert Altman, who directed in his no-sweat, semi-bored and semi-distracted manner. The rehearsals and conferences look and sound authentic (“You’re all so *pretty*. You know how I *hate pretty*!”), and the dancing is respectfully and 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, THROUGH 3/4)

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, Glenn Headly, Alison Pill, and Carol Kane; directed by Sara Sugarman. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-



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Crimson Gold — Reviewed this issue. With Hussein Emadeddin, Kamyar Sheissi, Azita Rayeji, and Pourang Nakhayi; directed by Jafar Panahi.

★★★ (KEN, 3/5 THROUGH 11)

Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights — Brought to Batista’s Cuba by her well-heeled father in late ’58, a blond blue-eyed Jane Austen reader (Romola Garai) gets a bit of a Lawrentian thing going with a swarthy young pool boy (Diego Luna, a true cutie). Patrick Swayze, from the original *Dirty Dancing*, trying desperately to look younger than he looked seventeen years ago, pops up in the same role to offer some pointers on the art of Latin Ballroom. The film is woefully inadequate on the politics, and barely adequate on the dancing, yet it attains a level of fluffy comfort. With Sela Ward, John Slattery, and Jonathan Jackson; directed by Guy Ferland. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN

SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 youthful 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 flag-waving finale of Bertolucci’s *1900*. Michael Pitt, Eva Green, Louis Garrel. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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

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little help from Drew Barrymore's self-infantilization, 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.

● (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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 eighty-five-year-old former Secretary of Defense (a/k/a "Mac the Knife") throughout the first phase of the Vietnam War (a/k/a "McNamara's War"). What you think of it will be difficult to disentangle from 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, self-assessing, 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Girl with a Pearl Earring — Envisioning a chain of events that might have led to the Vermeer painting of the same name: the coming to the Master's household of a chaste young maid, daughter of a blinded Delft tile painter, and her inch-by-inch entrée to the artist's atelier by virtue of her demonstrated interest in and sensitivity to and appreciation of his work — a privilege withheld from his baby-machine wife — even to the extent of improving the composition of a work-in-progress by taking it upon herself to reposition a chair (yes, X-rays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted over a chair in *Woman with a Water Jug*, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterpiece. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way the maid's

breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow — in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the locker-room jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist Tracy Chevalier, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the first-time director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy. There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland, although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market with facsimiles. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, Tom Wilkinson. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hidalgo — Reviewed this issue. With

Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif, Zuleikha Robinson, and Louise Lombard; directed by Joe Johnston.

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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.


★ (GASLAMP 15; 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 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 de-

parted 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 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.)



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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. ★ (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 Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. 2003.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola’s sophomore effort marks an advance over *The Virgin Suicides*: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sad-sack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The “satirical” touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn’t a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled “the Johnny Carson of Japan,” the S&M call girl (“Lip my stocking!”), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as “Sausalito.” Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign (“For relaxing times, make it Suntori time”), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his soup-ladle renditions of Elvis Costello’s “Peace, Love, and Understanding” and Roxy Music’s “More Than This”). And the touring in and around Tokyo is pleas-



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antly 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 copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and

faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen’s superstitions (is there a “Jonah” among the crew? is the enemy a “phantom”?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle (“Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England”), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship’s surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the sol-

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dier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Miracle — On its face, this looks to be just another float in the never-ending parade of Disney sports films, otherwise known as triumph without sweat: the Inspirational True Story, as so many of them are, of the hockey game that was more than a hockey game, when Team USA met Team USSR in the medal round at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. In short, *Rocky* on skates — and indeed the best the movie can do to illustrate the superiority of the Soviets on ice is to depict them as huge, glowering, and robotic (see *Rocky 4*), and forget about their fluidity and finesse. What lifts the movie well above the norm, however, and rescues it from its abundant clichés (the telephoto shot of the teammates in uniform striding shoulder to shoulder toward the camera, the slow-motion-happy action highlights, the freeze-frame final image of raised index fingers), is Kurt Russell's portrayal — and screenwriter Eric Guggenheim's and director Gavin O'Connor's portrayal — of the American coach, Herb Brooks, who would perish in a single-car accident not long after completion of the filming, and, as we are told in a printed coda, would never get to see it. Everything you could ask for, and more, is here: the benevolent despotism ("I'll be your coach, I won't be your friend"), the my-way-or-the-highway mentality ("I'm not looking for the *best* players.... I'm looking for the *right* players"), the angry locker-room tirade at intermission ("You guys are playing like this is some throwaway game up in Rochester!"), the grim undemonstrative ulcer-cultivating demeanor, the terrible checkered pants and sports jacket, the tunnel-visioned obliviousness to a pop-cultural phenomenon such as "the Coneheads," the suffering but supportive wife (indie queen Patricia Clarkson), the arcane strategizing, the well-detailed practice sessions, the repeated refrain to each of his new recruits — "Who do you play for?" — to which a satisfactory answer (after a lot of accurate but unsatisfactory answers: "University of Minnesota," "Boston University," etc.) finally and stirringly comes: "I play for the United States of America!" Russell enacts the part with a light Minnesota accent, nothing to touch off the giggles of *Fargo*, and always with sufficient reserve (that clipped, damped-down accent is a help) to ensure that the emotional payoff will be a jackpot: alone in the tunnel to the locker room after the game, he can at last let it all out, if only he knew how. 2004.

★★★ (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 PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Monsieur Ibrahim — French coming-of-age trifle, set in the Sixties, with a rock-and-roll playlist to prove it, about a Muslim grocer ("I'm not an Arab. I'm from the Golden Crescent") who helps a neighborhood Jewish boy to pinch pennies and save up for streetwalkers. Plenty of sightseeing interest, both in Paris and on a transcontinental car trip to the Middle East. With Omar Sharif and Pierre Boulanger; directed by François Dupeyron. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/5)

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 relation-

ship. What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timorous slummer? A falling-in-love montage to the accompaniment of the goopy old Tommy James & The Shondells tune, "Crimson and Clover," will not help to clear this up; and it is particularly hard to swallow the notion that a novice lesbian would be quite so open, so confident, so defiant about it in public. Her concurrent murder spree has been carefully calibrated to distance her, a step at a time, from sympathy. She lets one john off the hook, early on, because he has never done this sort of thing before and she takes pity on him. She kills another who turns out, through a photo in his wallet, to have a wife in a wheelchair and thus a good excuse. And she kills one who is not a john at all — the final straw — but a Good Samaritan who offers her money for nothing and a warm bed at home with his wife. With that, all bases are covered, as well as the ass of the writer and director Patty Jenkins: plenty of wiggle room whether accused of playing softball or hardball. Quite apart from any bestowal and withdrawal of sympathy, the protagonist emerges as nothing so much as a cat's-paw for Charlize Theron, a stepping-stone to one of those total-transformation performances — one of those big bold bravura jobs — that maintain maximum separation between the player and the role, and are commonly mistaken for the farthest reaches of the art of acting. Perhaps in a sense they truly are, but in reaching so far they irretrievably throw off the balance. Porked up for the part, not nearly to the dimensions of De Niro in *Raging Bull* but easily to those of Zellweger in *Bridget Jones's Diary*, wearing a denture as obtrusive as a prizefighter's mouthpiece, sporting a galaxy of freckles suggestive of an accident under the sunlamp, shifting her weight in perpetual motion, compulsively smoking, swigging, gesticulating, and generally carrying on like a junkie overdue for a fix, Theron creates a problem of scale, such that her ostensible partner, poor little wasted-away Christina Ricci, has roughly the presence of a pet parrot. 2003.

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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 capital 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, stoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricky, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and "gotcha." The honest — the aggrieved — the penitent — emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney,

Marcia Gay Harden. 2003.

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Nightmare Alley — Beautifully shaped and sharply detailed chronicle of the rise and fall of a conscienceless carnny (played with unaccustomed toughness by Tyrone Power): up to the heights of high-society spiritualist and down to the depths of sideshow geek. Beautifully photographed and sharply written, too: Lee Garmes and Jules Furthman, respectively. Somewhat undervalued, overall, because its suave director, Edmund Goulding, has little history of this sort of thing: mainly women's pictures and a few middlebrow literary adaptations. With Joan Blondell, Coleen Gray, Helen Walker, Taylor Holmes, and Mike Mazurki. 1947.

★★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/4, 7 P.M., AND 3/5, 4:30 AND 8:45 P.M.)

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 ablations), and suffused with a respect for life and an interest in the real world such as somehow elude our Hollywood studios. Marina Glubahari, Khwaja Nader, Arif Herati. 2003.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

The Passion of the Christ — Reviewed this issue. With Jim Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Maia Morgenstern, Mattia Sbragia, and Hristo Shopov; directed by Mel Gibson.

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The Secret Lives of Dentists — Alan Rudolph's middle-class midlife-crisis comedy covers similar ground to a Fifties "women's picture": a devoted husband and father begins to suspect his wife of ten

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years, partner in his dental practice, and extracurricular opera buff, of carrying on an affair with a faceless somebody in a local production of *Nabucco*. The film does an excellent job of keeping track of the unrelenting responsibilities in parenting three well-differentiated little girls, permitting no let-up in a time of crisis, especially not when the flu makes the rounds of every family member in turn. Not high among the film’s assets, however, are what could be considered its assertions of “independence” and “modernity,” its separation from soap-operatic tradition: the sniggering title change from the original Jane Smiley book, *The Age of Grief*; the voice-over ruminations on teeth and mortality (“Teeth outlast everything. Death is nothing to a tooth”); the hip soundtrack, a Rudolph trademark; the low-wattage leading players (the remote Campbell Scott, the pinched Hope Davis); the grainy flashbacks and flip-pant fantasy devices, most especially the recurring appearances of an unruly dental patient (Denis Leary) as a phantom confidant and kibitzer, visible and audible only to the husband. These are simply a part of the price to be paid by a moviegoer of the 21st Century. 2003.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/8, 6:30 P.M.)



Twisted

Something’s Gotta Give — Wrinkly romance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on

their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be “almost” twenty years older than an explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far

he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The self-caricaturing stylization of the stars’ mannerisms,

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8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Fog of War (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **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
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; 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; The Butterfly Effect

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Mooseport; Against the Ropes; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Miracle; Along Came Polly; Lost in Translation; Cold Mountain; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
The Passion of the Christ; Lost in Translation; The Triplets of Belleville; In America; City of God; House of Sand and Fog; The Fog of War; Mystic River; Osama

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Mooseport; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Miracle; 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; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Ave. (619-583-5677)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:10; Sat. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:45) 7:55; **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; 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. (3:15) 7:15, 10:20; Sat. (11:45, 3:15) 7:15, 10:20; Sun. (11:45, 3:15) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:30; Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (11:15, 1:25,

3:45) 5:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:05) 7:45; **Twisted** (R) Fri. (1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sat. (11:25, 1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (11:25, 1:35, 3:40) 5:50, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:10) 7:30; **You Got Served** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45, 9:45; Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:35, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:15) 7:20

Ken
4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236)
AKA Thursday; Crimson Gold (Not Rated) Fri. 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:35, 9:50

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
21 Grams (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:00; **The Barbarian Invasions** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Wed. (2:00) 4:40, 9:50; Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
The Dreamers Fri. (4:20) 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 4:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 9:40; **Girl With A Pearl Earring** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Monsieur Ibrahim** (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; **Monster** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon. (1:50) 4:30, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Nightmare Alley, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.; **The Brasher Doubloon**, Thursday, 9:20 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado (619-238-1233)
Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Fri. 8:30; Sat. 4:00; Sun. 5:00; **Australia: Land Beyond Time** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 4:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 4:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 3:00; Mon. 2:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Wed. 8:00; Thu. 7:00; **Island of the Sharks** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Wed. 7:00; Thu. 6:00; **To Worlds Beyond A.M.** Sat. 10:00; **Top Speed** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:30; Sat. 11:00; Sun. 11:00, 4:00; Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10,

the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as “the most successful female playwright since — who? Lillian Hellman?” and his as the head of the second largest hip-hop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (*What Women Want*, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-younger-woman can of worms, giving the man a boudoir heart attack for starters (before he can consummate relations with his current companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton’s daughter: consummation would have been altogether *too* wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hospital dressing gown, giving the woman a tit-for-tat — or perhaps that ought to be tat-for-tit — younger suitor in the bargain (Nicholson’s cardiologist, Keanu Reeves, fudging a bit himself as the aforementioned thirty-six-year-old), giving the man an earful to think about (a dinner-table diatribe by Keaton’s sister, the anomalous Frances McDormand as a Columbia professor of Women’s Studies), filling his eyes with nearly as many tears as the woman’s. The sexual politicking and posturing do tend to get in the way of the comedy. But with that said, let it also be said that this is at all levels a polished and professional piece of work, and pleasant enough to sit through for the starry-eyed or

4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **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. (12:50) 7:00; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 4:50) 10:40; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:25; **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, 4:55) 7:15, 9:30; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:05, 7:25, 10:10, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 3:40) 8:00; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 9:55; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 10:15, 10:30; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 11:35, 1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:45) 7:05, 7:25, 9:45, 10:05; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 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

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
(619-465-7100)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:15, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:55, 10:05; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 9:55; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:10) 5:20, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:10, 5:20) 7:25, 9:40; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. (1:30, 3:55) 7:30, 9:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:25, 7:35, 10:35; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 1:50, 3:45) 4:50, 7:15, 7:50, 10:15, 10:45; 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; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 8:05, 10:20; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:25) 8:00, 10:15; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:55) 7:20

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Eurotrip (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:00) 4:20, 6:30, 9:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:00) 4:20, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:20) 7:40; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:40) 6:25, 9:10; Sun. (12:30, 3:40) 6:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25) 7:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 3:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 4:10) 8:20; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:50, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15,

the brown-nosed. 2003.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Starsky and Hutch — Spoof of the late-Seventies TV cop show, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson, directed by Todd Phillips.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/5)

Touching the Void — Kevin Macdon-ald’s documentary cliffhanger — in the most literal sense possible — on the amaz-ing-but-true story of Joe Simpson (based on his memoir), a British mountaineer who breaks his leg on the descent from a Peru-vian peak in 1985, slips over a precipice at the end of a rope a hundred feet above a bottomless crevasse, is cut loose by his climbing partner, Simon Yates, and left for dead, yet lives to tell the tale. We know the outcome from the outset, though not the ghastly details. Dramatic re-enactments and high-grade nature footage illustrate the talking-head and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect.

2004.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a *bande dess-inée* in motion, a genuine novelty. The de-tachable introduction presents a retro Thir-ties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), *faux*-Fleischer and semi-surrealist, spotlighting a big-buttèd Josephine Baker in a bikini bottom of ba-nanas 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 be-tween the routine of their daily life and the marvelousness of it in our eyes. Which is to say the marvelousness of it in the heighten-ing, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the stomach-dragging Bruno dutifully wad-dling his way up a twisting staircase, right on schedule, to bark at every passing ele-vated train outside the bedroom window. And yet when three competitors in the Tour de France, including the now grown-up adopted child (calves the size of Pop-ey’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 hy-drocycle — when, in short, the routine is forsaken in favor of a fantastical adventure — the movie loses its moorings. All that heightening, that distortion, etc., piled atop a spongy base of whimsy, seem somehow less marvelous. One kind of mar-vel takes away from the other. And the bul-lets-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 com-municated with a clarity that renders words unnecessary. Or at any rate, unused. An unobtrusive poster of Jacques Tati’s *M. Hu-lot’s Holiday* pays proper *hommage* in that regard. 2003.
★★★ (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 acci-dent. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again ex-con, runs over the husband and two daugh-ters of Naomi Watts, and the husband’s heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep apprecia-tor of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (The widow’s re-action, 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 par-ticipatory form of storytelling. You eventu-ally get your bearings, and the jumps be-tween 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 princi-pal 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, earthquake camera are but fashionable affectations. Charlotte Gains-bourg, Melissa Leo, Clea DuVall. 2003.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Twisted — Reviewed this issue. With Ash-ley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson, Andy Garcia, and David Strathairn; directed by Philip Kaufman.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; 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 PROME-

NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Welcome to Mooseport — Timid po-litical comedy in which the ex-President — “the most popular in history,” despite be-ing 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; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

5:30) 8:15; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:20) 6:35, 9:20; Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 6:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:30; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:40, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 3:00, 5:40) 8:10; **Some-thing’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:55, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20, 5:50) 8:30; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:20) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:30, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 8:00

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
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SANTEE
Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:10; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:15

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Wed. 1:45, 7:15; Thu. 1:45; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 4:30, 10:00; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **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; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denney Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Miracle; Welcome to Mooseport; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Mystic River; Along Came Polly; Big Fish; Cold Mountain; The Lord of the Rings: The Re-turn of the King; The Last Samurai

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 4:50)

10:30; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:10) 7:40; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 10:00; **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. (2:15) 7:50; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:10, 2:50, 3:20) 7:05, 7:20, 10:20, 10:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 4:45) 9:00; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:50, 10:05; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:35, 10:15; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:05, 2:40, 5:00, 5:20) 7:35, 8:00, 10:10, 10:35; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:30; **Welcome to Moose-port** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 4:55) 10:20

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Along Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 6:00; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 7:45

IMPERIAL BEACH
South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Ave. (619-423-2727)
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NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:15, 7:45; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00; **Twisted** (R) Fri. 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15

CARMEL MOUNTAIN
Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, (858-674-9770)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:20, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (11:20, 1:45, 3:50) 7:05, 9:15; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:05) 7:15; **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. (11:50, 2:05) 4:10, 7:05, 9:50; Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:10, 6:40, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:55, 4:10) 6:40, 9:15; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00) 4:45, 5:55, 7:45, 8:45, 10:35; Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00) 5:00, 5:55, 7:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00, 5:00, 5:55) 7:45, 9:30; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. 11:00, 12:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:40, 5:45, 7:35, 8:40, 10:25; Sat. 10:45, 12:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:40, 5:45, 7:35, 8:40, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 12:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:40, 5:45, 7:25, 8:40, 10:00; **Something’s Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (11:05, 1:40) 4:20, 6:55, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 6:55, 9:35; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:10, 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:55, 4:55, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:10, 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:55, 4:55, 7:10, 8:30, 9:40; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 5:05, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:10, 5:05) 7:20, 10:10; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:35) 4:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 4:30) 9:55

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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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, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 6:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 6:00; **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 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.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **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; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Wel-come to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 3:30, 8:30

RAMONA
Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS
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; **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 4:25) 10:05; **Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; **The Butterfly Effect** (R)

Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 5:05) 10:40; **Cold Mountain** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:25) 6:55, 10:10; **Con-fessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 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) 6:50, 9:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 11:55, 2:55, 3:30) 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:45; **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 3:10) 7:50; **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.-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. (1:30) 7:05; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 11:50, 1:50, 2:40, 4:50, 5:15) 7:30, 7:50, 10:25, 10:45; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 8:00, 10:30; **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:05) 8:05

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Vista Village 15
Hwy. 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Club Dread; Welcome to Moose-port; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; 50 First Dates; Miracle; Monster; Mystic River; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

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Del Mar Highlands 8
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Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 3:00, 8:00; **Mys-tic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Touching the Void** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 5:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 5:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

ENCINITAS
Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

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LA COSTA
La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Miracle** (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; **Starsky and Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 5:30, 8:00; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

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Oceanside 16
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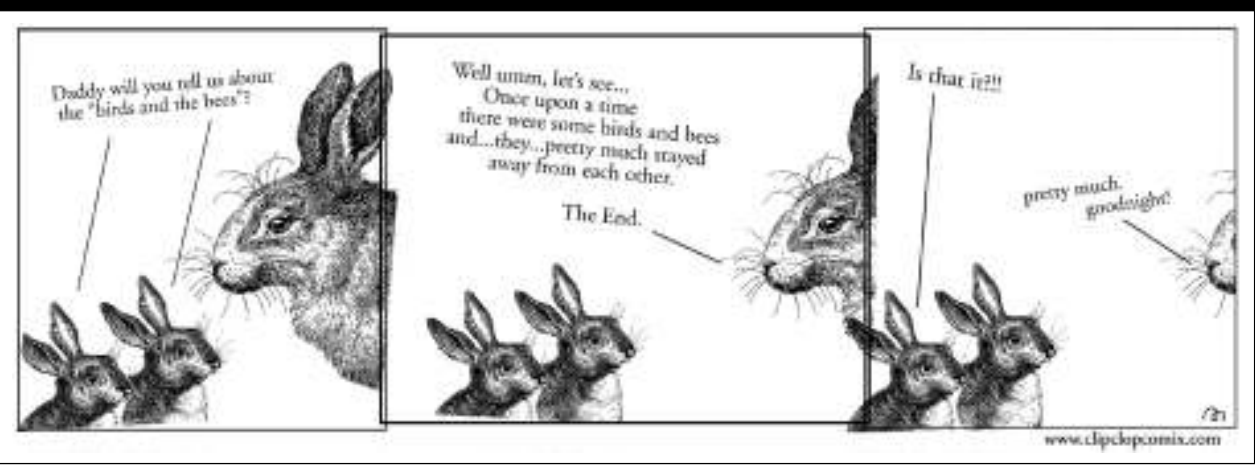


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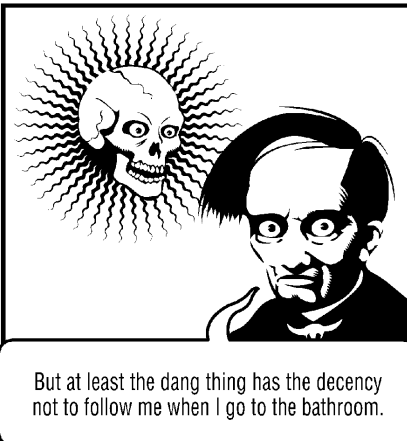
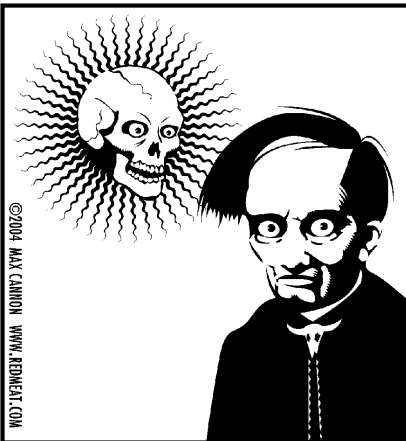
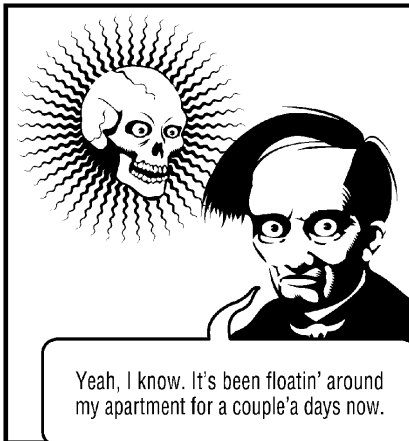
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Lance Roberts
Teacher's Assistant
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I tend to use the Internet for research. I read the *New York Times* and the *New Yorker* online rather than buying the hard copy. I don't read the *Los Angeles Times*; the writing is a little too liberal for me. The Internet is a good place to find reliable news. I'm pretty enthralled with New York, in general, so I like to keep up on plays, concerts, and restaurants. I bought a pair of golf clubs on eBay, and I like to look at ESPN.com because it keeps me feeling masculine.



Jodie Baker
Businesswoman
El Cajon

I used to write for an e-zine called *Dark Moon Rising*, and I still read it regularly. It's got horror, fantasy, and science-fiction stuff as well as poetry and researched articles relating to those genres. Personally, I wrote an article on the television mini-series from the '80s called *V.I.P.* a fantasy and horror buff, so it goes along with that. One of the other cool websites that I like to check out is Homestarrunner.com. Some guy makes these cartoons and puts the whole website together and it's so funny. It doesn't make much sense, but it's really funny.



Jeff McCall
Electronics Specialist
Central San Diego

I like to surf, so I look at different surfing websites. Surfshot is a site that tells how the surf is for all of San Diego; it starts at Imperial Beach and runs all the way up to North County. I also look at websites about remote-control cars. Different manufacturers of cars, different tracks have sites, and some hobby stores have sites dedicated to RC cars. The last site I was looking at showed a car jumping over a house; that was pretty cool. The cars are one-tenth scale the size of normal cars and are only about a foot and a half long. I got started because a couple guys I work with are also into RC cars.



Christine Seaford
Student
Mission Valley

I mainly check my e-mail and do research for school. I use Google to search the Web because you can find anything using it. I'm going to Costa Rica this summer, so I've also been doing a lot of research to find out what I can do once I get there. So far I've found that I can take cable tours through the rain forest where you're suspended from a cable and you slide from trees to towers and the whole time you listen to a guide tell you about the wildlife and ecology. My roommate has been looking at websites online about breast implants. Some of the "before" and "after" pictures are hilarious.



Sherel Tyler
Teacher's Assistant
Southeast San Diego

I like to go to different travel websites for places that I'll never go, like Catalina, Mexico...you name it. I also like to look at club websites and search cities like Los Angeles and New York to find out what places are hot. I'm actually going on a trip with my girlfriends to New York, and I've been looking up the nightlife in New York so that when we get there we can go club-hopping even though we're not familiar with the area. And then there's food... I love to eat, so I search on different sites and places to eat. I went on Emeril's website because he had a good recipe for gumbo. Most of the time, the things I look up on the Internet are good to talk about with my friends.



Kendall Osbourne
Actor, Student
Australia

I occasionally look at astrology websites. I like to find out about different star and moon signs. I am, for example, a Leo: I like to be the center of attention; [I'm] generous, sometimes egotistical, also a little bossy, but always charming. I tend to look at websites where I can find scripts because I'm interested in writing scripts for film, and it's good to read what others have written. There's also a really good site called "All Things Philosophical in Buffy the Vampire Slayer." It breaks down each individual scene and explains the themes represented by each character's actions. I'd say something funny, but I'm experiencing a "dumb blonde" moment.

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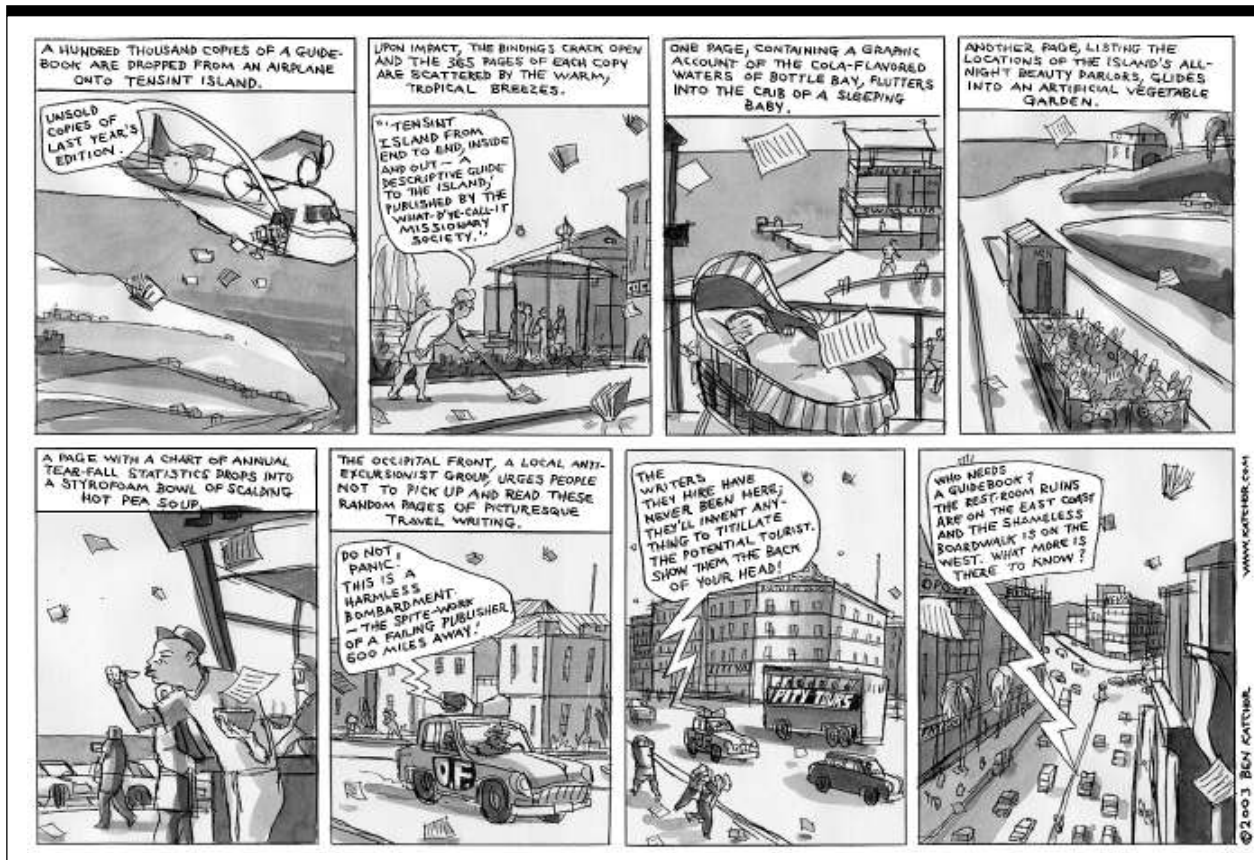
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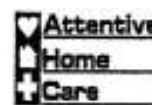
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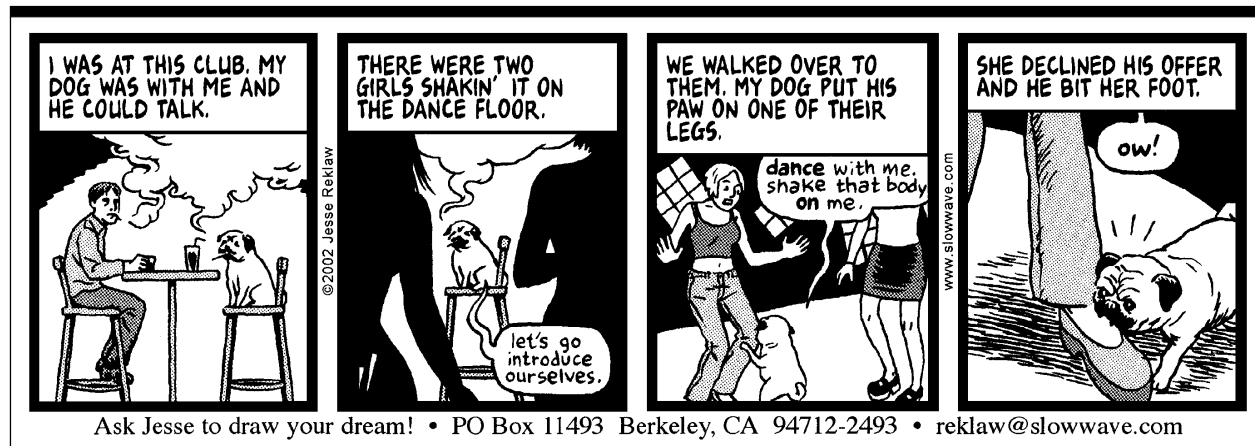
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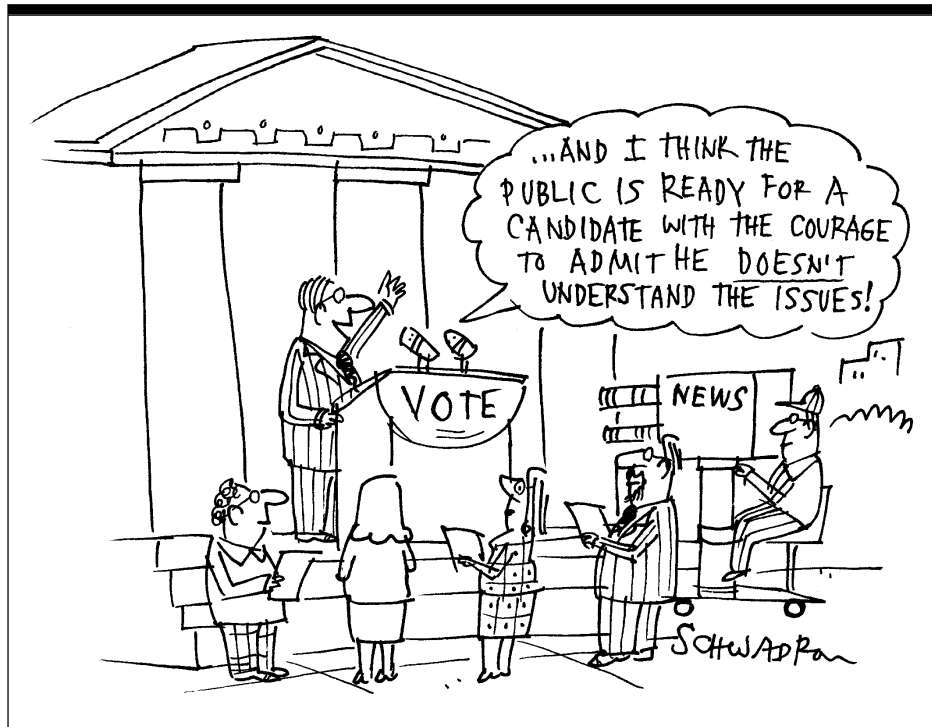
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1. Meat inspection inits.
5. Movie with John Wayne as Davy Crockett, with "The"
10. Konrad Adenauer's moniker Der ____
14. P. Diddy's first name
15. "I can't ____" (Stones refrain)
16. The "W" in V.F.W.
17. Give charged particle to Old Testament character?
19. Have ____ to pick
20. "I Still See ____" ("Paint Your Wagon" tune)
21. Big name in auto products
22. More pleasant
23. Bemoan
24. Scott Joplin tune
26. Like some bonds
27. Hef's charged particle?
31. Paternity test factor
32. Walkman batteries
33. Pull
34. Chill, so to speak
37. Self-titled 2001 #1 album
38. Franklin is on it
40. Dutch city
41. New England state sch.
42. Actor Colin Farrell's native land: Abbr.
43. Prize-winning Jonathan Franzen novel about proper charged particles?
49. Loose overcoat
50. Suffix with organ or patriot
51. "____ get it!" ("Aha!")
53. Overthrowing a base, e.g.
54. Org. that handles outbreaks
56. At the ____ one's rope
58. Galway Bay island group
59. Place a tariff on actress Gabor's charged particle?
61. Fork feature
62. Director Kurosawa
63. Prefix with -derm
64. Concordes
65. NFL's Sanders nicknamed "Prime Time"
66. "____ la vie!"

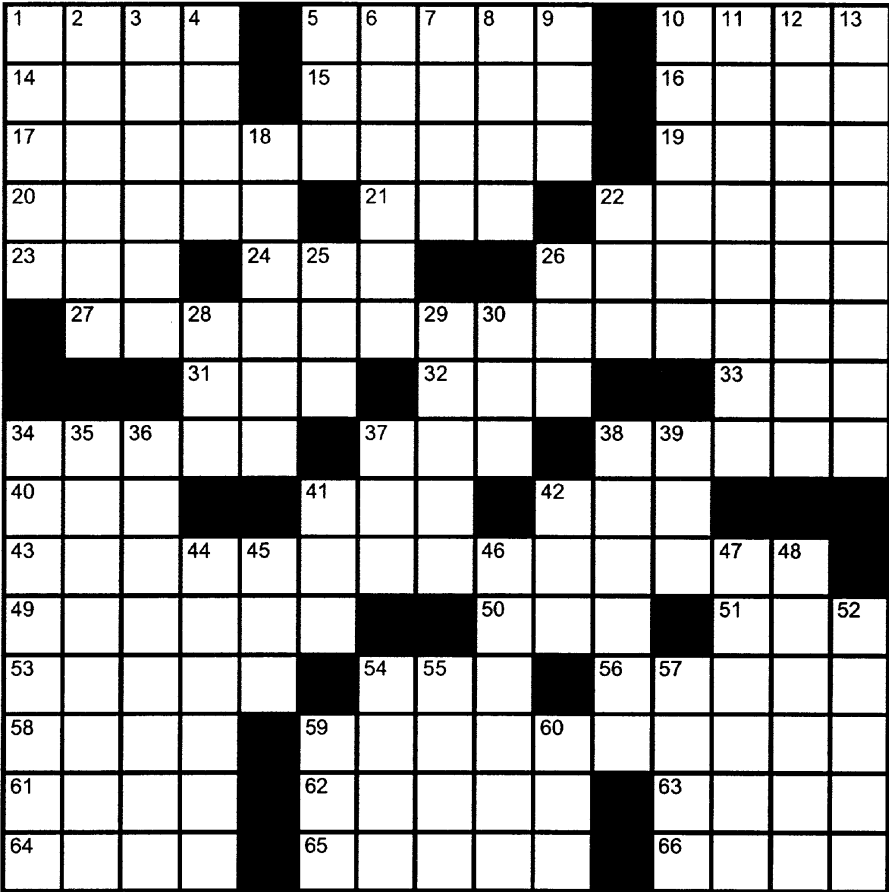
Down

1. "Bride or groom?" asker
2. Make airtight
3. Shays of Shays' Rebellion
4. No ifs, ____ or buts
5. In the past
6. "C'mon!"
7. Fighting
8. Alphebetical run
9. Suffix with bass or ball
10. Watches for

11. His courtroom became a familiar sight in 1995
12. Attempted to make the team
13. Alienate
18. Adam's apple's place
22. One of the Bobbsey twins
25. Lawyer's grp.: Abbr.
26. Dorm V.I.P.'s
28. Nicole's role in "Cold Mountain"
29. George W. Bush, as a collegian
30. ____ Zedong
34. Getaways
35. Jackson Pollock player in "Pollock"
36. Oscar-winner for "Shampoo"
37. "The Lord of the Rings" author ____ Tolkien
38. Land bordering the Black Sea
39. Start of some art movement names
41. Large coffee maker
42. "____ magic!"
44. Controversial reproductions
45. It fits in a lock
46. "Civis Romanus sum" speaker
47. "Ain't happening"
48. Photographers' gigs
52. "____ now, when?"
54. It may be upside-down
55. CCLVI doubled
57. Tiny fraction of a min.
59. Little bit
60. "Brown Eyed Girl" singer Morrison

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MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

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MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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SEEKING WHITE MALE, 33-45, I'm a black female, 32. My interests are movies, travel, dining, romance, entertaining, cooking. Must be relationship minded. (3/10) ☎ 90970

BROWN-EYED GIRL seeking funny and sensitive, but secure man for friendship first, love later. For more information see bio for LITZIE at sandiegoreader.com. (3/10) ☎ 90974

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ATTRACTIVE, BLACK female, sleepless in Tacoma Washington, transplant from San Diego, relocating to Vegas, 7/4/04, seeking attractive, white male, 29-40. Will give more information. (3/17) ☎20009

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS LIBRA seeking love, laughter, companionship from stable, tall, white, nonsmoker, 57-63, who enjoys dining, dancing, romance, family, hot rods, concerts, oldies, sunsets. (3/17) ☎20008

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ROMANTIC, CHRISTIAN WOMAN, 45, pretty, fit, degreed professional. Seeking 33-50 male, fun, kind, generous, committed, gentleman, nonsmoker, for laughter, conversation, outings, friendship, companionship, perhaps love. (3/17) ☎20011

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VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, nice legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 39-50, healthy, generous, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (3/17) ☎20023

FIT, FUN, 31, SASSY, blonde. Looking for relationship with an active, witty, well-rounded, unselfish, nonsmoker. Dinners, bars, bands, dancing, working out and laughter. (3/17) ☎20028

52 YEARS OLD, TALL, SECURE, independent woman looking to meet nice guy. North county, kids, movies, dogs, spirited, liberal and progressive only. Let's have fun! (3/17) ☎20018

STOP! GREAT LADY, WIDOWED, looking for my special man. I'm 59, Caucasian, country attitude. You: great personality, time, monogamous, 58+, smoker, like lunches out, weekends, coffee and talks. (3/17) ☎20017

DIEHARD SAN DIEGO SPORTS fan, 39, professional, enjoys Padres, Chargers and Gulls games, walking, hiking, swimming, movies. Seeking 37-43-year-old male with similar interests. (3/10) ☎90972

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INTELLECT, HEART IN abundance in this late 40's, blue-eyed, professional lady. World-traveled, musical, artistic, literate, attractive. Seeking compassionate, educated life partner, nonsmoking, 48-55. (3/10) ☎90999

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HOPING MY GOOD GUY will find me. Gentle, intelligent woman, 50, friendly, trustworthy, attractive. Outdoors, movies, reading, adventures. Dreaming of nice guy with good values. (3/10) ☎90984

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ARE YOU OUT THERE? You're kind, intelligent and spiritual, yet no goody two shoes. You desire a lady partner in a richly committed relationship, 45+-. (3/17) ☎20012

60-YEAR-YOUNG GRANNY with original extremities/faculties, full of life, love, laughter. Monogamy, chemistry, sense of humor, sincerity, top priorities for long-term relationship. (3/10) ☎90976

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Tall Athletic Blonde

Seeking friendship and relationship. New to San Diego. Interested in being shown around this fabulous city. Prefer intelligent, fit man who knows what he wants. (3/17) ☎20000

ASIAN-AMERICAN, PETITE, attractive, degreed, professional, 46, articulate, jazz lover, liberal, spiritual, financially/emotionally secure, seeking Caucasian male, tall, fit, with same qualities, committed relationship. (3/17) ☎20004

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37, TALL, BLONDE, FIT, bubbly, outgoing personality, enjoys skiing, camping, playing around. Wanted: tall, white man, fun, passionate, good kisser, around my age. Call me. (3/10) ☎90989

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, green-eyed, petite, 43. Female seeking 43-55, funny male, professional, churchgoer, financially/emotionally secure, quality relationship, romantic dinners, hiking, movies, beach, fun, travel. (3/10) ☎90986

PRETTY, WHITE, CHRISTIAN, 39, 5'6", 120lbs., seeks wealthy, honest, very active, marriage-minded, extraordinary man, 35-55, no vices, games, arrest record. (3/10) ☎90993

BEAUTIFUL, PASSIONATE DOCTOR, 39, 5'5", 125lbs., loving, energetic, fun, fit, well traveled. Seeking a very successful,

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CHARMING, PRETTY, intelligent, 5'8", blonde, enjoys movies, dining, fine arts, theater, outdoors, humorous, good cook, creative, values, family. Seeking attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure gentleman. (3/17) ☎20026

ANY GOOD ONES LEFT? Latina, 47, few extra pounds. Searching for black male, 42-? Stable, nonsmoker, sincere, easygoing, romantic, passionate, honest. No drugs. (3/10) ☎90996

SEXY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN cutie, 5'4", 130lbs., 40, seeking enlightened, self-aware naturalists, beach lover, sky watcher, eclectic thinker, who's affectionate, confident, fit, intelligent, active, lover. (3/17) ☎20006

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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) ☎20670

NORTH COUNTY, WHITE male, 42, seeking Hispanic, Latina, white female, 30-45 in North County. Enjoy all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities, easygoing personality. (3/17) ☎20702

OUTGOING SINGLE WHITE male, 50s, seeking fun lady for a San Diego summer into cooking movies and outdoors. Tell me what you like, I'm game. (3/17) ☎20706

MARRIAGE-MINDED, DETERMINED, Jewish male, 50's, seeking kind, considerate, warm Jewish female, 35-55, cares for others, marriage minded only. Interests: tennis, hiking, music, theatre. (3/17) ☎20719

LOOK AT ME. I'm as helpless as a kitten up a tree. Attractive, spontaneous, caring, 30-something. Let's build a quality relationship, house and all. (3/17) ☎20736

CHRISTIAN, PROFESSIONAL, gentleman, 68, easygoing, humorous, in search of lonely lady, country club member, 55-70, to enjoy the rest of our lives together. (3/10) ☎20679

ROMANTIC, ROGUISH TENOR with a sort of macho attitude seeks sensuous 40-something woman. A published writer and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (3/10) ☎20691

TALL, GOOD LOOKING, architect, 43, Jack Nicholson type, healthy, toned body, intelligent, humorous. Seeking slender, very curvy, caucasian woman, 21-38, for friendship, romance, and more. (3/17) ☎20740

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) ☎20664

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

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) ☎20671

SURF, BLADES, PLAYS GUITAR, restaurants, movies, 37, 5'11", North County coastal. You and I: physically fit, have time to date, enjoy outdoors, quiet evenings home. (3/17) ☎20734

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletic gentleman seeking nonsmoker/drinker, slim, medium, build cutie, 50s, 5'-5'6" female for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (3/17) ☎20733

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) ☎20680

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) ☎20675

ATHLETIC, FIT, EQUAL! Sean Connery look-alike, athletic, fun, communicative, 60. Seeking down-to-earth woman who enjoys laughing, travel, good conversation and emotional intimacy. (3/10) ☎20690

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, fit, 50, witty, fun, sense of humor, loves dinner, walks, movies, holding hands, kisses, hugs. Seeking an attractive woman for a relationship. (3/17) ☎20735

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GORGEOUS LATINO MALE, fit, slim, 5'8", educated, homeowner. Seeking woman with sweet personality, 23-43, 5'3"+. (3/10) ☎20667

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EXOTIC OR FOREIGN FEMALE sought (Asian, etc). Me: Monogamous, passionate, handsome, tall, humorous, confident, intelligent, resourceful, eclectic, eccen-

tric. E-mail and chat to learn more. (3/10) ☎20673

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African-American/white male, 65, 6'4", 215lbs. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, more. (3/17) ☎20725

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) ☎20666

EAST COUNTY RETIRED single white male, 70. Like travel, movies, am healthy, active, financially secure. Looking for a nice lady. (3/17) ☎20707

BLESSED, ATTRACTIVE, hugaholic, black gentleman, 41, 5'7", healthy, fit, enjoys music of all types, going to the movies, spontaneous chess player. Seeking a lady with similar interests, between 25-45, nonsmoking, fit, humorous, wanting to experience new friendships, conversation and yes, enjoys hugging. (3/17) ☎20723

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CYCLING PARTNER WANTED. Me: 42, athletic, professional, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, healthy lifestyle. You: 30-48, athletic, and fun. Thick legs are a plus! (3/17) ☎20713

HANDSOME DOCTOR, 39, quiet, sensitive, humorous, tall, blue eyes, slim, fit, plays electric guitar, loves music, creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, intelligent, loyal, honest, compassionate female. (3/17) ☎20730

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

NORTH COUNTY MALE, BROWN, blue, 5'7", slender, 57, easygoing with varied interest. Seeks female for best friend, companion. Long-term relationship. (3/10) ☎20676

KINDNESS COUNTS. Strong, kind man, 51, 6'2", trim, employed, seeks very female woman, 40's-50's, to protect and spoil. You'll like the respect and warmth. (3/10) ☎20697

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, personable, fun loving. 45. Looking for that special lady for romantic and lasting relationship. Affectionate, passionate, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoker. (3/17) ☎20715

52, TALL, SLENDER, caucasian, nonsmoker, single, sane, early sleeper, early riser, baggage free. Seeking slenderish, catless woman. (3/17) ☎20737

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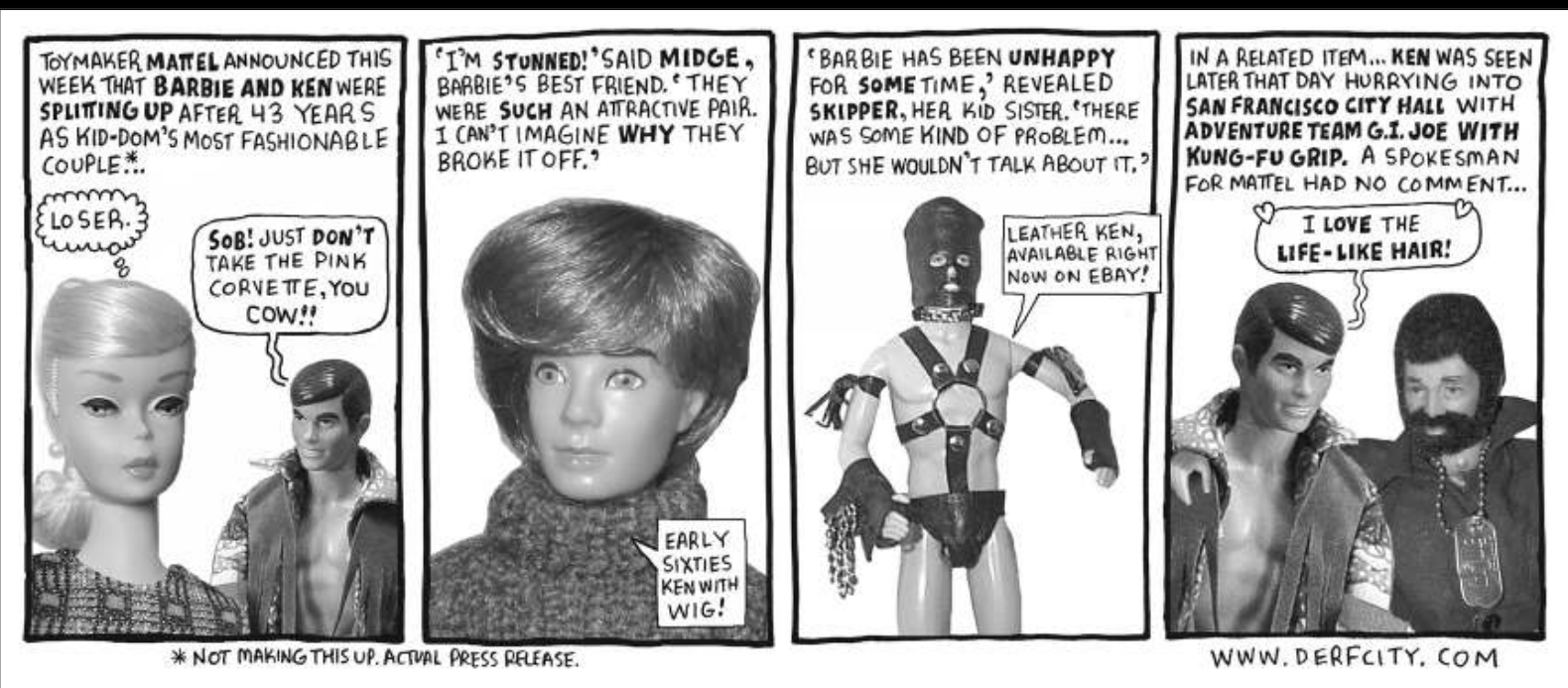
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HISPANIC, COLLEGE GRADUATE, business owner, 5'11", seeking north coast, slender, blonde lady under 40 for magic, passion and romance. (3/17) ☎20717

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ATTRACTIVE WHITE MALE, 41, 6'3", 245lbs., nice shape, seeks attractive lady, height/weight proportionate, 35-45. Who enjoys simple yet romantic times. Someone down to earth. (3/17) ☎20704

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CLAIREMONT, WEST. \$525. Room for rent. Beautiful home on canyon. Laundry, big yard, deck, garden, lots of storage, parking, guest room/office, quiet street. 619-276-2446; 619-235-2415, x25521.

CLAIREMONT. \$400, 1/3 utilities, \$400 deposit. Roommate wanted for room in 3 bedroom house. Close to all freeways. Chad, 858-974-1983; Jeff, 858-573-8694.

CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. \$600, \$300 deposit. Furnished room in 3 bedroom, 2 bath clean house. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Easy freeway access. Washer/dryer. Dan, 619-723-8480.

CLAIREMONT. \$625, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Roommate wanted for third bedroom of beautiful, 2-story townhome in quiet neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, fireplace, furnished except bedroom, washer/dryer, front/backyard. 858-220-0870.

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CLAIREMONT. \$450, \$350 deposit, includes utilities. Female preferred. Nice, clean, quiet, furnished condo. Pool, jacuzzi. 858-405-2565.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$385 plus utilities, \$200 deposit. Clean, neat, gym inside apartment. Call Ray, 619-582-5158.

COLLEGE AREA. \$385, 3 bedroom apartment. No smoking, no pets. Laundry facilities, pool, parking, clean, quiet. Near everything! Lisa, 619-997-5062.

COLLEGE AREA. \$525. Room available with own private entrance. New paint/carpet. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, huge yard. Clean, quiet. Female only. No pets, nonsmoking. 858-337-7417.

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NORTH PARK. \$450 plus 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room available March 1. Large room, ceiling fan. Nice kitchen. Washer/dryer. No drugs, smoking, pets. Omar, 619-683-9281.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$700, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Large bedroom in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Beach 3 blocks. Quiet, well lit. Available 3/15. Muir Avenue. 858-922-7388.

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OCEAN BEACH. \$895/month. Female, share house with owner. Separate, locked, big bedroom with big bath, office room, parking garage door opener, use of kitchen if wanted, room opens French doors to backyard with deck, swimming pool. Laundry in garage. Owner has separate entrance. 619-206-8976.

OCEAN BEACH. \$575/month plus deposit. 2 bedroom. Close to beach and

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OCEAN BEACH. \$650. Clean 2 bedroom house, nice view. Large deck, yard, 1 bath, washer/dryer, carport, storage. No pets. Deposit. Available 3/7. Eric, 858-274-3456; 619-235-2415, x13034.

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OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$600/each monthly, 2 rooms in 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom. Beach 1 mile. 1/3 phone/electric. Laundry, fireplace, balcony, parking. 619-523-5652; 619-235-2415, x20361.

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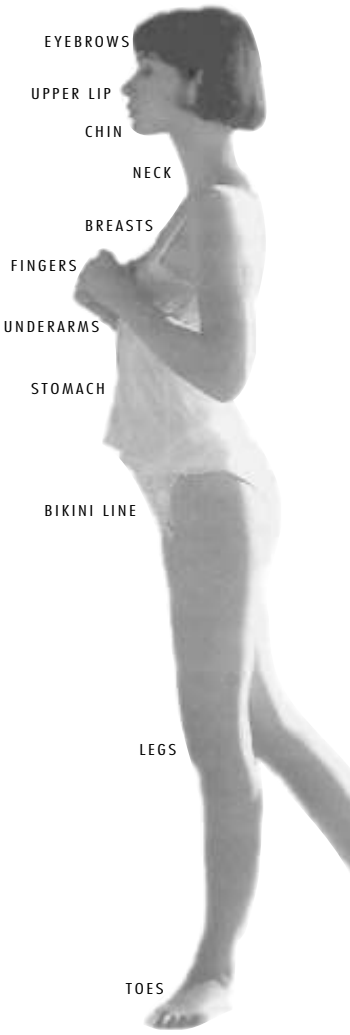
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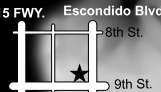
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At the foot of Washington Street, looking westward, 1920s. The neighborhood’s name of Five Points (dubbed so for this intersection of five roads) lost its meaning when the I-5 was put down in the ’60s and at least one of those thoroughfares ceased to exist.

At the bottom of the hill stands the Mission Brewery building, which nowadays is frequented more often by FedEx cus-

tomers. Though the La Jolla Brewing Company made beer there in the late 1990s, the American Agar and Chemical Company first used the building in 1923 for the purpose of rendering kelp into “vegetable gelatin” products. American Agar occupied 1715 Hancock Street until 1935. In 1989, the brick structure made the National Register of Historical Places.

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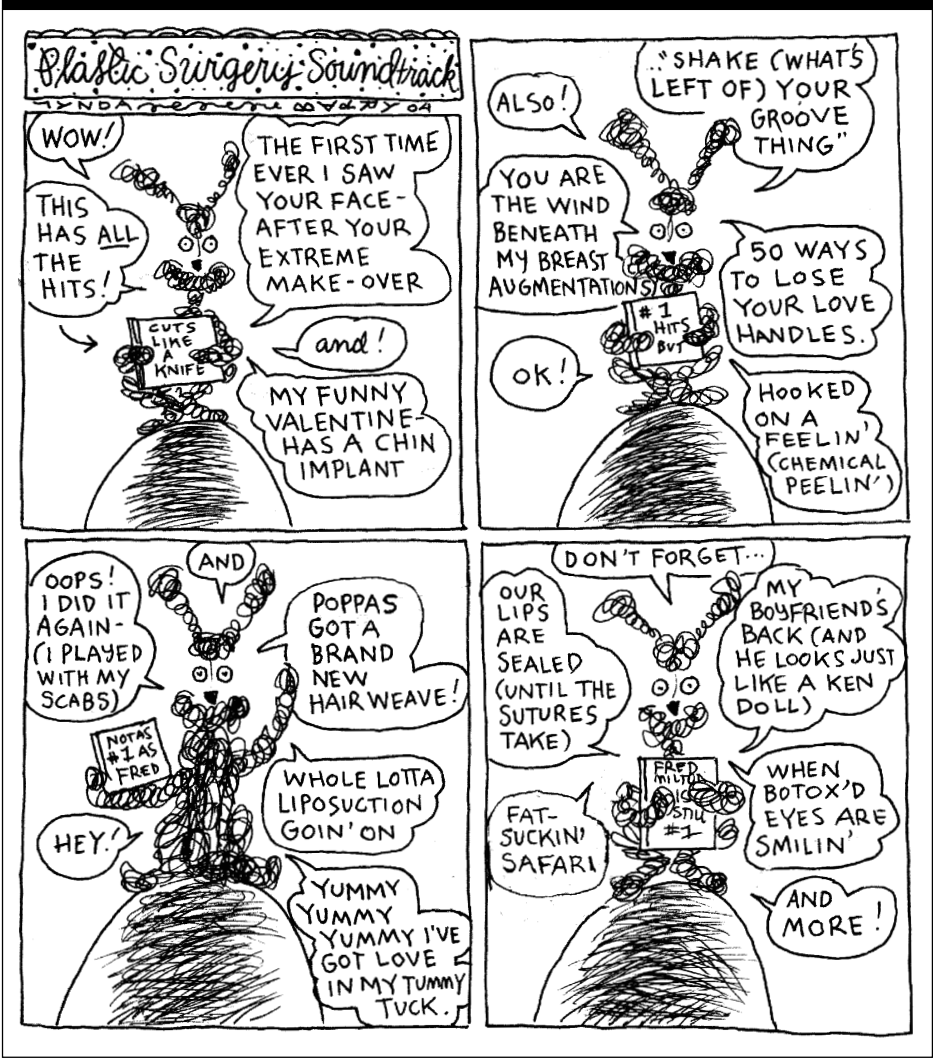
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HILLCREST. \$890. 1 bedroom, on-site laundry. New paint/carpet. \$200 off first month! Small pets. 3618 First Avenue. 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

HILLCREST. \$699. Corner, upstairs studio. Bright. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors, tile, new appliances, laundry. Landlord pays gas, water, trash. Non-smoking. Cat OK. 4170 Park Boulevard #10. 619-299-4034.

HILLCREST. Move-in special! 1 bedroom. Air conditioning, microwave, laundry, barbecue, assigned parking. Near Scripps Hospital. No pets. 4077 Third Avenue. Agent. 619-298-7724.

HILLCREST. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central air/heat. Built-in microwave. Full-size appliances. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. 619-298-4256.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den. Large, bright top floor unit. Vaulted ceilings. Dishwasher. New carpet and paint. 2-car garage. Garden setting. No pets. Open house 3/7, 11am-3pm. 3672 Georgia Street. 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. \$700. Studios on 6th Avenue. Clean, gated, appliances, laundry on site. Near all. 3560 6th Avenue. 619-233-4182.

HILLCREST. \$900. Very lovely 1 bedroom cottage with carpet, breakfast nook, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. 1819 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$725. Lovely downstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, laundry, street parking. No pets. 1829 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Parking. Washer/dryer. Close to Balboa Park, shopping, minutes from downtown. 3620 3rd Avenue. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

HILLCREST. \$850. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom. Quiet complex. Close to all. 1402 Pennsylvania Avenue. 619-298-5918.

HILLCREST. \$695. Studio. Great area. Quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-692-1004.

HILLCREST. \$735. Studio. Large unit with unique floor plan. Controlled access building. On-site laundry. 532 University Avenue. 619-297-1483 #114.

HILLCREST. \$1020/month, \$200 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1 parking space, small building, no pets. 3520 First Avenue. Cathy. 619-299-6610.

HILLCREST. \$925. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, underground parking. 4155 Georgia Avenue #106. 619-297-7662.

HILLCREST. \$825. Includes all utilities. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, underground parking. 4155 Georgia Avenue #110. 619-297-7662.

HILLCREST. \$775. Large studio apartment. Available now. Great location. Upgrades. Gas range, heat. Close to Balboa Park and many activities. Quiet. Cat OK. 1662 Brookes Avenue (corner of Park and Brookes). 619-291-5660.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$825-\$1050. 1/2 month free with 6-month lease. 1 bedroom, 9-unit complex, parking, laundry, 4584 North Avenue #3. 619-471-2216.

HILLCREST. \$850. Charming upstairs 1 bedroom located in courtyard setting. 1240 Lincoln Avenue. Agent, 858-560-1178.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 1 bedrooms, \$865/up. \$1075/up. Secluded location beside lush canyon, end of a "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered off-street gated parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room with television/laundry room. No pets. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2015. 619-298-6768. Email: ParkViewApts@att.net.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. Pets welcome. 1-4 bedrooms. \$750+. 100% pet friendly rentals. Low fee with money back guarantee. Landlords list free. Listings available online. www.petrent.net.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$1650. Beautiful and huge! 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1400 square feet, hardwood throughout. Tons of closets and storage. Washer/dryer in unit. Garage. 3501 Park Boulevard. 619-795-8486 or 619-295-2822.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. Large upscale condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, central air conditioning, washer/dryer, wood-burning fireplace, deck, new carpet, oversized garage, upstairs unit. \$1395. 4130 Hamilton. 619-260-0824.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$900. 1 bedroom apartment, enclosed outdoor area, secured parking for small car, non-smoking, pet OK. No barbecues. 3775 3rd Avenue. 619-297-7929. tmgca@aol.com.

HILLCREST/NORTH. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, centrally located, excellent area, water paid. Quiet, hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator. 760-746-3080; 760-807-2416.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK border. \$725. with \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom. Spacious, carpeted, nonsmoking unit, quiet, 2-story gated complex. Laundry. Available immediately. 619-298-8383.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1425. fireplace, vaulted ceilings, dishwasher, balcony, washer/dryer, underground parking, 3939 Eagle. Available 4/15. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$845. \$250 off, first month's rent. Quiet, bright 1 bedroom. Courtyard setting, hardwood floors, centrally located, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4617-1/2 Campus Avenue. Must see! 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom apartment, upstairs in well-maintained, 1940s court. Beautiful hardwood floors, decks, laundry. No dogs. Nonsmoking. Call 619-291-0147.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$675-\$850. 1/2 month free with 6-month lease. Renovated clean studio and 1 bedroom. New carpet, paint, countertops, floors. Laundry. 619-459-1781.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit. New carpet and paint. Fireplace, secure building. Parking, laundry. Convenient to everything! No pets. 619-206-1159.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$675. Fully furnished compact studio with wall-bed. Bedding, tables, chairs, bookcase, sofa, TV, full bath. Kitchen includes cutlery, crockery, utensils. Utilities paid. 619-298-2802.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$1375. Pictresque, art deco, 1 bath, 1 bedroom plus multi-purpose room. Could be used for dining room, 2nd bedroom, office, etc. Also includes great closet. Remodeled kitchen includes new counters, stove, sink, track lighting, breakfast nook. New floor coverings throughout. Reserved parking. 619-298-2802.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 1st week free! Charming 1 bedroom upstairs loft. Newly painted. Nonsmoker. Cat okay.

\$975 plus deposit. Available now. Utilities/cable included. 619-296-2829.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. 2 story, steps to beach, ocean view, heated pool, \$1295. Also available furnished. (Agent) Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 3 bath house. Near beach. Fenced yard, 2-car garage, fireplace, appliances. Dog OK. 174 Elkwood. 619-224-4215.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. South Seacoast, Oceanfront, completely upgraded, 1575 square feet, 2 parking spaces. \$2500. Call 619-571-9977.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fenced yard, dining room. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

JACUMBA. \$750. 2 bedroom house, recently remodeled, approximately 35 minutes east of Alpine. 619-291-7017.

KEARNY MESA. \$1800. Condo. Brand new, beautiful, never lived in. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, air, ceiling fan. Near I-163. 858-541-7016.

KEARNY MESA. \$775. Large 1 bedroom, great location close to freeways. Pool, parking, laundry. 858-576-6396.

KEARNY MESA. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with patio and on-site laundry. Garage available. Broker, 619-286-4250.

KENSINGTON. \$1950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath quiet Spanish house. Fireplace, patio, deck, garage, hardwood floors, laundry, large yard, water and gardener paid. 4865 Vista. 619-282-0921.

KENSINGTON, SOUTH. Everything new! \$700. Large 1 bedroom apartment in quiet building with lots of trees. Ceramic tile. Walk-in closet. Off-street parking. Gates with intercom. 4246 Van Dyke Avenue. Available 3/1/04. Shown by appointment. Broker, 619-548-4599.

KENSINGTON. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Single-level unit in a fourplex. Allows for cat. Lease required. Garage available, \$100. 4209 Monroe Avenue. Call 858-598-1111, x191. www.utiopiamanagement.com.

KENSINGTON. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment with new carpet, vinyl and paint. Parking and laundry. 4344 Van Dyke Street #7. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1195. Very nice, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, with garage. Great location in the heart of the village. Walk-in closet, security gate. Must see! 4101 Park Place #2. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. \$895. Heart of Kensington! \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, great floor plan! Hardwood floors, parking. 4118 Adams Avenue #1 and #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2 bath home plus detached office/den with bath. Hardwood floors, fireplace, 2-car garage, large yard with beautiful landscape, includes gardener. 5059 Canterbury Drive. \$2795. 619-683-9274.

KENSINGTON. \$850. Ask about Move-in Special! Renovated, quiet 1 bedroom, elevator, parking garage, air conditioning, appliances. 4471 44th Street. 619-252-0888.

LA COSTA. Seapointe. \$1650. 3 bedroom condo, 1 story, 1-car garage, fireplace, laundry hookups, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Quiet, safe. Pet on approval. 760-798-2814.

LA COSTA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment in small complex, fenced patio, carport. 2950-G La Costa Avenue. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

LA COSTA. Meadowridge. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1150-square-foot condo. Large master bedroom. 1-car garage plus space. Washer/dryer. Patio, view, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis. No smoking. Cat OK. 858-354-7902.

LA COSTA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fireplace, kitchen Corian counters, 1-car garage, pools, Jacuzzis, tennis. Pet on approval. \$1800 plus \$1800 security. 760-840-0527.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. Beautiful 1308-square-foot townhome, 2 master bedroom suites, 2-1/2 baths. Fireplace, air conditioning, 2-car garage, patio, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis, gated. \$1675. 760-420-4204.

LA JOLLA COVE. Vintage, panoramic coastal views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1700 square feet, Fireplace, wood floors, 2-car garage, all appliances, gardener. \$3700 furnished. 858-486-7697.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Studio. Living room, bath, kitchen-appliances. Walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Walk to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. downtown. \$1075. Unique small studio cottage, garage, laundry,

large patio, pond, beautiful garden. Includes cable/utilities. Available 4/4 or earlier. 858-454-5357.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 1/2 off first month! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to UCSD, shops, park. Balcony. Garden window. Available now. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage in the village of La Jolla. Private yard. 1 parking space available. Bright and airy with vaulted ceilings, hardwood, fireplace, washer/dryer, central air and heat. Close to shopping, restaurants, beach. Easy access to freeway. \$1850/month. 858-551-6023.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Unfurnished/furnished. Charming, stylish, yard and gardener. 3 blocks to Windansea beach. Skylights, washer/dryer, fireplace. \$1850. No pets. 619-379-0518.

LA JOLLA. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, block from ocean, great private patio, barbecue, grass yard, laundry room, off-street 2-car parking. Very quiet area. \$1575, 1 year lease with option. Utilities included. No pets. Available now. For appointment, 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1595/month. Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Lease. Balcony, fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. \$2400. Luxury 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath furnished townhouse. 1575 square feet. Art work, wood/carpeted floor. Patio. Fireplace, plants, 2 car, pools, park. refinch@mccomic.com. Owner, 619-666-7378.

LA JOLLA. 6202 Agee Street #109. Private 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Attached garage! Desirable 92112. Asking \$1100/month. Clean unit walking to shops. Close commute, beaches, UCSD. Renovated, carpet, kitchen with refrigerator. Call Milla, 858-558-5722. Visit UTC Rentals at www.sandiegohome4you.com.

LA JOLLA. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Near beach, UTC, UCSD, beautiful dog park. Washer/dryer, fireplace. Small pet OK. Available 4/1/04. \$1300. 619-742-4791.

LA JOLLA. Prospect. Ocean view, 3 rooms plus kitchen, bath, suitable office or condo. Short let to June. \$1400 monthly or offer. narthur@san.rn.com or 858-551-0101.

LA JOLLA. Block to beach. 506 Palomar. Romantic 3 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish house. Appliances, fireplace, patio, off-street parking, quiet corner location. \$2800/month. Aura 619-252-8976.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. 2-car attached garage. All appliances. Near UCSD. June, agent, 858-320-2955.

LA JOLLA. \$1775. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 2 blocks to beach, washer/dryer. New paint, new carpet. Small yard. Available. 858-454-6597.

LA JOLLA. \$975. Cozy 1 bedroom. 1st floor, 2 blocks to shopping. Laundry room. No pets. Available 3/5. Manager, 858-459-1291 or 858-274-6856. Boone Properties. www.boonepropertymgmt.com.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, \$2150 (add \$100 furnished). World class location. Near beach, tennis, pet walk, cafes. Village. Truly "In Eden" 616 Prospect. 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom garden apartments in village. Available 3/25, 7555 Herschel. \$1395, \$300 off first month! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 7575 Eads. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1325. Lower 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Street parking, laundry room. Near Windansea Beach and bus. 441 Mesa Way. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. Walk to the beach, enjoy one of our 2 pools or hot tub. Spacious 1 bedrooms from \$1406, 2 bedroom/2 baths from \$1650. Enjoy the magnificent view from the penthouse at \$2295. No pets. Call 619-980-9500. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

LA JOLLA. Sunsets that are breathtaking, just minutes from the beach. Spacious 1 bedrooms from \$1395, 2 bedroom/2 baths from \$1695. No pets. Call 619-405-4500. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Ground floor. Private patio. Close to beach. Coin laundry. Parking. No pets. 6043 La Jolla Hermosa. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1035. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. Fireplace. Quiet. Appliances. Carpet. Share patio. 8040 La Jolla Shores Drive #D. Agent, 619-275-3455.

LA JOLLA. \$1740. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage plus den in Village. Garden setting. 1-car garage. No pets. 7409 Eads. Torrey

Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in heart of Village. Upper unit with hardwood floors. 7735 Fay Avenue. Open Saturday 3/6, 12:30-1:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. \$2500. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Ocean views, walk to village. Garage, garden, patio. Quiet cul-de-sac. Washer/dryer hookups. Pets OK. 619-297-6153 x105.

LA JOLLA. Pets welcome! \$1675. Charming, spacious beach cottage, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, block from Windansea. Laundry, yard, garage available. 1 bedroom condo, \$1350. 858-499-0611.

LA JOLLA. Big, nice 1 bedroom duplex apartment. 1 block to beach. \$1300. No pets. Agent, 619-291-7002.

LA JOLLA. Near Windansea Beach. 3 bedroom, 2 baths unfurnished house. Laundry, private yard, \$2200. 1-year lease. 551 Westbourne. 858-454-1018.

LA JOLLA. \$950. Studio with alcove, 3rd floor, ocean view, elevator, new carpeting. Near Windansea. New appliances. 415 Graviila. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1,550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Private patio, near UCSD/shopping, lots of parking, community park/pool. Washer/dryer included. yasky24@hotmail.com/760-809-5958.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1050. Large, gated, 1 bedroom apartment, top floor, new appliances, pool, 2 covered parking spaces. Call Erica, 619-216-8816.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, deck, fireplace. Community pool/Jacuzzi/sauna. 858-455-6106.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath new condos at UTC/Nobel Drive and Scripps Ranch/Poway, \$1,859 or \$1,450, rent the unit or share. 858-320-3351, 858-271-9784. LinaLi_51@hotmail.com.

LA JOLLA/BIRDROCK. \$2500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Brand new kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, fenced yard, carport garage, oceanview, 2 blocks to beach. 760-415-7882, 760-747-1474.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 3 bedroom Italian style apartment. 1348 square feet. Newly renovated. Granite counters. Berber carpet, crown molding, new appliances. Master features dual vanity, shower, bath, walk-in closet. Central location. Residential neighborhood near shopping I-5/805 access. Lush landscaping, 4 pools and spas. Underground parking, \$2100. 1-888-218-0377. www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, parking, spa. \$1695. Call 619-885-9999.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish townhome, 2 bedrooms plus den, 2 baths, attached 2-car garage, \$1800/month. 619-840-4142.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Large 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Washer/dryer hookup, refrigerator, quiet neighborhood near canyon and greenspace, 2 car parking, big closets. 619-459-2023.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1595. 2 master bedrooms, 2 baths, ground floor condo, 2 carports, sunny, fenced patio, view, pool/jacuzzi, washer/dryer. 858-279-2202.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room area, balcony, new carpeting, appliances. Swimming pool, jacuzzi, racquetball court. Cable and utilities included. 858-342-8762.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Beautiful, newly remodeled split-level townhouse in Cambridge Terrace, just a short walk to UTC. Large 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath (1600+ square feet) with 2-car attached garage and lots of extras, including washer/dryer, cable, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. \$2100. 858-405-1417 x1.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, tennis. 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Lower bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Patio, parking. Near market/bus. Available March. 3945 Camino Calma. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse. All appliances included. Garage parking. Close to UCSD and UTC mall. Contact 619-384-3752.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Playmor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, pool, patio, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator. Close to UCSD and shopping. \$1450. 619-384-2289.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1550. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, balcony, cathedral ceilings. Near UCSD. 619-680-7926.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$3000. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Master with sundeck. Living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, pool, spa, 3-car garage, 2 fireplaces. 4565 Sherlock Court. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6886.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1075. Spacious 1 bedroom. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry. Free security parking. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. Available now. 858-395-9942 or 858-775-0386.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 6333 La Jolla Boulevard. Pool, jacuzzi, gym. Off-street parking. No pets. 858-759-1141.

LA MESA. \$750 1 bedrooms. Near SDSU and I-8. Total renovation. New everything plus air conditioning, pool, on-site laundry, parking. 1/2 off first month and only \$400 deposit. No pets. 858-483-5111 x44 or 619-464-3086.

LA MESA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Garage. Washer/dryer. Fenced yard. Lots of light. Cat Only. 4045 Paula Street. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

LA MESA. \$740. Lovely 1 bedroom. Walk to dining/shopping, public transit. Fully equipped kitchen, laundry. 4969 Mills Street. 619-466-7786.

LA MESA. \$1000. 2 bedroom house. New paint, covered patio, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LA MESA. Available now. \$795-\$825, 1 bedrooms. \$995-\$1095, 2 bedrooms. Very spacious. Air conditioning, dishwasher, walk-in closet, balcony, pool and deck. On-site laundry. Cul de sac. Near all. Gated and underground parking. No pets. Lease. 619-465-9849 or 619-303-4969.

LA MESA. Duplex. \$1100. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private yard, quiet cul-de-sac, laundry facilities. Drive by 5039 Woodyard Avenue. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. Flower gardens everywhere and bird chirping welcome you home to these newly remodeled 1 bedroom apartments at \$995 and 2 bedroom apartments starting at \$1150. No pets please. 619-464-8985. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

LA MESA. Junior, \$785. 1 bedroom, \$920. Ask about move-in special! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Gym. Patio or balcony. Parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. Villa Sangria Apartments, 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

LA MESA. Large 2 and 3 bedrooms starting at \$915. Quiet. Laundry. Pool. Near all. 7630-32 Sturgess Avenue. Call 619-461-2418 or 619-644-0009.

LA MESA. Meticulously remodeled apartments in a serene setting invite you into this full service community. 1 bedrooms at \$895. No pets. Call 619-884-7900. www.thejohncollinscompany.com.

LA MESA. North of I-8 near Costco. \$1145. Newly renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large apartment. Extra storage, private balcony, central air, pool, grills, carport. Small pet OK. SanDiegoApartments.com. Ask about our move-in special! Call Barbara, 619-589-0802.

LA MESA. Studios from \$805. 1 bedrooms from \$910. 2 bedrooms from \$1010. 3 bedrooms from \$1505. 3 pools. 4 laundry facilities. Courtyards. Parking. Close to Maryland Avenue Elementary, shopping, parks, and freeways. Sorry, no pets. Parkway Plaza Apartments, 7576 Parkway Drive. Call today, 619-460-5241. E-mail: parkwayplazaapts@sbcglobal.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/2009.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Starting from 1 bedrooms, \$845/up and 2 bedrooms, \$1175/up. 2 heated pools. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Sauna. Tennis and putting green. Exercise room. Air conditioning. Playground. Lounge. Billiards. Patio or balcony. Sorry, no pets. 5333 Baltimore Drive. See: www.sdreader.com/rent/1004 or call 619-461-3541. Email: heatherwoodApt@att.net.

LA MESA. Spacious, 1 bedrooms from \$760. Air conditioning, balcony or patio, on-site laundry. 4747-4757 Jessie Avenue. Open house Saturday 10am-2pm unit#21. 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. Spacious, bright, quiet, secure condo. Large garden balcony. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central air/heat, underground parking, storage,laundry, elevator. No pets. \$1375. 619-885-0485.

LA MESA. Studio, \$715. 1 bedroom, \$850. 2 bedroom, \$1050. Includes carport space and storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated community. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. \$975. 1000 square feet. Contemporary, new, open, bright, views, rustic setting, unique property on one acre. Great area. Must see! 619-228-4501.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Covered parking, laundry, new carpet, tile, pool. 619-296-2787.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. Best value for your dollar! Elegant, sculptured flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park

benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. From \$850. Spacious 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 3 bedrooms/2 baths. Huge patios/balconies. Restricted access gates. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/ROLANDO. \$750-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, currently being renovated. Not just a drive-by. Must see interiors. Call about specials! 619-741-5621.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. \$1075. New carpet/vinyl, gated complex, parking, laundry, air conditioning. 7594 Park Ridge. Jocelyn, 619-527-2217; 619-243-4000 x0.

LAKESIDE. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, in unit washer/dryer, tile floors, air, corner unit, pool, covered parking. 858-598-1111.

LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, approximately 935 square feet. From \$925. 1/2 month to 1 month free! Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds/less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. 619-561-2922. www.sdreader.com/rent/2024.

LAKESIDE. \$850. Spacious. Completely remodeled 1 bedroom condo. semi-furnished. Huge walk-in closet, pool, laundry, covered parking. Available now. Other locations too! 619-697-8596; 619-822-5386.

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LEMON GROVE. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$720/month, \$500 deposit. Move-in ready! Laundry on-site. Quiet complex. Central location. Near Trolley and shops. View by appointment. 619-252-5175.

LEMON GROVE. \$1500. 3 bedroom house. Covered patio, RV parking, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

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LINDA VISTA. 2 story townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. 1800 square feet. Close to Mesa College and USD. Many amenities. \$1,650. 619-309-5967.

LINDA VISTA. \$1600. Secluded 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath on canyon rim. Newly remodeled, jacuzzi bathtub. Washer/dryer, storage. Pool. 2453 Sendero Way. Agent, 619-298-7724.

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LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with laundry facility inside. Ground floor with patio. 2 secured parking spaces. Stella, 619-384-1945.

LOGAN BARRIO LOGAN. Completely upgraded. New everything. Studios from \$550; 2 bedrooms from \$850. Available now. West of I-5. 619-807-0422.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, new stove, refrigerator, carpet and tile. Gated, off-street parking, on-site laundry. \$850 plus deposit. 619-237-4506.

MIRA MESA. Rent to own! 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$2,600/month, \$15K minimum down. No bank prequalify. Call for homes in other areas. Darren, 858-243-4090.

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MIRA MESA. \$2100/month. 4 bedroom, 2-car garage. New all. Centrally located, 2-car garage, excellent landscaping. Quiet area. Move-in ready. 10007 Osgood Way. 619-203-9021.

MIRA MESA. \$1095. Large 1 bedroom upper corner condo, sunny exposure. Balcony facing pool, jacuzzi, laundry. Major appliances. Covered carport. Near shopping. No pets. 619-846-3965.

MIRA MESA. \$1400/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 2-car garage, all appliances, air conditioning. No pets/smoking. Gardener. Freeways. Available April 1. 619-840-4480.

MIRA MESA. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Newly renovated, lots of upgrades. Huge and gorgeous lot. 9332 Reagan Road. \$2000/month. Agent, 858-775-5423.

MIRA MESA. \$1850. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Upgraded, remodeled, 1900 square feet, all appliances included, community pool/club. Small pet ok. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

MIRA MESA. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath second-story condo. Easy freeway access, convenient location. New paint and appliances. Balcony, pool, laundry facility, 2 parking spaces. Call 858-829-6406.

MIRA MESA. \$850. Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry. Reserved parking. 8786 Mira Mesa #7. 619-804-3325.

MIRA MESA. \$900. Deposit \$750. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator. On-site laundry. Reserved parking. 8757 Mira Mesa #6. 619-804-3325.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$500 off move-in special! Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1150! Great location. Near beaches, bay, freeway, shopping, and restaurants! Quiet complex. Balconies/patios. Pools. 6 laundry rooms. Lush landscaping. Garages, storage. Cats OK. Villa Pacific Apartments, 2905 Clairemont Drive. Please call 619-276-1680. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

MISSION BAY/PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, adorable mobile home. Steps to beach. Shed. Fenced yard. Washer/dryer hookups. 2 parking spaces. Pets OK. 619-726-7718.

MISSION BEACH. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newer appliances and interior. Parking, laundry. No smoking, no pets. Available now. 619-582-3853.

MISSION BEACH. Ocean view. 2 bedroom apartment at 3737 Strandway. Steps from the beach. \$1500. Agent, 619-291-7002.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. 1 bedroom duplex. Appliances. Parking. Laundry. Private fenced patio. Steps to beach. Across from the Catamaran Hotel. 741 Wavecrest. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. 2 bedroom, 2-car garage, beach house, washer/dryer. Steps to beach. Available 4/1. \$2100 plus deposit. 818 San Gabriel Place. 858-272-1312.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$625. Tiny, 1 room studio, bathroom. Near bay and all. Quiet, sunny, partially furnished. Cat OK. 825-1/2 Pismo. Deposit \$750. Clara, 858-488-5435.

MISSION BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished, super clean, 1/2 block to beach. Quiet. Reserved parking. Year-round. Nonsmoking. No pets. Call 858-488-1632.

MISSION BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1695. 2 bedroom apartment with patio and barbecue. Furnished or unfurnished. Call 858-733-0770.

MISSION BEACH. Studio with French doors leading to deck. \$800. New flooring, paint, lighting, Bayside. Quiet 3-unit building at 818 Isthmus Court. No dogs. Available now. 619-276-7775.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$825. Small 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Nice shared courtyard. Close to beach and bay. Available 3/7. Cat OK. 725-1/4 Ensenada Court. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$2600. Large, newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Double garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave. Quiet bayside court. Sorry, no pets. 858-488-3539.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1095. 1 bedroom. Spacious upstairs apartment. Parking. Year-round. No pets. Available soon. 2985 Bayside Lane #5. Quiet complex. Call 858-488-2217.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Ocean views, walk to beach, bay or park. Furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, short term rental \$1400/month includes utilities. 619-847-6877.

MISSION BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Garage, dishwasher, carpet. No pets. Year-round. Steps to beach and bay. Call 858-488-2006.

MISSION BEACH. \$800 plus \$800 deposit. 6-month lease. 1 bedroom. Refrigerator, stove. New paint. Off-street parking. No pets. Available 3/12. 858-483-2355.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100-\$1400. 2 bedroom apartments. Quiet, near shopping and bus lines. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 3 bath penthouse with ocean, bay and downtown views. Tile floor in kitchen, living room, hallway and baths. Carpeted bedrooms. Washer/dryer in unit. Small studio, bay view, \$795. One bedroom, on-site bath, bay view, \$995. 3826 Kettner Boulevard. 619-507-4172.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. Spacious, ground floor, 1 bedroom, end unit, granite counters, limestone floors, crown molding, wood blinds. Laundry on site. Assigned parking. Security. 619-235-9863.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. Stunning, spacious 1 bedroom. New deco bathroom. Huge custom closets and storage. Balcony, laundry, covered parking. Nonsmoking building. Cat OK! 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN. Updated 1,500 square feet. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1 office attached, 2-car garage townhouse. Washer and dryer. Community pool and jacuzzi. \$2,200 per month. \$2,200 security deposit. Available April 12th. Seconds from Hwy 5 and 8, walking distance to Trolley and restaurants. No pets. 619-294-6763.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. New apartment homes and lofts. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Underground gated parking. Crown moldings. Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Walk-in closets. Full-size washer/dryer. High-speed Internet. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near all! Lease. Cats welcome. Mission Hills Commons, 4021 Falcon Street. www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. \$200 move-in special! 1 bedrooms from \$820. Pool. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 3505 Reynard. Sunriseliving.com; 619-683-9239.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. Luxury studio. Trees, private sun decks and yard. Partial view of city. Laundry. Newly remodeled, tiled kitchen and bath. 1763 Guy Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$2495. Panoramic views of city, harbor, ocean and Mexico. Luxury house, 2 master bedrooms and baths. Sun decks, fireplace, 4 car parking. 1769 Guy Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. Cute studio in small building on quiet street. Close to shops and restaurants. \$650/month to month. Free laundry onsite. Available 3/13. Amy, 619-607-6361.

MISSION HILLS. \$755. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location! Parking, laundry, pool. 1767 Torrance Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. View. Open daily 10am-4pm. Laundry. No pets. Off-street parking. Available now. 1690 Puterbaugh. 619-226-7368.

MISSION HILLS. \$1785. 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house with bay view, pet OK. Fireplace, patio, washer/dryer hookups. Garage and workshop. Agent, 619-223-2524.

MISSION HILLS. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Just remodeled. Appliances, laundry hook-up, storage shed, large backyard. Nonsmokers only. Quiet area. Pets OK. 619-291-0861.

MISSION HILLS. \$950. 2-story 1 bedroom. Laundry room, pool, carport. Near market/bus. No pets, please. 4039 Brant Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS. \$1225. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Deck. Great location. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Carpet, ceramic tile. Small dogs OK. 3613 State Street. Robert, 619-531-0826. www.floio.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. View, quiet neighborhood location. New appliances, tile. Gated community. Laundry. Underground parking. 836 West Pennsylvania. Cat OK. Robert, 619-531-0826. www.floio.com.

MISSION HILLS. 2 houses; 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths each, plus den each. One, \$1650, modern with new carpets. Other, \$2000 Craftsman, hardwood floors, fireplace. 619-298-2367.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer/dryer hookups, off street parking. Private yard. 3331 Reynard Way. 619-640-7530.

MISSION HILLS. \$1395. Beautiful hardwood floors. New deco bathroom. Charming 2 bedroom unit, in nonsmoking building, on very quiet street. Laundry room. No dogs please. 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. \$2000/month. Water included. Move-in bonus! Upgraded interior, all appliances, 2+ car garage. Common area pool. Hardwood floors. Agent, 619-823-8426.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in attractive, controlled access building near UCSD Medical Center. Nice, clean second floor unit. 3 washer/dryers on site. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident manager, 619-692-1837.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New Berber carpet, dishwasher. 3695 Reynard Way, San Diego. \$1095. 619-683-2698; 619-804-1742.

MISSION HILLS. \$1800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Private canyon retreat. Quiet, close in neighborhood. Newly renovated. Oak floors. Washer/dryer hookups. Fireplace. Small pet OK. Lots of storage. No smoking. Parking for two. Gardener included. 3540 Curlew. Open Sunday 1-3pm. 619-546-0456.

MISSION HILLS. \$795/up. Spacious 1 bedrooms. Hardwood floors. Murphy bed. Intercom entry. Laundry on site. No pets. 630 West Washington. Agent, 619-298-7724.

MISSION HILLS SOUTH. Fantastic 180-degree view: city/bay/Point Loma. 3 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath plus office, 2100-square-foot townhouse, Berber, balcony, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. No pets. 2905 India Street/Palm. \$2595. 619-295-7113.

MISSION HILLS. \$200 off first month! \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Controlled access building. On-site laundry. Covered parking. Cat OK. 808 Fort Stockton. 619-295-2624.

MISSION HILLS. \$850. Deposit \$700. Studio. Stove, refrigerator, reserved parking, yard and large private deck overlooking canyon. By appointment. 340 University Place #A. 619-804-3325.

MISSION HILLS. Big bay/city views. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$950; and 1 studio, includes utilities, \$700, 3353 Union Street/cross street Sassafra. 619-294-9384.

MISSION VALLEY. Brand new, gated luxury 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1400. First full month free! \$199 deposit special! Pets welcome. Pool. Spa. Patio/balcony. Garage available. Computer niche. Washer/dryer. Dishwasher. Microwave. Internet. Fitness, business centers. Near trolley, shopping, more. Portofino Apartments, 2500 Northside Drive. 1-866-802-2218. www.sdreader.com/rent/2086.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Low \$350-\$450 deposits! From \$1270. 1, 2 bedrooms. Luxury gated community. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Cat on approval. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 619-464-4144. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

MISSION VALLEY. Call for special incentives! \$199 deposit special! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1125. Tennis courts. Lap pool, spa. Basketball court. Central air conditioning. Private patios/balconies. Fitness, recreation centers. Washer/dryer in units. Pets welcome. Available now! Club River Run, 10041 Rio San Diego Drive. 800-476-9561. www.sdreader.com/rent/2022.

MISSION VALLEY. \$99 deposit special! First month free rent! Starting from \$1538 for spacious 2 bedrooms. Patio/balcony. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Microwave. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Courtyard. Pool. Spa. Fitness center. Underground parking. Pets welcome. Close to trolley, shopping, restaurants. River Front, 750 Camino de la Reina. 800-476-9570. www.sdreader.com/rent/2072.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1650. Lease. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 6111 Rancho Mission Road, #206. Recently remodeled. Large balcony overlooking pool, jacuzzi. Central air. Carpeted. Stove. Refrigerator. Tennis courts. 2 parking spaces, End unit. 619-985-0493.

MISSION VALLEY. Open house, Saturday 10am-5pm. First month free, 12 month lease! Lease specials! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$1190. Tropical ambience. Dishwasher. Microwave. Intercom. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Air/heat. Balcony/patio. Garage, parking. Laundry. Cat OK. Mission Pacific, 4424 44th Street. Call 1-866-813-5684. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. New to San Diego? Studios. From \$675. Bright, airy. Private. Gated. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5411 Linda Vista Road (near Mildred Street). www.info101.net. 619-294-4376.

MISSION VALLEY. \$810/up, Junior. \$915/up, 1 bedroom, \$11100, 2 bedroom. Walking distance to Cowles Mountain and Mission Trails Park. Large kitchen. Pools. Spa. Gym/recreation room. Patio or balcony. Air conditioning. Extra storage available. Villa De Flores Apartments, 7707 Mission Gorge Road. www.sdreader.com/rent/1008. 619-583-0821. Email: VillaDeFlores@att.net.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1200 month. Top floor, vaulted ceiling, 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. New carpet, fresh paint, views. No dog. 3555 Ruffin Road #274. 858-448-9228.

MISSION VALLEY. From \$875. Large 1 bedroom apartment. View. Secure gate. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY. River Run. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Patio, fireplace, washer/dryer, new appliances, walk-in closet, storage, carport, pool, all amenities! No pets. 760-944-1622.

MISSION VALLEY. \$2150/month. Brand new luxury condo. Gated community, 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-car garage. Patio, recreation facility. Available 4/1. 858-484-8123.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1300. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Bottom unit. Parking close to condo. Pool, tennis, gym. Near stadium, trolley and SDSU. Available, 619-263-3616.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. Large 1 bedroom

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NORTH PARK/SOUTH PARK. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Great neighborhood. Washer/dryer hookup. Water included. Available 3/15. 1825 Pentuckett Avenue. Please don't disturb occupants. 619-300-1490.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper. Laundry on site. Available 3/10/04. 3642-1/2 Park Boulevard. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Deposit \$700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Air conditioning. Off-street parking. Quiet. Clean. Laundry. Available 3/15. No pets/smoking. 4459 Arizona Street. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath Spanish-style duplex. New hardwood floors. Cottage setting. Nonsmoking. Lots of windows! 1-car garage with opener. A must-see unit! John, 858-454-6968.

NORTH PARK/NORMAL HEIGHTS. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$765. New kitchen, bath, carpet and paint. On-site parking and laundry. Air conditioning. Nonsmoking. No pets. Must see! John, 858-454-6968.

NORTH PARK. \$975. Good credit a must! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pet friendly! Pool, parking, controlled access, laundry. Clean, quiet. 4133 Kansas. www.jesselproperties.com. 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. \$700/month. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment, recently remodeled, lots of windows. New appliances. Laundry facility. Cat OK. Leave message, 619-280-5033.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, plus art studio with bath, extra parking, cozy fireplace. New kitchen. All appliances. Ceiling fan, hardwood floors. Small pet OK. Nice home. Available 4/1. 619-220-0157.

NORTH PARK. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Small patio. Washer/dryer. Garage. Cat OK. 4371 Arizona Street #2. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment upstairs, hardwood floors. 2610 University Avenue. 619-640-7530.

NORTH PARK. \$785. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, \$975. On-site laundry, parking. No pets. 4078 Louisiana Street #3. Call 858-483-5111 x41. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry facilities. Large extra storage area. Hardwood floors, nice neighborhood, no pets. 619-307-0386 or 619-987-6866.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry, quiet, gated entry, pool available 3/1. 3051 Meade Ave #5. Call 858-483-5111 x10. www.melroyproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman house. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, new appliances, garage. Cat OK. Available April 1. 2862 Howard. 858-549-8335.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Spacious 1 bedroom, upstairs duplex. Private, close to bus/shopping. Ask about move in special. 2821 Lincoln Avenue. 858-597-6100 X322.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom. Fresh paint. New blinds, carpet. Ceramic tile. Garden view apartment. Laundry on site. 4514 Illinois. 760-942-1187 x33, 619-857-1187.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking. Full size appliances. Tiled kitchen and bath floors. Walk-in closets. Cat OK. 3094 North Park Way. Available 2/15. 619-298-4256.

NORTH PARK. \$1030. Spacious, upper, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet/paint, balcony, dishwasher, refrigerator. Very quiet. No smoking. Free Cox cable TV. Available now. 4185 Iowa. 858-456-9753.

NORTH PARK. Charming canyon duplex with views. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus office. New washer/dryer, carpet, paint. Bright, French doors, storage, deck. Quiet neigh-

borhood. Water/trash paid. \$1350. Available 3/5. 619-528-0250.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. Section 8 OK. 3919 Florida Street. app@ajprop.com. A&J Property Management, 888-815-1134 x5.

NORTH PARK. \$1450. Immaculate, 1200-square-foot, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house with hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. Beautiful garden backyard. Garage. 4172 Cherokee. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$865. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath in gated complex. Spacious kitchen/dining area. New carpet. Carport parking. Coin laundry. Phone entry system. Close to stores. No pets. 4030 Louisiana. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private front patio, granite countertops, newly remodeled throughout. A must see. No pets. 4561 Alabama Street. 858-571-1970, Sunriseliving.com.

NORTH PARK. \$900. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Spacious, immaculate apartment. Walk-in closet. Refurbished baths. New carpet, flooring, parking. Coin laundry. Small, gated 9-unit complex. Phone entry. No pets. 4381 Utah. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. Move-in bonus! 1 and 2 bedrooms. Central location, new paint, laundry on site. \$725-\$1025. 3662 32nd Street. 619-683-9274.

NORTH PARK. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Immaculate remodeled Craftsman house. Beautiful period colors. New appliances. Laundry. Dishwasher. Very quiet area. Excellent location. No pets. 3129 Hawthorn. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$975. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with balcony. Bright second floor end unit. Vaulted ceilings. New carpet, vinyl, paint. Fireplace, dishwasher, microwave. Trash compactor. Storage. Controlled access. Parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 3727 Grim Avenue. Manager, 619-296-8802.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Dishwasher, parking, laundry, gated complex. 4503 Hamilton. 619-243-4000 x0; Linda, 619-295-5679.

NORTH PARK. \$775. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 4146 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956.

NORTH PARK, WEST. Safe, well kept neighborhood. \$940, extra large intercom-gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment and security garage. (\$900 without garage) Large living room, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan, vertical blinds, patio. Redecorated, always maintained in top shape. 6 months free cable. No pets. 619-683-7850.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Ground floor apartment. Gated complex. Coin laundry. Garage included. No pets. 3919 Mississippi Street. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600. www.kandrproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1795. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace. New flooring. Freshly painted. Remodeled bathroom. Fenced yard. Parking. Visit www.homes4rent.com. Call now. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Dining room. Near Morley Field. Hardwood floors. Fresh paint, like new blinds/appliances. 1930s-style fenced courtyard. Cat OK. 3372 Grim Avenue. 619-298-4256.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Laundry and parking. 4553 Texas Street #7. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Small 1 bedroom upstairs duplex. On-site laundry. Quiet. No dogs. Available 3/1. 619-295-2609.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Large nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath, small gated complex with parking and laundry. 3754 32nd Street #3. Available now. 619-206-4725.

NORTH PARK. \$650 rent. \$500 deposit. Studio apartment. No pets, at 3804 Pershing Avenue #4. 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$1650. 4 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman home. Washer/dryer, 2-car

carport, wood floors, deck for entertaining, nice yard. Will consider pet. 619-723-4166.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with vanity. Downstairs, carpeted. Lovely facility. Assigned parking. Small complex. No pets. 4359 Alabama Street. 619-291-8666.

NORTH PARK. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upper unit in keyed entry building, fully equipped kitchen, parking. Cat OK. 3942 Hamilton Street. 619-294-5784.

NORTH PARK. \$975. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. New carpet. Air conditioning. Walk-in closet. In gated building. Broker, 619-286-4250.

NORTH PARK. \$150 first month! \$725. 1 bedroom. Upper unit. Close to all. Easy freeway access. Cat OK. 3747 32nd Street. Agent, 619-297-1483, x100.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with wood floors, lower unit, garden duplex. Step to park. 619-501-7870.

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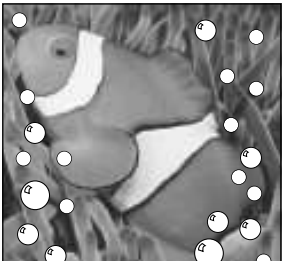
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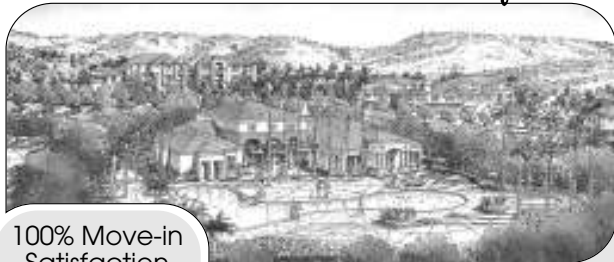


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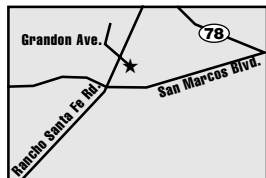
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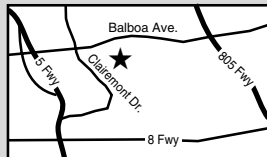


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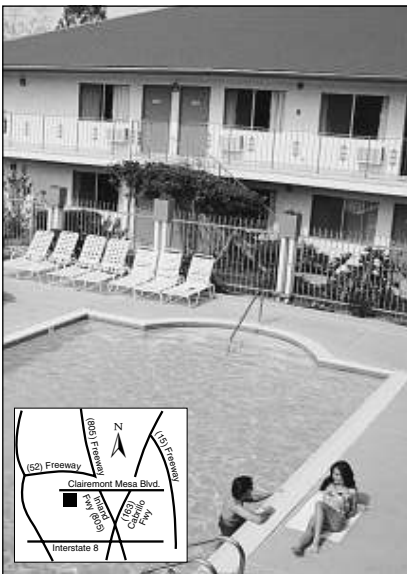
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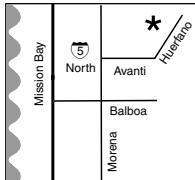
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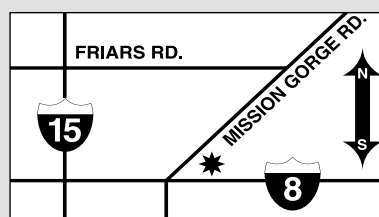
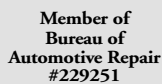
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• Adjust brakes

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BANKER'S HILL. Garage sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday, 3/6. Great deals! 2206 Albartross Street.

BAY PARK. Estate sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday/Sunday, 3/6-3/7. Fine antiques, patio furniture, Miele washer/dryer. 4919 Whitehaven Way (off Milton between Dunhaven and Penrose).

CHULA VISTA. Estate sale. 7am, Saturday, 3/6. Furniture, china, silver, steno-type machine, typewriters, washer/dryer, dishwasher, collectibles, plates, yarn. No early birds please. 43 San Miguel Drive.

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CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 8am. Power tools, bikes, electronics, vintage furniture, 6-piece bedroom set, mirrors, clocks, garden pots, sofa, tables, vases, books, fabric. 4626 Boxwood Drive (Chateau). 858-277-3053.

ENCINITAS. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/6. Furniture, kitchen and small items, lots of great stuff. 197 Rosebay Drive.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. Cleaning out garage sale. 9am, Saturday. Patio, dishes, ladies clothes, small furniture and buried treasures! 1414 Grove.

HILLCREST. Moving sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 3/6. Sofa, bookcase, kitchen items, computer games, table, miscellaneous. All must go, rain/shine. 3678 Richmond Street.

HILLCREST. Garage sale. 8am-2pm, 3/6. Leather sofa/chair, kitchen table with 4 chairs, end tables, vintage stereo with 2 speakers, clothing, shoes. 3830 Albartross Street.

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LA JOLLA. Multifamily garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/6. Furniture, clothes, electronics, toys, some new business closing items, etc. No early birds. 783 Forward Street (alley).

LA JOLLA. Garage sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday. Contemporary furniture, electronics, sports equipment (diving and bike), household stuff, more. All excellent condition. Rain/shine. 8370 Via Sonoma.

LA MESA. Garage sale. 7:30am-1pm, Saturday, 3/6. 4 neighbors, lots of items. Furniture, art deco, kitchen, clothes, few antiques. 9384 Loren Drive, La Mesa.

LA MESA. Garage sale. 7am-4pm, Saturday, Sunday, 3/6, 3/7. TVs, VCRs, futons, refrigerator, electronics, air conditioners, tapes, books, games, housewares, clothes, furniture. 6060 Howell, 91942.

NORTH PARK. Multifamily yard sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 3/6, Sunday, 3/7. Knickknacks, antiques, household goods, vintage items. Pickers paradise. 4361 Bancroft Street.

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OCEAN BEACH. Yard sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 3/6. Furniture, dishes, sporting goods, barbecue, mower, tools, clothes, books, gifts. 4327 Voltaire, between Catalina and Guizot.

OCEAN BEACH. Apartment complex garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 3/6. Cool people, cool stuff: snowboards, skateboard, electronics, clothes. 4784 Bermuda Avenue.

PACIFIC BEACH. Shoe sale. 7am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday, 3/6-3/7. Women's new shoes and clothes at a steal of a price. Corner of Cass and Agate.

PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale, 2 houses. 7am-noon, Saturday, 3/6. Dressers, TV, bookcase, grill, patio furniture, clothes, lamps, palm pilot, more. 1032 Wilbur Avenue.

PACIFIC BEACH. Garage sale. 9am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday. To benefit my beagle's surgery (he was hit by a car). 1560 Pacific Beach Drive, in alley.

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SAN DIEGO. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/6. 4839 Hart Drive (west on Adams Avenue to Biona to Vista to Hart), 92116.

SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 3/6. Vintage turntables, vintage clothing, collectibles, household, luggage, etc. No junk! 4794 Oregon Street (north of Adams Avenue). 619-269-3753.

SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 3/6-3/7. 5442 Lauretta Street, #C (92110).

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SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 10am-1pm, 3/6. Children's toys, linens, dishes, home decor, exercise equipment, clothing, furniture. 9310 Galvin Avenue (gated community, look up "Vu" at gate for access), 92126.

SAN MARCOS. Estate sale. 7:30am-2pm, Saturday, 3/6. 50 years worth of stuff. Furniture, clothing, kitchenware, collectibles and more. 450 Jennileah Lane.

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TALMADGE. Fundraising garage sale. 7am-noon, Sunday, 3/7. Multiple families/individuals. Power tools, kitchenware, electronics/computer stuff, sporting goods, clothes. 4525 47th Street.

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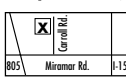
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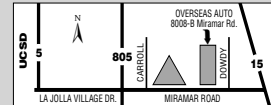
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LEAD STORY

— The Sacred Institution of Marriage: In February, Hindus in a village near Pondicherry, India, in a traditional ceremony believed to bring relief to a drought-stricken region, tried to appease the god of rain by “marrying” a neem tree (the bride) to a peepul tree (groom). (In 2002, “News of the Weird” reported a similar ceremony with two donkeys, and last year, in a wedding to vanquish bad luck from a nine-year-old girl, villagers in the Hooghly district of West Bengal, India, married her off to a dog.) ... In Nice, France, in February 2004, Ms. Christelle Demichel wed her sweetheart Eric. Eric, however, died in 2002 (killed by a drunk driver), but French law allows the marriage to proceed if the paperwork had been completed and if President Chirac approved (which he did).

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— The Galveston, Texas, sheriff’s office admitted that Louis Radzielski, 20, had escaped from lockup in December by walking out the front door. According to Sheriff Gean Leonard, Radzielski crouched behind a woman who was being legitimately released and remained in step with her as she walked past the two officers working the booking counter. ... In January in a Miami courtroom, while the lawyer for defendant Raymond Jessi Snyder protested a prosecutor’s demand that Snyder be locked up pending trial because he was a “flight risk,” Snyder eased from his seat and bolted out the door. He didn’t get far. — According to a December Associated Press story, among the modest amount of information revealed at the CIA’s new Science and Technology Museum is that early versions of a tiny spy camera mounted on the back of a pigeon failed because they were too heavy, forcing the pigeon in one test “to walk home.”

A Nation of Wimps

— Donald Johnson used a West Palm Beach,

Fla., Shoney’s restaurant for \$55,000 because he thought its clam chowder was potato soup and the chowder left him with nightmares. In January, he won \$407 in damages. ... Also in January, Tanisha Torres of Wyandanch, N.J., filed a lawsuit against Radio Shack because she was offended that a clerk had listed her hometown in the store’s records by a local joke name, “Crimedanch,” which she said makes her feel like a criminal. ... William Tremmel filed a lawsuit in September against a company repairing the boardwalk in Virginia Beach, Va., after he used its portable toilet without permission. Some of the workers, fed up with strangers using their facility, blocked Tremmel inside for 25 minutes before letting him out. He now wants \$100,000 for “mental suffering.”

Great Art!

— The Ukraine-born, Sweden-based artist Nathalia Edenmont defended her work against animal-rights protesters in December by claiming a higher virtue in killing animals if she does it to make an artistic point. Her latest artistic points (according to the owner of the Stockholm gallery exhibiting Edenmont’s work): her photo of a hand with dead mice stuck on each finger represents the five stars of the former Soviet Union, which Edenmont believes was responsible for her mother’s murder; and a photo of several dead mice all pointing in the same direction represents the “cowardice” of Swedish society (*Sydney Morning Herald-AFP*, 12/13/03). — “The Empty Museum” installation by Ilya and Emilia Kabakov consists only of four walls, representing the walls of a 19th-century art gallery with nothing on them. According to a *New York Times* reviewer, “The blank walls and the spotlights suggest the cruel Minimalist reduction and dematerialization of art, and most specifically, perhaps, the death of painting.” It is enjoying an apparently successful run through April in New York City.

Government in Action

— Budget Necessities: The South Florida *Sun-Sentinel* reported in January that the La Jolla Playhouse in San Diego was hard at work producing a musical theater production based on the life of serial killer Andrew Cunanan, the 1997 murderer of his former lover Gianni Versace, for which the playhouse had received a \$35,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. ... In October, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District revealed — in a request for more funding — that it was paying a man about \$460 a day to scoop used condoms from the chlorine tanks at its Jones Island plant.

More Bright Ideas

— Police in Chartiers Township, Pa., arrested David Winniewicz, 36, in January after he allegedly used amateur subliminal sleep messaging to encourage his ten-year-old stepson to kill the boy’s four-year-old brother. Winniewicz’s wife said she found an audiotape of the episode with her husband’s voice instructing the sleeping boy on techniques (pillow over face, strangle with hands). — Teachers working on contract in California prisons sued the state in December over security restrictions that they say require them to deliver the curriculum standing outside inmates’ cells (and in some cases, hollering the lessons through the meal-tray slots, which are the only openings in solid-steel doors). Said a prison official, downplaying the teachers’ complaints, “It’s kind of like modified distance learning.”

Ewwwwww! Gross!

— In the midst of national anxiety over mad-cow disease in December, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that things were basically normal at Evansville, Ind., restaurants that served traditional (from German ancestors) brain sandwiches, especially fried cow brains on a bun. ... Officials in Hardisty, Alberta, tried to calm protests over the municipal water supply in September

by adding chlorine and assuring residents that the water is safe to drink, despite the fact that iron and manganese residue in the pipes turns its color yellow (and even black) from time to time.

Recurring Themes

— The latest African to die by gunshot while testing a magic charm “guaranteed” by herbalists to ward off bullets: witch doctor Ashi Terfa (Benue state, Nigeria, December). ... The latest driver who fatally hits a pedestrian, causing the body to lodge in the windshield and be driven around for a while before the driver decides to report the collision: a 29-year-old man, who at first told police that he was not sure what he hit (Seattle, November).

In the Past Month...

— A great horned owl that was having trouble surviving in the wild because of cataracts was fitted with contact lenses by a University of Wisconsin-Madison veterinary ophthalmologist. ... Relatives of a kidnapper’s victim, trying to follow ransom instructions, tossed the equivalent of about \$600,000 in a sack off of a highway overpass but accidentally hit a 57-year-old man on a motorcycle, knocking him to the ground and sending him to the hospital (Taipei, Taiwan). ... A 28-year-old motorist escaped serious injury when, on River Road in Beaufort County, S.C., her car was hit by a hippopotamus (which had escaped from a nearby plantation).

(Correction: Three weeks ago, I reported that a convicted sex offender was formerly a teacher at the “prestigious Phillips Academy,” but it was the Phillips Andover Academy that employed him and not Phillips Exeter.)

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ROBBERY

Location: [3800] Idaho Street

Time/Date: 9-9:45 p.m. on 2/21/04

Officer's Synopsis: A Hispanic male and a Hispanic female entered the residence of Timothy C. and robbed him at gunpoint. Timothy C. met the Hispanic male, whom he only knows as "Killer," eight to nine months before at a music and video store at 927 E St. in San Diego.

Victim's Statement: At approximately 8:30 p.m., "Killer" called C. and asked to see his computer equipment sometime. C. invited "Killer" to meet him



and a Hispanic female were already there. "Killer" asked to used the bathroom. As C. walked by the bathroom, "Killer" hit him on the head at least twelve times with what looked like a silver revolver he saw in "Killer"'s hand. "Killer" ordered C. to lie on the floor. C. complied. "Killer" then hit Adam E. in the head at least ten times and ordered him to lie on the floor. E. also complied. C. saw that E. had fresh blood in his hair.

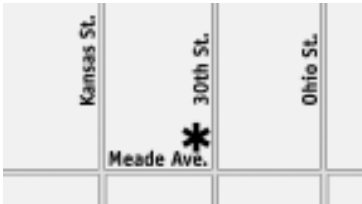
The female tied up both C. and E. with a rope. She tied their hands behind their backs, tied their feet together, and then tied a line between their hands and feet. "Killer" held his gun to their heads. "Killer" told C. and E. if they made any noise, he would come back and kill them. "Killer" also said he was a "corrupt L.A. cop" so he would know if they called the police. Both suspects then left out the front door. C. went to a friend's house because he had no phone, but he delayed calling the police because he was very afraid of "Killer."

at his residence. C. got to his residence with Adam E. at about 9:00 p.m. "Killer"

BATTERY ON A PEACE OFFICER

Location: 4400 30th St.

Time/Date: 8:00 p.m. on 2/22/04



Officer's Investigation: Officer's Wiese, Padilla, and I were dispatched to the area of 30th and Monroe to investigate an argument. We spotted a red Mercury Cougar with Colorado plates parked along the east curb line. We recognized the car as one that we know two people, Mary and Larry M., to be living in. We cited both Mary and Larry M. for inhabiting a vehicle on a city street. Officer Wiese also impounded the vehicle. The spouse of the car's owner, Rosemarie J., came out of her home, obviously upset. We explained to her why the car was being impounded and she was still upset.

Rosemarie J. ordered her daughter [Mary M.] to get all her property out of the car before it was towed. J. went to the trunk, apparently to assist. She picked up a black VCR and threw it toward Officer Wiese, and it struck him on the left foot. All three officers at the scene told J. not to throw items at us, but she grabbed a black plastic clipboard and a bag filled with cosmetics and threw them at Officer Padilla. Officer Wiese handcuffed J. and advised her she was under arrest for assaulting two police officers.

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J. began to scream for help. I observed Officer Wiese check J.'s cuff for proper tightness, per policy.

Officer Wiese booked J. into Las Colinas jail.

GRAND THEFT

Location: [1200] Pacific Beach Dr.

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. on 2/22/04



Victim's Statement: Erin M. told me she first discovered numerous pictures of her and her ex-boyfriend (Jack K.) scattered on her apartment complex stairs this morning. M. told me the pictures were possibly copies from her ex-boyfriend. She still has her original copies of the same pictures. She broke up with Jack K. last Dec. 2003. M. and her current boyfriend, Michael G., went to the apartment complex garage. They discovered G.'s camper shell lid missing.

Officer's Investigation: I did see Polyurethane liquid scattered all over M.'s garage space floor. A can (1/16th full) of "Behr" was found on the floor. I noticed a thick brown liquid, appears to be syrup, on the stairs and pictures. The unknown suspect(s) appeared to have climbed over the seven foot security fence and entered the unlocked door leading to the apartment complex garage.

DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER

Location: 8105 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Time/Date: 1:05 a.m. on 2/21/04



Officer's Investigation: I received a call to investigate a defrauding the innkeeper incident at Cheetah's nightclub. I arrived and contacted two victims: Joanna B. and Manisha C. While at the scene I contacted the suspect in this case, Gary H., Jr. I then took custody of H. and issued him a misdemeanor citation.

Victim's Statement: He came into the club around 12 o'clock. He wanted both of us to dance for him. Before we started we told him that it was \$20 per dance each, and that it was \$200 for an hour each. I noticed he was wearing a watch that was three hours ahead of our time. I figured he was from New York or something. His watch read 3:15 when we started dancing. It read 4:05 when we stopped. He told us he was bored with our dancing and he offered both of us \$1000 each to go to his hotel room and have sex with him. We told him no and asked for the money he owed us. He gave us both a \$20 bill and refused to give us the rest.

— Michael Hemmingson

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MISCELLANEOUS. Antique bicycle, 1930s, \$200. Toolbox for mini truck, \$60. Beach cruiser bicycle, \$40. 7'2" surfboard, John Kies, like new, \$300. 760-754-1172.

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"But here I was, one of those people sitting high up and slurping gas. I thought that was irresponsible of me, but it was such a nice car, a '99 with 60,000 miles. We had it for about two months.

"And then, on October third, we

were on our way to my stepdaughter's wedding in Eureka; my husband Noel and my kids, Lucy and Patrick, and I. It was so nice, not crowded, even with all the wedding presents. Right after lunch we were on I-5, on that stretch that's so long and straight, a good place for Lucy to drive, I thought. She has a learner's permit.

"So Lucy drove, and I lay down in the back seat, put my head in my son's lap, and went to sleep. Noel was reading the paper, looking up and down, and one time he looked up and said, 'You need to get back on the freeway,' since she had drifted a little way onto the shoulder. She had learned to drive in the little Toyota, which you have to turn hard. But when she turned the Pathfinder the same way, it fishtailed all over the road, and then it flipped and rolled.

"I'd always expected a moment like that would terrify me. But I just

thought, 'Oh, I'm going to die now.' I felt helpless and disoriented, like if you're riding a boogie board and a wave crunches you and you get pulled under and tossed all around.

"We landed upside down, and everybody was hanging from their seatbelts except me. My feet were sticking out the window and cut up. The car was sitting on its roof, but all of us walked out. I got a concussion. My son had a scrape on his elbow. But it seems like a miracle that we didn't hit any other cars and we came out of it with no lasting damage.

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I called him “master of imagination and joy...”

By John Brizzolara

It is an exercise I have just hypocritically recommended to my son. “Write down your dreams every morning and don’t look at them for a week or two. After you’ve collected a bunch, look them over. You’ll be amazed at what your subconscious is trying to tell your conscious mind. What you...” and here I paused for dramatic effect, one eyebrow raised, “...are trying to tell yourself.” Thank you, Carl Jung.

If I hadn’t just grudgingly quit smoking a pipe, I would have clamped my teeth over the acrylic bit just after the syllable “-self,” eyebrow still cocked. Hypocritical, I say, because I have not done such an exercise in years and have no idea what myself is trying to say to my self these days. But the topic of dreams was a possible inroad to dialogue with Jason (I’ve called him that before in print), who is lately experiencing some troubling symptoms, physical and otherwise.

What I was aiming at was a time in his life 15 or 20 years ago when we would trade dreams in the mornings, usually on the way to school. Colorful embellishments were not discouraged. These walks would take place through one or the other of two alleyways we dubbed Danger Alley and Adventure Alley. One was populated with dinosaurs, the other with things called Gobots. Imagination was the theme of our relationship since his infancy.

And now I’m wondering, were these more of those seemingly harmless roadside amusements in life that in middle age exact an unexpected, inordinately high price? I mean, things that turn to life sentences? Natural, even

innocent drives that turn to herpes and hepatitis C, divorce, and relationships that self-destruct in identical ways one after another because...I don’t know, Mom left us alone too long in the pram while, one day in 1952, she had her nails done. Are my son and I paying for too much juvenile fantasy in place of responsible fatherhood? Could well be. Could well be.

Did his mother quit smoking marijuana before or after he was born?

I dedicated a science-fiction novel to my son and called him “master of imagination and joy” on that page. Should I have focused more on work ethics? Punctuality? Personal grooming? Responsibility? My father stressed responsibility with me, but he also introduced me to Sherlock Holmes. My mother stressed the fact that I was purely and hopelessly irresponsible and always would be, in the process nurturing a self-loathing drunk.

I don’t think I could ever regret telling my boy about one particular dream, cinematic and symbolic with both classic Freudian and Jungian tones at the same time. Had I not experienced it, I would have dismissed it as contrived Steven Spielberg trying to be “heavy.” One maybe dreams like this in movies, but never in life. The image was a white horse at a precipice on an iceberg overlooking a frozen sea. The horse has a sense of being chased with nowhere else to go. It jumps. Hits the ice and shatters the surface all the way to the horizon. The sea beneath the white ice is black. The emotion in the dream is liberation and a conviction that whatever evil was pursuing the animal cannot follow, cannot swim, but the horse can.

I loved telling the dream, and he loved hearing it. Neither of us knew why, but we speculated about it all over the place and had fun doing it.

I told him a nightmare of mine that surely came from film, TV, or a novel. This one had me running through an empty office. Row after row of desks and computer screens and telephones would flash by me to either side as I ran for my life. Every time I passed a desk, one on each side every few feet, the phones on those desks would ring in chilling stereo. If I stopped to answer any of the phones, I would hear my own voice with a message that would drive me insane with fear and stop my heart.

My son heard many versions of my recurring concentration-camp dream. In this one, I always escaped by some elaborate means from some Auschwitz-type death camp, often via tunnel, only to find myself in a larger, more complex and intricate prison world designed to resemble a free society (shades of “The Village” in the TV series *The Prisoner*). In this stage of the dream, a quest, I would have to discover “the key,” a clue that my escape was as yet incomplete and at the same time a means to move on to the next dreamscape, which in turn would prove to be yet another, more complex prison. It occurs to me that I am describing a kind of Kafkaesque video game and that would be exactly right only rife with genuine fear and nightsweats.

We would never exchange erotic dreams. Not because of the inherent creepi-

ness of doing so with one’s son or dad, but because they never seemed to provide elements of art or, at any rate, story.

One of my greatest hits with Jason was the Lovecraftian dream I had while staying in the Berkshire Mountains in Massachusetts while on tour with a rock band. I dreamt that I was on a surfboard on a lake with a choppy surface but certainly no waves. The sky overhead was purplish with thunderheads that would form and disappear. The lake began to churn as if boiling. Something was erupting from the bottom. My surfboard was being tossed randomly. Four reptilian heads rose from the waters dripping seaweed. The heads were set apart at equal distances, forming a square, and they were made of ancient stone. As they rose toward the dramatic sky, I saw that there were two moons overhead. In the double moonlight it became clear that the saurian heads were gargoyle towers at the four corners of a slime-covered castle that, as it rose into the night, created a great wave that drove me shoreward on my surfboard.

As I was about to be crushed by the wave against a tree at the water’s edge, I closed my eyes and screamed. The last thing I saw was the afterimage of the double red moon in that dreamworld’s sky. I woke on a sofa in the cabin in the Berkshires, my heart sounding in my ears. I got up and walked to the window. It was a beautiful snowscape out there, and inches of the stuff lay heavily on the branches of conifers. The weighty-looking snow on those branches seemed oddly pink with moonlight, and I looked up.

In the sky were the two moons escaped from my dream. The shock woke me truly this time, and I was standing at the window in my underwear, having walked the few paces from the sofa in my sleep.

As for Jason’s dreams, his tended to be populated with machines and animals but rarely people. I would surely get them wrong if I tried to reconstruct any of them here and now. He had difficulty relating them orally or on paper.

Why I found — and still find it — worthwhile, even important, to relate our dreams, Jason’s and mine, I’m not sure. I suppose it is just that in very real ways they are our stories in our own secret language of the night.



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Ben loves Candyland. Anytime I ask my three-year-old son if he wants to play a game, he replies, "Candyland. I'll be blue."

For the uninitiated, Candyland is a children's board game. Players move primary-colored plastic gingerbread men along the path leading to King Kandy and the Candy Castle. Along the way, the gingerbread men pass Plumpy the Plumpa Troll; Mr. Mint the Peppermint Lumber Jack; Jolly the Official Gumdrop Mountain Greeter; Gramma Nutt, who lives in the Peanut Brittle House; Princess Lolly; Queen Frostine; and Gloppy the Molasses Monster.

Candyland is great for little kids. Not only does the game deal with a topic that holds their inter-

est, they don't have to know their numbers to play. Players move along the rainbow-colored path by choosing cards that show a colored block. If you draw a card with a blue block, you move to the next blue space. Some of the cards have double blocks, which means you can move to the second block of that color. Mixed in with the colored block cards are cards depicting each of the characters. If you draw the Mr. Mint card, you have to go to Mr. Mint's space. If you've just started the game, that's good, because you get to move ahead. If you're almost at the end of the trail, that's bad because you have to go back. The first person to reach King Kandy at the end of the trail wins.

I have been playing Candyland for a very long time. When I was growing up, we didn't have Candyland at our house. My parents had more grown-up games like Monopoly and Parcheesi. In elementary school, my best friend, Karin Yuhl, had Candyland. Every time I stayed over at Karin's house, I asked to play. I remember how tasty the candy looked in a Disney sort of way. I remember being thrilled when I drew the Princess Lolly or Queen Frostine cards. Princess Lolly, King Kandy's daughter, lives in the Lollipop Woods. Queen Frostine drifts "on an Ice Cream Float in the Ice Cream Sea," according to the story that comes with the game. Even if I didn't win, I was happy just to move my gingerbread man along the rainbow path.

My girls loved Candyland when they were younger. When Rebecca was three, she played Candyland the way Minnesota Fats played pool. Any visitor to the house was fair game — family members, friends. We had a babysitter at the

time named Sarah. Two half-days a week, Sarah watched Rebecca and Angela at Jack's and my house so I could run errands and write. Some days I would walk in the door in the afternoon and find Rebecca and Sarah seated at the coffee table. Rebecca drew her cards and moved her gingerbread man with great concentration. "So, what did you guys do today?" I would ask.

"Played Candyland," Sarah said with feigned enthusiasm.

"How many games?"

"Oh, about a hundred."

Now that Rebecca has moved on to Lord of the Rings Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit, and Angela and Lucy are busy with Barbies and tea parties, I play Candyland with Johnny and Ben. The games lack the intense strategy and concentration I used to see when I played with Rebecca. But Ben brings a kind of manic athleticism to an otherwise sedate game.

This morning on the way home from dropping the girls at school, Johnny asked, "When we get home, can we play a board game?"

"Sure," I answered.

"Candyland," Ben said. "I'll be blue."

"Okay," I told him. "Is that okay with you, Johnny?"

"Yes. I'll be red."

While my morning coffee brewed, Johnny set up the board. He mistakenly grabbed the blue gingerbread man. Ben lunged at Johnny and ripped the smiling plastic piece from his hand. "NO, JOHNNY. I'M BLUE," Ben thundered.

"Ben," I called from the kitchen. "That's not the way you ask Johnny for the blue gingerbread man."

"Please, Johnny," Ben grumbled. "Can I have the blue?"

"Yes," Johnny replied.

Coffee in hand, I joined the boys in the family room. We lined our gingerbread men up at the starting space. "Ben can go first," Johnny said.

"Thanks, bud," I told him. "That's nice. I'll go last."

Ben drew the first card off the top of the pile Johnny had set beside the board. "DOUBLE RED," Ben shouted as though he'd just won the lottery. "BEN GETS DOUBLE RED."

"Move two reds," Johnny said.

Ben moved his gingerbread man to the second red space. While Johnny and I drew our cards and moved our men, Ben jumped in place beside the coffee table waiting for his next turn.

"Okay, Ben. You can take another card."

Ben grabbed the top card. "DOUBLE PURPLE," he crowed.

"No, Ben," Johnny corrected. "That's only one purple."

The game went on for the next ten minutes. Johnny and Ben took turns in the lead. I pulled ahead when I drew Gramma Nutt and left the boys in the dust. Just as I was nearing King Kandy, I drew the dreaded Plumpy card and went back almost to the starting space.

"Stinkin' Plumpy," Johnny commiserated with me.

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