

Curious Shoes

I'm really curious about why you would put a cover story on about shoes ("Shoes," March 4). I thought it was really uninteresting and boring and worthless, and I really can't understand why that would make the cover. Even inside the *Reader*, I wouldn't want to read about shoes.

Jade Vista

Choo Not Chu

Please explain to your writers that survey-taking is just not a substitute for journalism. Your paper has lately had the habit of offering up cover "stories" that are simply a bunch of responses to one or a set of questions, slapped together like a laundry list, with no introductory paragraphs, no conclusion, nothing by the way of actual writing to lead us to conclude that this is in fact an article with a beginning, middle, and end.

You did it with a topic as serious as the problems of public school teachers, the kidnap/sexual molestation/murder case of the little girl in Sabre Springs, and now again with a laughable topic, shoes ("Shoes," March 4).

If your writers have any journalistic integrity in them, they will seriously consider putting some effort into their work, rather than presenting readers with what is essentially the equivalent of the results of a phone survey.

Oh, and by the way, it's Jimmy Choo shoes, not "Chu," as spelled in that last article. If your staff can't be bothered to write, at the very least you should force them to spell.

Name Withheld via e-mail

Brazen Yakatan

Re: "It's a Horrible Idea" ("City Lights," March 4). Loved your article. I've been an AVN shareholder since 1998, before the *Katz* ν . *Yak* court proceedings. This is at least the third time Yakatan has tried to steal our company away from us. Each move gets more brazen. He must go!

Paul Kovacik Olathe, Kansas

Broken Promises

Don Bauder's article about Avanir ("It's a Horrible Idea," "City Lights," March 4). Great article. Thank you for posting it. My only comment is that nobody pointed to the fact that the company missed all objectives for the last three years, is unable to get the partner for its projects even though promised by the CEO at least ten times, couldn't get funds (only toxic financing), and all projects are way behind the schedule. A lot of broken promises. Just listen to conference calls for the last three years and check results or lack of them. Anyhow, good article. Thank you, Don Bauder, very much. Good job.

> Harry Galekovich via e-mail

Bauder Identity

Your website has an article written by Don Bauder dated March 4 ("It's a Horrible Idea," "City Lights"). Is this the same Don Bauder who wrote for the *Union-Tribune*'s business section until he retired last year? There is no bio on the author. The article on local biotech company Avanir Pharmaceuticals seems very biased and unlike anything the *Union-Tribune* Bauder would ever write.

Conrad Herring via e-mail

It is the same Don Bauder.

— Editor

Bad Example

The "Red-Tape Roadblock" article ("City Lights," March 4) hints at what is wrong with American policies both at home and abroad.

NAFTA implies free trade, but the playing field is less than level. Witness the requirements for imported vehicles. U.S. drugs are often cheaper imported from Canada, and rural gasoline is very often cheaper than that available next to an oil refinery.

Our government does

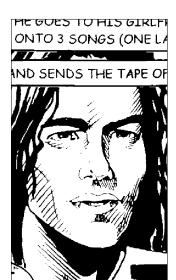
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Best pols money can buy In the final days before last week's San Diego city primary



Dick Murph

election, some last-minute big money was quietly delivered to incumbent mayor **Dick Murphy** and deputy city attorney **Leslie Devaney** (running to succeed her termed-out boss and mentor, **Casey Gwinn**) as well as to councilman **Jim Madaffer**. Source of the funds: the county's Republican Central

Committee, which used its state campaign account to funnel a series of contributions from corporations with pending business at city hall to the group's chosen political aspirants. According to documents on file in the California Secretary of State's office in Sacramento, Murphy picked up \$15,385 on February 27, the Friday before the election. The same day, Madaffer got \$7957. Devaney collected \$8385 on February 19. Because of a legal loophole, the committee isn't bound by the city's \$250 maximum contribution limits. More than a few special-interest fat cats have weighed into the closely contested city races with late money. For instance, an outfit called 5th and J LLC gave the Republican committee a total of \$10,000 in \$5000 increments on February 10 and 14. Records show that the company is run by Ramen Samimi. He's the downtown developer seeking to build a 334-room hotel in the Gaslamp Quarter. One of the parcels Samimi wants to build on is owned by Ahmad



Ahmad Mesd

Mesdaq, who runs the popular Gran Havana Cigar and Coffee Lounge on the site. Mesdaq doesn't want to sell and has been fighting Samim's efforts to get the city council to use its extraordinary powers of condemnation to take the land and business away from

him. Mesdaq says the next hearing on the matter is scheduled before the city's planning commission on March 11, after which it is set to be taken up by the city council on March 30. Other big 2004 donors to the GOP committee included CP Kelco, February 13 (\$5000); Sempra Energy, February 13 (\$5000); Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego, February 5 (\$5000); Pacific Golf Communities, LLC, January 23 (\$5000); Corky McMillin Companies, February 2 (\$4000); and BCL, Inc., February 9 (\$3000). McMillin is the controversial developer of Liberty Station on the grounds of the old Naval Training Center. BCL is a developer with major projects subject to city council approval. CP Kelco, a local industrial giant that makes products from kelp harvested offshore, has been in the middle of many sensitive negotiations with Murphy and the city council over such issues as water rates. In addition to the generous cash contribution from the Republicans, according to the disclosure, Murphy also benefited from an "in-kind" contribution from the county GOP committee, which paid for a public-opinion survey from Virginia-based Tarrance Group worth \$20,625, according to the disclosure. Murphy, a Republican, faced off against two other

adherents to the GOP: **Ron Roberts**, who will go against him in the November runoff; and **Peter Q. Davis**, the port commissioner and ex-banker who fell by the wayside.

Academic profit-taking Back in September 1997, then-UCSD chancellor **Robert Dynes** was appointed by Mayor **Susan Golding** to serve on a city task force about what to do for



Robert Dynes

the Padres, who were threatening to leave town unless they got a new stadium. "I worry that Major League Baseball cannot be economically viable in San Diego," Dynes told the *Union-Tribune*. "That's a serious problem for the community. I really don't want to see the

Padres leave." The committee's final report, approved by Dynes, concluded: "The Padres cannot generate the revenue necessary to become economically viable and remain competitive in Qualcomm Stadium.... In a new, baseball-oriented ballpark...the Padres can potentially become a stable, competitive, healthy franchise in San Diego for years to come." The rest, as they say, is history. What Dynes didn't reveal was that his father-in-law, wealthy investor **Warren Hellman** of San Francisco, was pals with

John Moores's venture capital firm, JMI Equity. The Hellman-Moores arrangement was a joint investment in Blackbaud, a South Carolina maker of software aimed at charity fundraisers. Moores was subsequently appointed by Governor Gray Davis to



John Moores

the UC Regents and last year was in turn a key player in making Dynes president of the entire UC system. Now, JMI and Hellman, father of Dynes's wife Frances, are aiming to cash out of Blackbaud. According to documents filed with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, Blackbaud wants to sell its shares to the public. Stockholders listed on the disclosure include the Hellman family firm, Hellman & Friedman, with 42 million shares, and "IMI Equity Fund IV, L.P.," with 3,330,000 shares. Frances's brother Marco is listed as an executive of Blackbaud ... Embattled San Diego State football coach Tom Craft, accused last month of reeking of alcohol while on road trips with the team and encouraging boozing by players, was busted in North County in December 1997 for drunk driving. Craft had a blood-alcohol level of .16, twice the legal limit. Records show he pled guilty, paid a \$1350 fine, and successfully completed a court-ordered rehab program.

— Matt Potter

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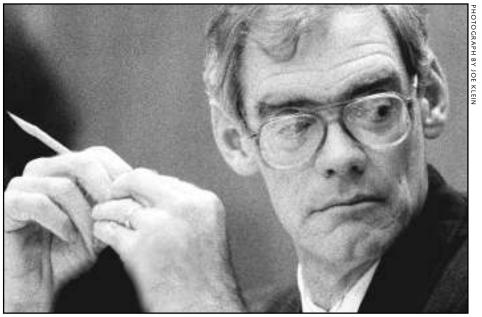
City of Fools

By Don Bauder

The world's greatest writers — Cervantes, Marlowe, Sir Walter Scott — wrestled with this enigma: is the fellow who causes

calamity a knave or a fool? When a promoter drives his investors into poverty and gets charged with fraud, he pleads that he was There is no question that what has devastated city finances is an underfunded and over-bountiful pension system, combined Padres moneybags John Moores and Chargers chief Alex Spanos — both of whom are lining up massive corporate-welfare schemes.

City manager Jack Mc-Grory decides to plunder the pension system. But first he must get permission from the pension board — most of whose members either represent city-worker labor unions or are city officials who will



Jack McGrory

a dreamer, a fool — not a knave. He was naïve. He's a naïf, he claims.

Now that San Diego is sinking into the financial slough, it's time to ask whether our leaders were knaves or fools, or, if you will, knaves or naïfs.

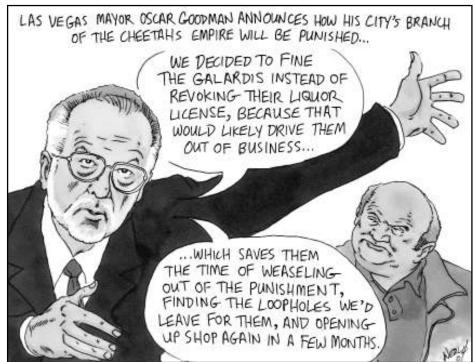
with ever-escalating corporate welfare.

The genesis is in 1996. The Republican convention is coming to town. Mayor Susan Golding will be showcased for a U.S. Senate run. Her financial supporters will include

receive fat pensions. The board members agree to the underfunding *if* city continued on page 4

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Lifelike Tijuana

By Ernie Grimm

There are three wax-figure museums in all of Mexico. Two of them, Mexico City's and Tijuana's, owe their existence to

Ricardo Parra Montes. "I was the director of tourism for the Mexico City government in 1978 and 1979," he says. "That was my job. One of my projects then was to build the Mexico City wax museum. That was my first experience in wax figures. I developed a relationship with many wax sculptors. Later I came to Tijuana with the dream to start this museum. I was living in Mexicali, working in the real estate business over there. But I wanted to be in Tijuana for this reason."

Eleven years ago, Parra realized his dream when he opened the museum at the corner of First Street and Madero, a block east of the stainless steel arch at the north end of Avenida Revolución. The location is along the corridor used by

From these surroundings, anywhere from 180 to 850 people a day — some tourists on their way to shops and clubs on Revolución, some students from Tijuana and San Diego climb a short flight of steps into the darkened museum foyer. After paying \$1.50 at the ticket window, they walk down a short hall to the right that transports them 500 years back in time and 2500 miles to the southeast to Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital upon which Mexico City was built. On a stone altar lies a bloody wax cadaver, an offering to the gods whom a diminutive priest invokes nearby. To the left are the taller figures of Moctezuma and Cuauhtémoc, the last two Aztec emperors, and Hernán Cortés, the con-



Princess Diana, Marilyn Monroe, Julia Roberts

most of the foot traffic between the border port and Revolución. The municipal government of Tijuana recently spruced up this portion of First Street, cutting off car access, pouring new concrete with a stampedstone effect, and erecting wrought-iron light poles. quistador who defeated them. "These figures are similar in size to the originals," says Parra, who is tall and neatly dressed with square, frameless glasses that match his square jawline. "We did some historical research, and we found out the sizes. You can see



Ricardo Parra Montes holding Carlos Santana wax head

that Mocteczuma and Cuauhtémoc are taller than the average Aztec," he points to the priest and victim, "because they ate better and they got a lot of exercise."

Though Parra buys some figures from wax sculptors in the United States, Moctezuma and company were made in their hometown of Mexico City. "We have maybe 15 wax sculptors in Mexico," Parra says as he walks toward the next exhibit, "and all of them are in Mexico City. There are a few in the U.S. and some in Europe. But wax sculptors are not common."

Because each wax figure costs \$4000 to \$6000, "and we have 85 figures," Parra explains, "the initial investment was half a million dollars. There were hard times for me for the first few years because this kind of business is slow to be accepted by the people, particularly in a town like Tijuana where people are coming to have a drink, to see shows, to party. And after September 11, it was very hard. But now everyone knows about my museum, and I get lots of school groups."

"Here we have the missionaries," Parra says, continuing his tour. "Padre

Kino here built many missions such as the mission of Loreto in the south of Baja." There is a major boulevard in the Rio Zone of Tijuana named after Padre Kino.

"Padre Serra over here built nine missions in the state of California, starting with the San Diego Mission. These padres were very great men. They knew astronomy, they knew agriculture, they taught the people to read. They were both from very rich families in Spain."

Beyond the padres are two Tijuana legends in wax. One is a little old lady set in an alcove. "This is Tia Juana," Parra says, "the founder of the city. The historical society of Baja doesn't want to certify it. They say she was a legend. But maybe she was real. She's in many books. Anyway, she was probably in this figure of face: lighter skinned and European looking, like Spanish peo-

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City of fools

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workers receive even more generous benefits. Thus, pay-ins will descend as payouts ascend. Does anybody wonder if a deficit might result? Were they naïfs? Or knaves?

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cil that the Padres will stav at the stadium and contribute big bucks to the city until 2010, even though the team forfeits advertising and other income to the Chargers. Anybody who believes at that point that the Padres will stay at the stadium, and not angle for their own subsidized facility, is, well, a fool.

60,000-seat guarantee for the Chargers at a renovated stadium; McGrory tells the city council that the San **Diego International Sports** Council promises to fill those seats. But a careful reading of the sports council's commitment shows that there is no enforceable promise — just soothing words, probably penned by a lawyer. Naïfs? Come now.

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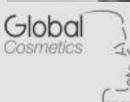
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he didn't read the Chargers contract. So do some councilmembers. Knaves? Think about it. The fools are the voters who believe that the council, team owners, and media cheerleaders are not knaves

Meanwhile, the Padres and city are planning a new ballpark. The city promises it won't require any new taxes because of all the commercial development that will spring up. Even after that commercial development doesn't take place, city leaders insist that it was a case of slight naïveté and the facility will pay for itself some day. The TV stations and Union-Tribune. which stand to make bundles of loot from the massive ballpark subsidy, assure the public that the politicians are honest folk. Naïfs?

But the pro-sports moguls aren't the only ones playing the game. Developer Corky McMillin gets the chance to develop the old Naval Training Center for all of \$8. He makes big promises to restore the historical and educational cores and other parts on his own dime. The city council, whose members have wallowed in his largesse for years, grants him the contract. But the final document radically changes the terms of what McMillin promises. Apparently, nobody reads that final document.

When public officials claim they didn't read a contract, "It's aggressive ignorance," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, noting that it is knavery.

The city also pays for infrastructure that McMillin had promised to fund. "The proposal that was presented was quite different from the proposal now known as the NTC Plan," says councilmember Donna Frye, who kept warning the council it was in trouble. "It was a little bit of knave and fool — hard to know who played which role."

NTC critic John McNab says the whole ruse had been arranged through

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Golding. In 1998, voters, who are assured that city finances are just dandy, approve the ballpark. But the financing runs into trouble. The new mayor, Dick Murphy, who promises he won't support a ballpark unless the city's finances are sound, arranges a new deal.

The city's portion of the new bond will be reduced by \$40.2 million. But, points out Frye, that \$40.2 million comes from a loan that was paid off to the city by Centre City Development Corp. That money was supposed to go for environmental mitigation at the ballpark — parking, traffic, police, etc. Now the city can't come up with the money for ballpark safety and logistics. "That was knavery," says Frye.

For the ballpark, the city winds up issuing insured municipal bonds with junk bond yields (an astounding 7.15 to 7.7 percent) almost unheard of. Those bonds only go to wellheeled entities because, San Diegans are told, of the risk. Risk? On fully insured bonds? The city never explains. To this day, citizens don't know who were the moneybags who got those incredibly high-yielding, tax-free, insured bonds.

Meanwhile, as the city promises potential retirees bigger and bigger benefits, the funding continues to go down and the deficit, predictably, soars. Pensionboard member Diann Shipione tells the council in late 2002 that it is on the road to perdition. So it decides to dig itself into a bigger and even hotter hole. Frye is the only one who votes against the deal with the devil. Not surprisingly, the pension mess worsens markedly. In the fall of 2003, the city proposes to sell half a billion dollars in sewer bonds. Shipione notices misrepresentations in the prospectus. She alerts the city. It cancels the offering.

Then comes the bombshell. On January 27 of this year, the city admits it has been cooking the books since 1996. Of course, it

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says it has only been guilty of errors and omissions. Oh? What about this staggering omission: San Diego's government admits that even if it pours \$200 million a year into the pension kitty until 2011, it will still be only 66 percent funded, and the deficit will have grown from \$1.3 billion to \$2.4 billion, while promised healthcare funds will have long since dried up. Nobody knows where the annual \$200 million will come from, especially since the general fund is only \$743 million. Some suggest a pension obligation bond, but after federal investigative agencies seize records for a possible criminal investigation, it's doubtful the city will be floating any bonds for awhile, especially since the bond rating keeps getting downgraded.

Ah, what (fools? knaves?) these mortals be! You supply the word.

The city is being sued over the pension debacle. In a deposition, attorney Mike Conger, representing the plaintiffs, asks the city treasurer about the misleading statements in the prospectuses. She didn't read them, she tells Conger.

After the January 27 filing, the city decides to issue bonds, supposedly amending the prospectuses to atone for the post-1996 sins. But in the new prospectuses, the city blames much of its difficulties on subpar investment returns during 1997–2003. But the pension system claims its returns have been almost as high as the 8 percent required by actuaries.

Actually, the city has been skimming capital gains from the pension fund for years and using the money to make its own fund contributions, says Shipione. Maybe that's why it blames market underperformance for its woes. "It's very cunning" in its statements, she says. It's knavery.

So politicians are saying the city can plug the hole by selling assets. Should we sell the Zoo and Wild Animal Park to Disneyland? Or sell the San Vicente Reservoir to the water-deficient Barona In-

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dian casino? Don't laugh. Some suggest putting city-owned assets in the pension fund. It would be a Band-Aid. Sums up Michael Aguirre, by far the largest vote-getter in the run for city attorney: "The state constitution prohibits underfunding, the city charter prohibits underfunding, and a court case says it's unconstitutional to underfund. But the city attorney said it was legally okay. He was more knave than fool. The city had an ulterior motive: rob Peter's pension plan to pay Paul's corporate sports programs." ■

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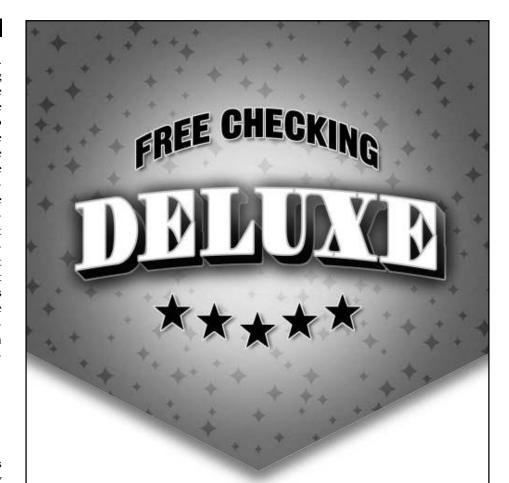
ple. Because in those days there was a Spanish colony here."

The other legendary figure is Juan Castillo, better known as Juan Soldado. He was a private in the Mexican army who, while stationed in Tijuana in 1938, was executed for the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl that many believed had been committed by an officer of his regiment. "Some people say you can pray to him for a miracle," Parra explains.

Past Queen Isabella, King Ferdinand, and the man they sent across the Atlantic, Christopher Columbus, a room crammed full of post-independence Mexican political figures opens on the right. First on the right is Miguel Hidalgo, "who was our George Washington. The bell he is ringing is the independence bell. This scene recalls the first time he called the people together. He was a priest, and he rang the bell to gather the people in the church where he told them, 'Come out and follow me. We're going to fight against the Spanish government.'

Continuing counterclockwise around the room, Parra beams as he narrates the tour. "This is Morelos, father of our independence movement. Benito Juarez was one of the greatest heroes of Mexico. He is our Abraham

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Lincoln. In fact, they wrote each other and were friends. We call the time of his presidency *La Reforma* because he consolidated many Mexican laws for agriculture, for social rights, for civil rights. Many of the legal principles we have now came from Benito Juarez. That's why all over my country you will see statues in bronze of Juarez, and you'll see many Benito Juarez boulevards and schools. And there's a big city on the border, Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas."

"Porfirio Diaz," Parra says, continuing his tour, "was a dictator at the turn of the 20th Century who was defeated by the revolution. He was defeated by Zapata and Pancho Villa here, the most popular leaders of the revolution. Venustiano Carranza, he gave us the same constitution we're using nowadays."

The museum's emphasis on history reflects Parra's own personal interest. "And," he says, "I want the people to be always reminded of their history. We live in a border town, so it would be easy to be influenced by the culture of another country. So I started this museum with Mexican

historic figures to remind the people that this is the country where we live, and these were the people that gave us this country. Otherwise, it's easy for the Mexican people who live on the border to forget

The historical emphasis also accounts for a large portion of Parra's customers: school kids on field trips. "Even from San Diego and from Chula Vista," he says. "They come over on buses from the U.S. Not only Mexican-Americans but many schools of Anglo people — blond hair and blue eyes. Sometimes, when I get here in the morning, there are 10 or 12

school buses full of kids already here."

In the hall outside the political room, the Ayatollah Khomeini sits alone in his own alcove facing a mediocre likeness of Pope John Paul II, who shares his space with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and a blond, blue-eyed David. "A few times I've seen people kneel here to pray," Parra says. "Maybe it's because of the Pope's cross. It's a replica of the one the Pope carries made by the same

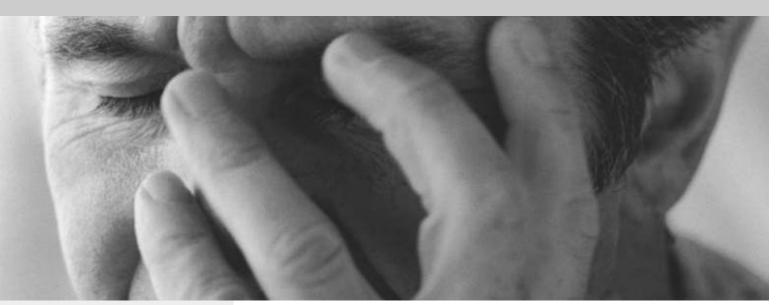
Past the Pope is a room full of mid- and late-20thcentury international political figures. Gandhi, Vicente Fox, and Fidel Castro figures are very good likenesses. The Mother Teresa is not. Nor is the John F. Kennedy. Mikhail Gorbachev is a B-grade effort, but the grinning Bill Clinton gets a C to D, depending on what angle you view it from. "Sometimes, you place a figure," Parra says, "and you move it a tiny bit and you lose some of the parecido, the likeness. Light from a certain angle might bring out the likeness. Light from a different angle might take it away. Even from the same angle, light of a strong intensity might bring out more likeness than low-intensity light. It's my job to figure that out. It's an artistic job. Some-

times you put in a light bulb, take a look and say, 'It's okay, but it could be better.' Then you change it for another, and maybe you like the first one better. And everybody around has an opinion: 'That one looks great....' 'No, the other one was better....' 'The light is fine, but move it a quarter turn to the left.' Many opinions. So I have to be alone with the figure. If I still can't get it right, I put a black hood over it and forget about it. A week later I'll come back and try again."

And some faces, Parra says, are not easy to copy in wax. "Princess Diana is

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very difficult. Marilyn Monroe, for some reason, is very difficult. They are both very beautiful, but the form of their faces isn't well defined."

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Faces that are easy to memorialize in wax, Parra says, "are well-defined with distinctive marks. Whoopi Goldberg is easy because her face is muy marcado, very defined."

Down the hall in the Hollywood room, Goldberg - in her nun costume from Sister Act looks very real. In the same room, a caricature-like Stallone figure — clad in a

Planet Hollywood sweatshirt - stands behind a seated Wesley Snipes who looks something like Buckwheat from The Little Rascals. He is accompanied by Mel Gibson, Eddie Murphy, and Bill Cosby. Across the room, a passable Marilyn Monroe, shares an alcove with a near-miss Princess Diana and a figure of Julia Roberts that is very lifelike, albeit with a frizzy hairstyle and pantsuit she hasn't worn since the late

1980s. With the exception of the late princess, Marilyn Monroe, and Laurel and Hardy — El Gordo y El Flaco in Spanish — the room is full of stars who peaked between 1988 and 1993. Parra says immortalizing figures of fleeting fame in wax is a perpetual problem. "I survey my customers," he explains, "about who they'd like to see in the museum. The problem is, many times they say, 'We want to see Britney Spears,' for example. But Britney Spears is not established enough as a star. She's famous right now, but next year she might not be interesting. So I try to make it a requirement that the star is consolidated, someone like Frank Sinatra."

Parra's historical/cultural bent is evident even in the squeaky-floored House of Horrors section of the museum. Along with Freddy Krueger, a werewolf, and Jack the Ripper — El Distripador the area also has an exhibit of a curandera or medicine woman, brewing an elixir in a big kettle. "You still find them in small towns all over Mexico," Parra says. "And here is La Llorona." He stops in front of a haggard woman in a tattered nightgown. "This is a legend from Mexico City. She's a lady who appears to you at night. The story comes from a real fact. She was not home, and two or three of her children died because the house burned up. Ever after, she has appeared at night crying and shouting, 'Oh, my children, my children!' "

In a room full of famous Mexican artists and performers are painter Frida Kahlo, pop singer Luis Miguel, and Pedro Infante, who was the Gene Autry of Mexico. Down the hall is an exhibit of international performers. The Elvis Presley is a dead ringer for actor Ray Liotta.

In his office after the tour, Parra holds the head of his latest acquisition, rock guitarist Carlos Santana. It's a good likeness of Santana when he was younger and had fewer wrinkles. "He's going to go over there," Parra says, "by the Ayatollah Khomeini."



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tion by Rick Geary

Who determines turf for industrial catering truck companies? You never see two trucks there from different caterers. How do these folks decide who gets what company to sell to? I envision midnight turf wars...sabotage...caterlords...cement overshoes....

— Rocket J. Squirrel, the net

Sidearms under the bagels. Grenades behind the chocolate milk.... Uh, no. Sorry. It's a business pretty much like any other according to them what works in it. Checked with Moody's, San Diego's oldest still-standing lunch-truck businesses, and they make it sound as if the world of meals on wheels is as civil as Miss Manners's parlor. The Moodys have been slinging subs and dishing Danish since 1926, when Grandma Moody first peddled 25-cent box lunches to construction workers.

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I wish there was more Wild West to it, Rocket. High-speed catering-truck chases through downtown streets. Industrial hit squads. Guacamole in the gas tank. Yogurt in the coffee urn. Yawn. Just another business that runs on salesmen and lawyers.

Who hijacked the first airplane? Just curious. Not planning anything.

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Matthew:

I'm confused. What's the difference between an earthquake and an aftershock? Sometimes we have an earthquake only to be told it's an aftershock of an earthquake two years ago. How can

Hey, you forgot the foreshocks. Don't leave them out. More confusion! For us civilians with crockery falling on our heads, the difference is meaningless. But this is the kind of thing that keeps seismologists off the street and out of trouble. So here goes. Say we have a 4.5 (Richter) quake at a particular point on a particular fault. Earthquake they call it. Time goes by, la-didah. Nothing. Nothing. Then there's a 5.4 quake at the same point on the same fault. Now our old 4.5 is reclassified a foreshock to the 5.4 earthquake because it's smaller than the most recent one. Time goes by, la-di-dah. Then there's a 3.0, same place, same fault. That is an aftershock to the 5.4 biggie because it's smaller than the one preceding it. So classifying earthquakes depends on where it happens, how big it is, and how it fits with the history of quakes from that location. Sometimes that involves relabeling an event. Got it? Hope so.

How rare is a four-leafed clover? Is there such a thing in real life? Why is it associated with

— S.L., P.B.

A four-leafed clover is an occasional mutation growing amid the standard three-leafed variety. Once unusual, but not a rarity. But technology put an end to that. Horticulturists long ago bred clover that produces nothing but four-leafers, cashing in on the assumption that if a little is good, a lot is much better, and you can sell it to people. So the thrill is gone.

The clover-luck nexus goes back to the days of the nature-worshiping cults. One of their ceremonies concluded with a hunt for four-leafed clovers. Since the ritual in question involved throwing people onto fires to honor the gods, I guess it was good luck if you were still around at the end to look for clovers.

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Alone Sports

here are two Fritos chips on my desk. Actually, the desk is a farmer's table, measures 7-by-3 feet. Behind me is its twin. On my right, set perpendicular to the two tables, is a smaller trestle mission table. Every surface is crowded with computers, wires, telephones, Coke cans, plastic water bottles, open books, stacked books, newspapers, magazines, T-shirts, one sock, cups, glasses, plates, paper plates, paper towels, Kleenex, silverware, papers, papers, plus the remnants of two dozen plastic bags that once contained deathbeckoning snack foods manufactured by corporate purveyors of transfats.

It always ends up this way. You do something the same way 1000 times in a row, odds are high you'll do it the same way 1001 times in a row. Yet, I'm always surprised to be here. Here being two Fritos chips on the desk, no sleep in two days, no showers either, can't remember my last meal, most of yesterday, or, for that much, this morning.

In other words, I am in the grips of Deadline Dance. I have a story — not a column, but a story, a cover story, one of those 8-, 9-, 10,000word beasts — due today, which, according to universal writer rules, means 11:59 p.m.

The dance began about a week ago, maybe a little longer, I don't remember. I noticed I was spending more time at my desk, more time looking at a computer monitor. Just a guy happy in his work. But, a day, or two days, or three days later, I look up from my monitor and realize I don't leave the house anymore, am never fully dressed anymore, the computer stays on 24 hours a day, so do all the lamps. For the first few days cable news is on the TV all the time. Then, music — FM/CD/MP3/AAC is turned on, remains on all the time. I don't hear either one; their purpose is to keep outside noise from coming in.

I don't open the mail; in fact, I don't retrieve the mail from the mailbox or answer the phone or the door or check e-mail. The final 48 hours, the last lap, is a mindless, animal push to the finish line. Food is taken from cupboards, pantry, refrigerator, freezer at unknown times and devoured, as wild animals devour the contents of uncovered garbage cans, leaving no trace of what was once there. I sit in front of a computer monitor, flesh encased by dried sweat. There is an unpleasant stench

in every room of my abode. My body aches from no exercise, my butt is numb from sitting, and my eyes burn from staying open for days. There are five hours left until midnight, but I am in the zone, and I'm going to make

And then comes a CRACK-BOOM. Not the sound, but the feeling. CRACK-BOOM is the feeling one has when suddenly surfacing from a 1000-mile stare. Turns out, I've been fixating upon the two Fritos chips. Might have stared at them for three minutes, might have been an hour. No way of telling.

I move my right hand down and push one chip in front of the other. I smile for the first time today and move my hand down again, push the second chip in front of the first. By god, a Fritos race! Now we're onto something!

Alone sports.

Alone sports are taken up early in life. For a boy, it might be toy soldiers, getting those heroes hard-charging to the top of his favorite pillow, or getting his model airplane off the rug in time to dogfight the model airplane swooping in from the windowsill.

Later on, alone sports might be wrecking model railroad trains, learning your way around a yo-yo, playing marbles in the back yard, flying a kite, or practicing a backflip at the neighborhood swimming pool. These activities are often done alone and repeated thousands of

I remember being nine years old, standing in our driveway, shooting a basketball into a hoop hung to the side of the house, over and over and over again. I remember the fascination of it, the intensity of it, how each throw mattered so much. "And now the game is on the line as he goes for the hoop...

Later on, teenage alone sports. Driving cars too fast, practicing Nine Ball at what is now Parkway Billiards in El Cajon, handball, golf, swimming, camping, shooting. And later, as an adult, running. Running into a fog bank in Nova Scotia, running through the neighborhoods of Ensenada, running turns around the deck of a barge parked in the Arctic Ocean, running into a sunrise spring morning at the base of the Sandia Mountains.

But, that was then. Right now we've got two Fritos chips and a race to deal with. Tell you what, I'll lay ten bucks on the smaller chip.

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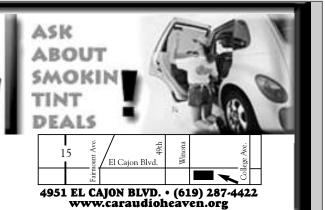
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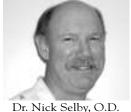
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The liturgy, or, as they call it, order of service, begins with the pastor opening a Bible that sits in the middle of an altar built into the nave's eastern wall. The service proceeds along conventional lines: prelude,

responsive invocation, etcetera. But you notice details that aren't conventional. During the congregation's recitation of the Lord's Prayer, people say, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our

The Affirmation of Faith reveals other curiosities. Everyone stands and says, "We worship the one God, the Lord, the Savior Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World; in whom is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; whose humanity is Divine, who for our salvation did come into the world and take our nature upon Him. He endured temptation even to the Passion of the Cross. He overcame the hells, and so delivered us....

The setting for these offbeat pronouncements is an Irving Gill-designed church built in 1927. The Spanish-style structure's rooms are small. Their

walls are thick and their ceilings high. In the sanctuary, age has turned the maple floors a rich amber. Oak encasing the altar and surrounding the small pipe organ has turned chocolate brown. Tall windows in the sanctuary's north and south walls are fitted with pale yellow panes. The room's white plaster

walls glow with that light.

"I think it would be fair to say that most Swedenborgian churches are architecturally remarkable in some way," said Annella Smith, who for the past 51 years has been married to Reverend Eldon Smith, Swedenborgian Church of San Diego's senior pastor. "I think it would be fair to say that building beautiful churches is one of our values.

Last Sunday morning before the service, while I talked with Mrs. Smith, church members bustled past us with homemade bundt cakes, deviled eggs, and potato salad. Not far from us stood Reverend Smith, for some reason teaching a church member the

Whiffenpoof Song ("We're poor little lambs who have lost our way/Baa, baa, baa...").

Reverend Smith started the service by apologizing for the absence of the church organist who was in Washington, D.C., playing for a veterans' convention. A CD provided accompaniment for the morning's oldtime hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Morning Has Broken." Reverend Smith based his sermon on the Gospel reading from the sixth chapter of Matthew, which included the Lord's Prayer.

"Being able to forgive is one the things we must learn before we can have Heaven in our hearts," Reverend Smith told us. "We are forgiven by the Lord only to the degree that we forgive others and to the degree that we forgive ourselves. The Lord's forgiveness is immediate and automatic. If you were to

take the forgiveness a parent has for a child and multiply it by infinity, it wouldn't begin to equal the forgiveness that God will extend to us.'

Reverend Smith's emphasis on "we forgive ourselves" stuck in my mind. Emmanuel Swedenborg, an 18thcentury genius mystic, experienced visions that inspired him to elaborate, in Latin, a complex theology. After the service, I talked with Reverend Smith and his wife about the Swedenborgian concept of forgiveness, and how the concept informs their understanding of Easter. In the downstairs social hall, the dozen or so people who'd attended the service waited for Reverend Smith to bless their lunch.

"For us, salvation is a lifelong process," explained Annella.

"And forgiveness is a crucial part of that

process," said Reverend Smith, finishing Annella's thought. "We all harbor resentments and hatreds, and those things must be thought through and worked out."

"As well as learning to forgive ourselves," continued Annella. "Swedenborg really emphasized the importance of forgiving yourself for things you'd done in the past.

This emphasis on sin interested me.

"From what I understand of what most Christians believe," Reverend Smith said, "they see Easter as the story of how Jesus died for the remission of humanity's sins. Swedenborg taught that at the time of Jesus' birth, humanity had descended to such a low point that free will basically no longer existed. We see Easter as a story of how Jesus resisted the temptation to sin, even through all the suffering of the Passion. He demonstrated how it was possible to choose not to sin. So, by resisting temptation through all he endured, he brought free will back to earth."

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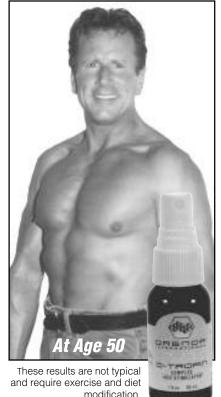
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a child in kindergarten and another in second grade. We participate in a carpool, and last week my older kid told me, when I asked, "How was school?" that one of the other mothers in our carpool had sent her kid to school with the stomach flu. My daughter said, "Janice was sick to her tummy and had a temperature, but her mom said she had to go to school anyway because they didn't have a babysitter." I know Janice's mom works full-time and is a single parent, and therefore child care is a big issue, but my daughter ended up coming down with this same awful stomach flu that has been going around, and then her younger brother got it too. Things have been pretty grim around here with two kids throwing up all week. I know schools are hotbeds of germs and that kids come down with stuff that they catch at school all the time, and there's not much anybody can do about it usually. But as I'm up all night tending my two sick kids for the third night in a row, I find myself cursing Janice's mom for sending her kid to school and having her in the carpool when she knew she was ill and contagious. Would you consider printing this letter as a public service, to ask parents that, if they know their children are sick, not to send them to school anyway, as this mother did? It could save the rest of us a lot of grief.

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Dear Nurse,

Consider it done. The flu can be particularly serious for children, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. Therefore those who are sick or caring for flu victims should take special care not to help the flu spread. I know that most parents these days work, and it can be very difficult to make last-minute child-care arrangements when your son or daughter is sick and cannot attend school, but the letter above is compelling testimony that it's the right thing to do. If your child has been ill, and you're unsure when it's safe to send them back to school, consult your doctor.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My friend Ryan met a woman on some Internet site, and they have been e-mailing back and forth for months now. She is Russian and lives near Moscow. Apparently their correspondence has been romantic in nature and Ryan says he is dying to meet her and wants her to travel to San Diego so they can see how they get along in person. He has already consulted an immigration lawyer for advice, as it is apparently very difficult for Russian citizens to get visas necessary to

willing to buy her a ticket if she can get the visa to come. For some reason, this whole situation sounds fishy to me. I am worried about Ryan getting scammed by this woman. I have heard that there are many Russian people who would like to leave difficult lives and move to the U.S. What if this woman is just using Ryan to escape hardship in her homeland? I would hate to see him get hurt. He's a good guy in his 30s but has had trouble meeting the right woman. He is extremely excited now about the idea of hooking up with this woman. I'm afraid that if I voice my doubts, he'll get mad at me and refuse to listen. He's very touchy about the subject of his love life, or, as he would put it, his lack of a love life. Should I voice my concerns or just keep quiet and hope this Russian babe is an honest, wellintentioned woman and not some kind of con artist?

SUSPICIOUS PAL IN CARDIFF

Dear Suspicious,

I think you can find a sensitive, affectionate way of making your friend aware that he should be extremely careful. Since Ryan is already in touch with an immigration lawyer, you can suggest he have a frank chat with that lawyer about dos and don'ts so he can protect himself in this situation. It's sad but true that there are people in desperate circumstances overseas who seek to escape by trying to marry American citizens. Your fears are not unfounded, and you can make Ryan aware of them without completely raining on his parade. You're not saying that his Russian sweetie is trying to take him for a ride; you're simply cautioning him that such a possibility exists and that he should do some research, go slowly with the relationship, get some expert advice, and not make any rash or binding decisions until he is really sure and ready.

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"It reminds me of old Levi's, when they get old and soft."

Husband Patrick's shoes look travel weary. The toes have deep scuffs and wrinkles that crisscross the leather, leaving the shoes dull and colorless. Last week I heard a yell of desperation come from inside his

closet, "My shoes need help and I can't find my shoe polish kit!"

Hours of fruitless searching later, I told Patrick to just go buy a new kit. "But get some scuttlebutt on shoe polishes and kits before you slap down the dough," I suggested.

Normally I would have gone out and researched on my own, but a flu left me sneezing and coughing in bed and in no shape to do research. Patrick offered to head out and do his own investigation. "I'll have a shoe repair professional set me up with the perfect shoe polish kit," he said.

Last year, Patrick had a couple pairs resoled at Gino's Wide Shoes & Shoe Repair in Grossmont Center. So he headed there first. "I use the Angelus brand of wax polish [\$4.95 for 3 ounces], which has been around for years," explained owner Gino Serrano. "It has more silicone in it than the Kiwi brand you get in the grocery store. It seals better and it waterproofs the leather. You want to use it on a hardshell shoe. A lot of men's shoes use hardshell leather. For women's shoes, you want to use more of a clean polish, like Meltonian

Serrano walked Patrick through a polishing. "For applying the polish on the shoes, first you want to clean off the dust. Get a clean cloth, and just kind of wipe the shoes down. Get all of the buildup off, because you don't want polish on top of dirt. Apply one coat of wax, nice and even, using circular strokes with the applicator brush. Follow the pattern of the shoe. Then just let it set in for a couple of minutes and then polish it off with a horsehair brush. You will have a nice matted

Boot & Shoe Cream [\$3.00 for 1.55 ounces]. It will close up the pores of the leather.'

shine. The more you use the brush, the higher the shine will get. If you want a spit shine, apply the wax and brush it off 10 to 20 times. A spit shine is like a military shine, a high shine. It just depends on how much time vou want to spend on the shoes."

Serrano looked at Patrick's crackling wrinkled loafers.

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"You need to condition your shoes, friend, once a month," he pulled out an eight-ounce bottle of Cadillac Boot & Shoe Care [\$8.95] from the glass display counter. "Work this conditioner into the leather with your fingers. The conditioner makes the leather more supple; it will take a lot of these scuffs away and it gives you more life out of your shoes.

"Shoe shapers, or shoe trees," he continued, "will also help keep the integrity of the shoe nice and straight so you don't get the wrinkles across the top of the shoe. We sell cedar shoe trees, which have a cedar handle and cedar foot. If your feet reek, they won't reek anymore. They keep the shoes dry inside." A pair of cedar shoe shapers costs \$19.95. "Keep your shoes circulating; don't always wear the same pair of shoes every day," he chuckled.

Patrick's shoes had some scuffs that were so deep they were showing white. Serrano had a solution. "Put some of this Angelus leather dye [\$4.95 for three ounces] on these deep scuffs where all you see is leather bottom," suggested Serrano. "But when you do that, you should also put a coat of dye throughout the whole shoe, so it is one even black color.'

Serrano sells Star 100 percent horsehair brushes made in Brazil (\$8.95 for the polishing brush, \$3.95 for applicator brushes). He told Patrick you can find cheaper ones, "but make sure they're horsehair. There are some brushes that come out of China and they are more of a plastic. Horsehair gives you a fine, even shine, whereas the plastic

brushes kind of scratch the leather.'

Serrano continued, "You really should have separate brushes for each color of polish that you $\bar{h}\text{ave}$ so that you don't begin to mix the colors. Otherwise, your black shoes will have streaks of brown polish on them if you use the same brushes. I would write the polish color

on the brush handles to keep them The final piece for the collection was

the wooden shoe-shine box with a notched footrest on top to hold the shoe in place during polishing (\$15).

For more professional shoe-shine advice, Patrick headed downtown to Danny Orosco's shoe-shine stand on C Street between First and Second. Like Serrano, Orosco recommended Angelus waxes. "They give a better shine," he said.

"I put the wax on with the brush to get it all nice and even, and then I go over it with my hands because it lasts longer and I think it shines better when you rub it in with your

Do you recommend shoe conditioners? "Put conditioners on the shoes right after buying them, before putting any wax on them," Orosco explained. "It will help keep them from drying out."

For a basic home shoe kit, Orosco said two horsehair polishing brushes should be enough. "You could use the black brush for the burgundy- and cordovan-colored shoes. For the brown-, tan-, and mahogany-colored shoes, use another brush. If you have white shoes, then you need a third brush for white."

After brushing the shoes, Orosco finished the shine with a cloth. Patrick asked what type of material the cloth was. "I am not really sure, but you know what it reminds me of, and what you could probably use is old Levi's, when they get old and soft."

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Thirty Years Ago

GOODBYE ART! Have a good trip. Jef Raskin and friends stage a last event (first anniversary of last year's event and balloon ascension) as he leaves the area. Bring the presents as it is also Jef's birthday party. Wear costumes if you wish, 1459 Humanities Library, UCSD, just off plaza. March 9, 1974, 8:00 p.m.

PERSONALS, March 7, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

In speaking to various people who have known John Vietor for at least two decades, I am told that he is "the Jello heir," "the founder of San Diego Magazine," "a world traveler who dines with royalty," "a Yale man who knows everyone," "a raconteur," "a wine expert," "a registered Democrat when La Jolla was solidly Republican."

While we have been talking, the sun has been relentless, but Jack remains impervious to my discomfort in my heavy clothing. At one point, I ask whether I can remove my sweater, and then return from his bathroom with my upper torso draped in a heavy bath towel. Jack blinks into the sun and goes right on talking, telling me about his blind date with Joan Crawford in La Jolla in 1955.

— "MR. JELLO WILL SEE YOU NOW," Eleanor Widmer, March 15, 1979

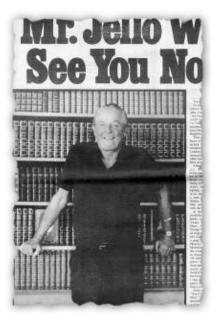
Twenty Years Ago

Dick Carlson says he'll make Hedgecock's transgressions the focus of his campaign to unseat the mayor, and Hedgecock has told his supporters to brace for a "vicious" Carlson campaign. Such viciousness will probably include making an issue of Hedgecock's admitted use of illegal drugs during his college and law school days. Maureen O'Connor, during the general election last spring, printed thousands of flyers detailing that information, but canceled the mailing just hours before the flyers were scheduled to go.

— "THE INSIDE STORY," Paul Krueger, March 15, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

I experience a momentary flashback. Nicaragua, 1985: I lose seven people in a Sandinista minefield as we infiltrate through a cacao grove just across the Costa Rican border. The Czechoslovakian antipersonnel devices rip apart two of our comrades, splattering us with limbs, blood, and viscera. One of the casualties is a beautiful young Costa Rican girl who had volunteered to join the contra forces of Comandante Fernando "El Negro" Chamorro. Ignoring my shouted command to stop, her boyfriend and four other Nicas rush for-



ward to meet the same fate.

— "THE BOOT," Dr. John McClure, March 16, 1989

Ten Years Ago

The cab of a basic Ford pickup has no storage other than the middle of the seat. The seat, however, is fully occupied by two other adults, my 22-year-old son and my 74-year-old father-in-law. Air temperature outside is about 70 degrees, cool for this area of Baja between the palm-choked river upswell of San Ignacio and the parched mountains of Santa Rosalia, where the desert meets the Sea of Cortez beneath several exuberant teats called Volcán las Tres Virgenes. For the last ten miles I've fiddled with the heater control knob that fell off when we hit a pothole. It was on a straight stretch near the last ejido marker, one of the hundred or so ranches that warrant a small sign along the 922 miles between Tijuana and La Paz.

 "BAJA WAS MADE FOR TRAVELERS LIKE HENRY." Peter Jensen, March 10, 1994

Five Years Ago

Despite the alarming rise of Brave New Neighborhoods, there still exists an old-fashioned Bedford Fallsian community smack in the middle of America's sixth-largest city. You even can visit it, without constructing an H.G. Wells contraption. Nestled among three canyons, bordered by contemporary "moats" — Interstates 8 and 15 — the inland island of Kensington is, according to its inhabitants, one of San Diego's best-kept secrets. With only two avenues of ingress — Kensington Drive and Marlborough Avenue — it remains secluded, quiet, and difficult to locate. Which is fine with its inhabitants who joke, "We've never left because we can't find our way out."

"KENSINGTON ENDS AT MONROE," Susan Vaughn, March 11, 1999

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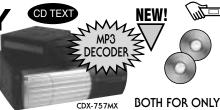
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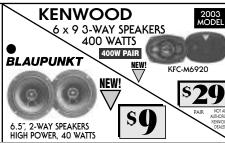


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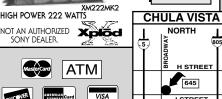
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WARDROBE MALFUNCTIONS

by Josh Board

remember when I got my first apartment 15 years ago. Two of my male friends came over and made fun of the amount of magazines on my coffee table. One said, "I understand Rolling Stone, but you have People, Us, and these other Hollywood chick magazines." Well, for people who read those magazines, the Oscars is the show to watch. You wonder if, when Tom Cruise is onstage, will the cameras show Nicole Kidman? You wonder if Jennifer Lopez is going to wear another revealing dress. Or whether Cher will go back to the days when she wore crazy stuff. Maybe she will have had another plastic surgery we can comment on.

Since I had two different parties I wanted to hit, I knew I probably wouldn't stay long at the first one. I wouldn't mind leaving while Joan Rivers is making fun of people's clothing, not knowing who half the actors are, in the preshow. But there is no way I was going to leave in the middle of the ceremony while an Oscar is being given out.

It's a shame that the first party I went to was so elaborate. Linda, who's a flight attendant, has this party every



others, had movie-related one hand and a hot dog in the clothing on.

> Steve and Linda had decorated their Pacific Beach home nicely. There were movie

The flight attendant grabbed the snacks and walked around offering them to people as if we were passengers on her plane.

dressed, to say the least. Another guy wore a polo shirt, but it was from Pacific Theatres. At least the both of us. not looking as sharp as the

when you show up here." I

wore a Homer Simpson shirt

with him holding an Oscar in

other. It said, "Best Featured

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Roll." So I was a bit under-

posters everywhere. It was mostly old classic films. The only one that was current was the nominated best animated feature Finding Nemo.

And, aside from the food they were serving, the coffee table was filled with all kinds of movie-theater snacks. There were Milk Duds, Red Vines, and other assorted candy. There was also a big-screen TV. (Am I the only one who doesn't yet have a big screen?)

There was betting, which I usually love. Since I was leaving soon, I didn't participate. It cost \$3 and you had to pick a winner for every category. When I guessed 6-for-6 the winners of the main categories (none of which were unexpected), I wished I had

made the bet. I found out, though, that a teacher won. He got 21 out of 26, because he picked Lord of the Rings for everything. One of the people in attendance told me, "Once Lord of the Rings won a few categories, we all started looking at our betting sheets. We realized if we didn't pick this movie in the other categories, we were screwed."

During the commercials, the flight attendant grabbed the snacks and walked around offering them to people as if we were passengers on her plane. It was funny. Some people were saying, "I want a pillow," or "Can you tell the guy in front of me to move his seat up?"

The Oscars were ten minutes from starting, so I headed to Point Loma for the second party. I was happy to see another big screen, and also happy there weren't as many people. There were fewer than 15 here. At the previous party, I'm sure half the stuff Billy Crystal had said wouldn't have been heard over the large crowd.

There were only two other guys here. I was surprised when all the women went crazy when Michael Douglas was shown with Catherine







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Zeta-Jones. They were saving, "He's way too old for her. They look ridiculous together."

There was only one child here, a baby, and lucky for us, he was very well behaved. He did knock over a bowl of chips in the kitchen, which his mother spent the next 15 minutes sweeping up. But I was making more of a mess than the kid. Leslie had made brownies that were so good, covered in chocolate chips and bits of toffee. When you bit into them, the chips fell everywhere. I'm sure she's going to find chocolate chips between her couch cushions for years to come.

There was lots of food here; nachos, tacos, salad, and a large variety of desserts. There was lemon bread, pie, a few different kinds of brownies, and cake. I didn't realize, until just now writing this, that there wasn't any booze. Instead there were different kinds of soda, apple cider, bottled water, and Pensi.

I was surprised when the women went from a long discussion about food, wondering when M&Ms are going to have color again, to talking about how much they loved The Lord of the Rings. I thought that was a movie that most women staved away from. And whenever the camera showed the cast, a few of them would say, "Look at the cute little Hobbits."

When a woman at the Oscars was wearing a weird outfit, Leslie said, "It looks like she had a wardrobe malfunction." Then it occurred to me that Billy Crystal hadn't made a joke about Janet Jackson at the Super Bowl. I thought for sure somebody would pull part of his tuxedo off to reveal his chest. Although he was naked in the beginning of the show as he put himself into the clips of the different movies.

We noticed the commercials were a lot funnier than the ones during the Super Bowl, Tiger Woods in a Caddyshack parody among them. But during most of the commercials the crowd would complain about or praise the person who'd just won an Oscar. One time we spent the entire commercial break trying to figure out a Woody Allen joke Crystal made (something about him sitting in the car while Diane Keaton was inside).

When Sandra Bullock came out, one lady said,

"Where has she been?" Another replied, "Looking for a boyfriend." A lady next to me on the couch said, "Who isn't?" They also commented that she and Travolta, who were presenting an award, looked really tan. Little did I know, when Charlize

Theron came out, the same conversation would rear its ugly head again.

There was a lady at the party with a thick French accent. When they were showing the nominations of the foreign films, she made a joke about seeing movies that weren't subtitled.

It was embarrassing when I started to talk about the animated film The Triplets of Belleville. I mistakenly called it The Triplets of Bellevue. Everyone laughed, and one lady said, "That would probably be a more interesting

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When Julia Roberts came out, one woman said, "She has nice hair." One of the guys said, "She has nice everything!" It was the only comment I heard from a man the entire night.

When an award was being given for Best Original Score, a lady asked what that meant. The response given: "I think it's a reference to Adam and Eve." Everyone laughed.

A few of these ladies started talking about the movie Stuck on You. That was the comedy with Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear as conjoined twins. Apparently, a disabled friend of theirs had gone to UCLA and wanted to get into movies. She landed a part in that (the Farrelly brothers have been known to hire people with disabilities). Their friend played a casting agent and only had a few lines.

When Sean Penn finally won his first Oscar (after three previous nominations), a woman asked, "Is there a seven-second delay?" Penn has been known in the past for cussing, and even punching, reporters. He was on his best behavior (and even kept his political comments to a minimum).

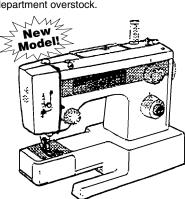
By the time the Oscars ended after three and a half hours, only four people remained at the party. The counter was a mess, with crumbs, food containers, and two fake Oscar statues. I thought the host would start cleaning up immediately, as women are known to do. I was pleasantly surprised when we instead talked for a while about her favorite movies, the great Annie Hall and Chinatown. ■

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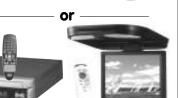


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(Forgive me. The preceding, though heartfelt, was indeed a shameless plug. I'm actually the headwaiter and part-time maître d' at Tapenade Restaurant on Fay Avenue in downtown La Jolla. Sorry.)

But there it is. I love the restaurant where I work. And I'm not ashamed to hype the place because I know that we can back it up. Tapenade Restaurant reminds me nightly how working in the service business can be genuinely fulfilling. The cuisine is incredible, and the clientele, in general, seem to appreciate the quality of what we offer. In fact, if I might intone this next sentence without the least decibel of irony,

personally overvalue the pleasures of a dining event; but no. I've seen other people who feel it too. Appreciators, I call them. And maybe their potential appreciation, and the way I pander to them, only makes them hedonists and makes me a kind of Hedonist Facilitator. Whatever. The fact is, I get a spiritually uplifting kick out of trying to create a memorable Life Experience for people I hardly know. And I've embraced this line of business for my career.

So what got into me? Am I weird? I decided I had to try to find a fellow Career Waiter who shares with me this unusual sense that waiting tables is an Entitled Profession. And I decided that if I could find just two of these lifetime servers and write their case studies, then I might illuminate an unlikely occupational enthusiasm.

Case Study One centers around Peter Jargowsky, who works at George's at the Cove on Prospect Street in downtown La Jolla. I gravitated to Jargowsky because his staff at George's beat out my team from Tapenade for last year's *San Diego Magazine* "Best Service" award.

Better than we are?

And the folks at George's seem to think that Peter Jargowsky is one of their best. So, then...the best of the best? Well, I had to see it.

My wife and I decided to go to George's



Service Person

then I would like to mention something that I feel increasingly, after 3 years at Tapenade and 17 continuous years in the service industry: waiting tables can represent a *noble course* for making a living.

Not only noble but heroic too. If it's true that Americans fear public speaking more than death, then we food servers stare down the fear of fears more regularly than any other professionals I know. And we do so to provide selfless (though paid) pleasure for strangers. There you go. Heroic.

As for my claim to a certain nobility, perhaps I do place too high an estimation upon Life Experience. That is, perhaps I

for dinner and to have Peter Jargowsky perform as our waiter.

The facts are these. Peter Jargowsky has been a server at George's for over five years. He has grown into a fully consenting adult, he's married, and he doesn't excessively hang loose or party or hang out; he went to school, and he tried some other occupations; he's deeply religious; and a long time ago, Peter Jargowsky came to this levelheaded professional decision: he waits tables.

And as it turns out, Peter Jargowsky is witty, effortlessly funny, and happens to be a refreshingly articulate speaker. Throughout our dinner, he was very present and relaxed and in the moment. At one point, Jargowsky described the George's decor as "muted and masculine," and then, when my wife said that she didn't like the look, he immediately responded, "We maintain this image so that we do not distract from the presentation of the *food*, since that is the most important thing. If the place were too pretty, then you wouldn't be able to focus on the appearance of *the dishes*." Then he smiled wryly and added, "I hope you liked that. Because *that* was my own *personal* line of spin."

Cleverness, and never missing a beat,



Peter Jargowsky, George's at the Cove

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and having your own personal line of spin are all attributes that help immensely if you're going to be a Career Waiter. Jargowsky also knows his food and wine, serves from the left and clears from the right, seems graceful under pressure, and takes pride in his job. (And after having dinner under his tutelage, I don't know if he's a *better* waiter than I am, or if his team is better than mine, but it's like apples and oranges, or better yet, like fish and cheese: the George's waiters are fabulous at George's, and the Tapenade waiters are terrific at Tapenade, and I don't know if you could break it down more fully than that.)

Case Study Two takes place at the Broken Yolk Cafe in Pacific Beach. The Broken Yolk is a bastion of San Diego casual fare the so-called turn-and-burn — on the other end of the dining spectrum from the fine choreography of Tapenade or George's. But the choreography at the Broken Yolk is super fast and super fierce. The servers there are the definition of efficient, and friendly to boot. An extraordinarily crack crew. Their headwaiter's Kim Harper, who smiles easily and has a truly sincere hello. Her eyes are almost unbelievably blue. Today she's attired in her red company T-shirt, gray sneakers, and a small black apron over charcoal-colored sporty shorts.

And she's got seven tables turning at once, full seats along the counter, and more potential patrons lined up waiting at the door. Her fellow servers are rushing by, every direction, a narrowly controlled chaos. It's impossible to detect, among the irregular clamor, one coherent conversation.

This is Sunday, just your typical Sunday at the Broken Yolk, and today Kim Harper

will take care of over 100 people. That's 100 hellos and more than 100 smiles, and by the end of it, Kim Harper's smiles and hellos will still seem honest as a child's, as warm as fresh quiche. She's like a still point in the rush, relaxed as though aloof to breakfast bedlam. Even when the guy at the next table sounds short with her, she doesn't roll her eyes or tinge her sincerity. She overpowers the negative energy with genuine kindness.

It might surprise you to learn that Kim Harper has a master's degree in journalism. She owns her own home. But the Broken Yolk is where she makes her ample living. "You know, I have a lot of people who say to me, 'You have a degree? What are you doing here?' And I'm, like, 'I'm here because I enjoy it. I chose it. I chose to do this. I like to do this.'

Growing up, we were taught about the

The Broken Yolk is a bastion of San Diego casual fare — the so-called turn-and-burn.

noble professions — doctor, teacher, fire-fighter, engineer. From ages 4 to 17, like most children, I went through stages, wanting to become each one of them. Athletic but delicate, I even tried, and subsequently respected, at a safe distance, those overheavy labor-intensive trades, like toiling in construction. Instead, I stayed in school and studied to write. And to make money while I studied, I waited tables.

And now I'm a full-grown adult, married and stable. I have a master's degree like Kim Harper. But, like Peter Jargowsky and Kim Harper, I've decided to earn my livelihood by waiting tables. (Now, I'm not sure what the significance of this is, but I am currently a wAiter and a wRiter, with a difference between my vocation and my avocation of only one letter.)

Anyway, Jargowsky and Harper are more or less "waiter-naturals." That is, they each more or less innately wait tables. Not I. The first night I worked in a restaurant, one of the customers made me cry. It took seven years before I became even *comfortable* at my tables. (I'll tell you more about those

stories later.) And yet the money, and then later the sense of something higher, kept Jargowsky, Harper, and me committed to the waiting game.

We acknowledge that an air of the deadbeat surrounds the humble servant. We know what people see beneath the studious appearance — that we are lazy, unfortunate, or, at least, in a certain way, *lesser*. Indeed, a myth pursues the server, and the trouble is, that myth's got legs; it's a myth with history.

The fact of the matter is that waiters were always of a lower social caste. They had their quarters in an annex or in the bowels of the house. They worked in full view but lived on



Kim Harper at the Broken Yolk Cafe

the sly, alternately within and away from the watchful gazes of the masters. And even these days the average waiter hasn't finished school. He stays out all night and sleeps until

But none of those perceptions bothers the Career Waiter anymore. I'm cool with all those old connotations of

being a server. The stuff

that bothers me now

late.

about the job is actors and students. I mean, they're the ones who give waiters a bad name, forgetting orders and mis-adding checks, not filling sodas, and taking their own long, sweet, slow time, chewing gum and chatting while customers linger neglected in their service sections.

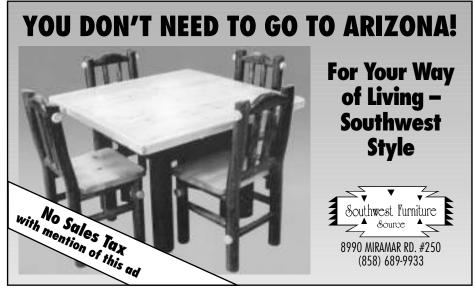
Or maybe my trouble, the trouble that I had with this career back when I got started in it, was that I saw waiting tables as being less of a job because it's just a trade. You learn it on-site. There's no required school for it.

But what if a person did finish school, and then finished the next level of school, and the next level even after that. And if that person owns property and goes to bed and wakes up with most of the rest of the people in our daily world? Can that person enjoy being a Career Waiter? Has he or she discovered this profession's underlying nobil-

ity? Or has this hypothetical individual merely scaled the Pinnacles of Purgatory, reached the Apex of the Ordinary, and achieved a Zenith in Betweenness, a Summit of the Second Class?

For me, the Career Waiter's story is not about those dreams he once had, those misty dreams that fell beneath the Great Table-Waiter's Wayside. It is not about how he was supposed to be a schooled specialist. It doesn't have anything to do with how he was going to win professional grants and contests and publish copious books, or how he was planning to live a stable life in a big house on the outskirts of a glamorous city. The Career Waiter's story is







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not about time off with pay, with which the Career Waiter would travel and stay in villas in small European towns. It is not a story about transfers to other divisions in powerful corporations.

Instead, for me, the Career Waiter's story is about how he has first accepted, and then finally celebrated, his lot. Now he wins contests for selling the most scallops, and he publishes copious bills. He lives unpredictably, a

instead, Career Waiters work far fewer hours, usually 25 to 33 hours per week. I personally have traveled and lived and worked all over the United States, and even in other parts of the world, and of course I never take my work home at the end of the night. Instead, I have more time to write. The fact is, this alternate lifestyle — working when other people play and playing when they work — is pretty great. Peter Jargowsky

Peter Jargowsky says it this way. "You know, this guy waits tables and he makes \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year, waiting tables. Like there's some kind of problem with that."

year or two in each new place, renting apartments on the outskirts of assorted restaurant rows. He gets no paid vacations — ever. And when the Career Waiter becomes bored, he packs his belongings into a van, and he moves. He just moves.

The truth at the center of a Career Waiter's story, the motivation behind it, is this: Career Waiters earn, in many cases, just as much money as the practitioners of other occupations, but

didn't get started waiting tables until he was laid off from his previous job. But unlike me, he took to his new line of work almost immediately. "I was working to get my real estate license in New Jersey in the late '70s, and I got laid off. I needed a job, and so I started busing tables at one of the casino coffee shops in Atlantic City. I was 20 years old. Took to it like a duck to water. I love hospitality. People think I'm crazy. I'll spend four or five nights here, and

then I'll have a dinner party on one of my nights off, because I just love to entertain people. I like to have people in my home. I like to cook for them and serve them. I get a big kick out of the dining *experience*, both going out to dinner and being on the other end of it. So I'm pretty much a natural."

Does a natural have to give up any dreams to become a career waiter?

"I'm not sure that I

let go of something, but I definitely discovered that I love waiting tables, that I love the restaurant business. Besides waiting tables I've also managed restaurants along the way, and now I've come back to waiting tables. And I've been fortunate to work at really nice, successful restaurants. I do think that waiting tables while you're going to school, or while you're training to do something else, is really not a bad way to go. But no one should ever think that the job isn't a *real* job. You know, it's like anything. If you're going to wait tables, then be the best waiter you can. If you're going to be a cocktail server, then be the best cocktail server you can. Don't have the attitude that this is beneath me, and I'm really an actor, or I'm really a doctor, or I'm really whatever it is I want to be when I'm done waiting tables. Because right now you're a waiter, right now you're serving people, and you should







carry the pride while serving people that you can carry with you into your career ambition, whatever, but if you're waiting tables, then be a really good waiter."

Kim Harper would seem to agree. "I waited tables off and on through college and then I worked as a bartender in Cincinnati, and I left the job I had there to go into the clothing retail business, which I did for about five years. And then I moved out here, and I came to the Broken Yolk, and I've been here for about six years. I have a master's in jourversity, and I got my undergraduate degree from Ohio State. I lived in LA for a few years. But I've stayed here for six years at the Broken Yolk because I really enjoy it. I really like our customers. I like the hours: up early, out pretty early, I still have my whole day. And when I leave, I don't have profit-and-loss statements to deal with, no stress, no headaches, and every day's, like, a new day, you know, nothing carries over

nalism, from Ohio Uni-

Harper goes on. "You know, I know this

from each day."

is going to sound really strange, but I still like being around all the people; it's the people, it's getting to talk to so

freedom, the freedom of this lifestyle, absolutely. You know, I'm pretty happy. I would leave if I weren't happy."

"I never look at what people tip me. Because why upset myself and get myself upset for my next bunch of tables?"

many people from so many different places. And I do enjoy...maybe that's it, I'm a talker. And all the things you learn... And I like the

Of all the abilities that are essential to being a good waiter, the people skills strike me as the most important. Peter Jargowsky

says it this way. "I think that a lot of the public thinks that waiters make a lot of money for waiters. You know, this guy waits tables and he makes \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year, waiting tables. Like there's some kind of problem with that. Like you shouldn't be able to wait tables and make that kind of money or something. But it's not an easy job, by any means. It's not easy to read a situation, to read people. But reading people is definitely part of the job. And so, I guess I apply a principle that I adhere to: sometimes it's a challenge to

turn the other cheek. The thing is to try to approach every table such that: these people are happy, great, I'm going to keep them that way, and these people are not happy, can I turn them around before they *leave?* And sometimes you have to keep bringing yourself back to that, and bringing yourself back to that, to recreate your service personality every single time, because, you know, we're human beings and we could have had a bad day before we got here. But you have to shake that off, and you have to be

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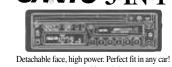


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resilient to the people who are also having a bad day who can just be such *jerks*."

Could he recall any specific *jerks*?

"At one point in my career I worked in a restaurant that had regular guests, guests who could be difficult, and there was this one particular gentleman who was very demanding and treated you like you really weren't there and spoke down to you, and he would call you over to the table, and then he'd continue to talk to his guests while you'd stand there. He was oblivious to the fact that you might have two or three other tables that also should have some of your attention, and this particular gentleman had a reputation among the rest of the waitstaff. And the way I dealt with that man was, I acted like he was my best friend. I acted like I was so happy to take care of him. And he would always tip me well. He never *stopped*

being a condescending jerk, but I like to think that he tempered it a little bit at least when I was taking care of him. And so it goes: kill 'em with kindness."

That's one way of looking at it: kill with kindness. Perhaps the most specialized aspect of a waiter's job is to turn negative energy positive, to never let anything get to us. Unruly patrons, unkind chefs, hasty paces, and the deadly pressure never to forget: all of this translates into stress, stress, stress. Stress is perhaps the main nemesis of the waiter. I remember the first few years I waited tables, I would be standing there taking an order, and my mind would drift a bit, and I'd assess myself and realize that my butt cheeks were tightly clenched. I would have to remind myself to relax.

Perhaps the most glaring sign of my own stress reactions was shown to me one after-









noon at a restaurant where I worked in Denver. I took a rushed midshift break to use the restroom, faced the mirror, and realized that my mouth was twisted into an unintentional grimace. I couldn't even feel it, but I was generating a deep wrinkle in my right cheek that appalled me. I thought I was starting to look old and ugly. (I was 22 at the time.) So I gradually formulated a theory about facial tectonics, about how to relax the fault lines in my face, to keep the tension from registering, to reduce the strain and pressure

before potential facequakes.

Another sign of stress is the famous Waiter's Dream. In one of my old dreams, I had the window section at an eatery called the Mile Long Restaurant. Throughout this nightmare, I was forgetting little things, no lemon with the tea, no spoon for the soup, no fries with the steak, and I would have to run back to the kitchen, and then return, a mile each way. Needless to say, I woke up sweating with the covers wrapped around my neck.

But I don't dream

like that too much anymore. Now I wake up and realize that I was waiting on famous people all night. In my own restaurant. With no

them. One time, I had an older woman ask me if there were any wheat products in a particular dish, which was an important concern for

"You have to create yourself, you have to create your service personality, every night."

problems in sight.

In real life, I do love people. At least in small doses. And there's no better way to meet a lot of people in very small doses than to wait on

her because she was "rude and intolerant." I leaned forward and put my hand on the table (I do this a lot...I find that touching the table stands in as a kind of figurative surrogate for literal contact between the patrons and me). I said, "Come, now. You don't seem all that rude and intolerant." And her

husband slammed the table with his fist and raised his voice to tell me, "She said she's gluten intolerant!"

Any good waiter eventually becomes an expert on the subject of Killing Kindness, but Kim Harper, especially, seems to be made of kindness. She exhibits exceptionally undisturbed facial tectonics. She listens well. And she laughs a lot, or more like giggles. She giggles because of what she's saying or because of what someone else is saying, and she also giggles a lot because of what she's thinking. I notice as I interview Kim Harper that it's often difficult to tell why she's giggling. It's difficult because Kim Harper often thinks better of saying the things that she's thinking, even though these things might cause her to laugh. So she'll think and laugh and then shift her thinking and stop laughing, and she'll speak of something unrelated, something that has nothing to do with laughing at all. The great part about it, talking to Kim Harper, is that it isn't unsettling in any way; in fact it's all rather engaging.

Kim Harper speaks. "Someone said to me in line once at a grocery store, when this other person cut in front of me and I just said, 'Go ahead,' they said to me, 'You're the girl from the Broken Yolk. Are you always nice?" (She giggles.) "Waiting tables has made me a lot more



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calm. I think I've learned to turn just about any situation. You know the old line of 'catching more flies with honey,' and I don't mean a fake 'um-hum, whatever you say,' I mean, like, really, really friendly." (Giggles again.) "Waiting tables has taught me how to be friendlier, how to lose my attitude, to enjoy myself, and I do enjoy myself when I'm waiting tables."

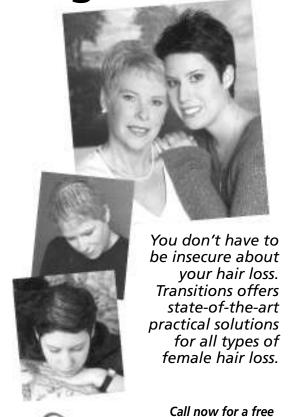
As for me, I never enjoyed myself while waiting tables until I had done it for a very long time. The first night I ever worked in a restaurant, I remember I served shrimp scampi over linguine to a ravenhaired woman at a table for two. (Incidentally, this was over 17 years ago, at Steak & Sword Restaurant in Connecticut.) This woman complained to me so viciously about my mistake with her scampi ("Linguine? You stupid boy, I specifically said 'rice' ") that I was reduced to inconsolable blubbering behind the kitchen door. Had a perfect stranger ever been so wantonly mean to me in my life?

Right then, I should have seen the signs. I was not born to serve or to wait.

But these 17 years later, I've worked long stints at the Spring House Hotel and the Atlantic Inn, both in Block Island, Rhode Island; at the Left Bank, in Truckee, California; at H. Brinker's, in Denver, Colorado; at the Delaney House, in Holyoke, Massachusetts; at Josepina, in New York City; and now at Tapenade, in La Jolla. At Tapenade, by the way, every night I can easily convince myself that I'm doing something good for the people around me.

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her. She has the same open smile, the same generous attitude for every single one of them, whether they're sipping mimosas and ingesting omelets or they're wearing the same clothes as yesterday and wolfing coffee and buttered toast. Kim Harper regards all of her customers the same.

"I'll tell you something, and this is kind of a secret, um, I shouldn't even say this, I..." It's a weekday afternoon by the time I catch up with Harper, and the service

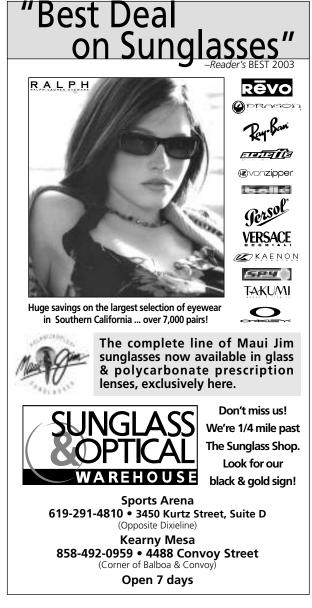
is over for the day, but she still looks fresh and lively, as if the stress of the morning hours dissolved before it ever reached her. We're sipping water in the back of the restaurant, a tape recorder on the green table between us, and she's rolling her eyes and looking for words, seeming as if she's about to tell me the naughtiest, juiciest tidbit I can imagine. Of course, she's smiling a little and softly giggling. She's squirming in her seat, biting her lip, a disarming lightness attending her like fairy dust or something. It occurs to me that she would look perfectly at home if she were swinging her feet above the floor from a chair that was way too big for her.

But really her secret

turns out to be a grand piece of food-server wisdom, and I think she doesn't want to tell me for the same reason that Zen monks don't televise the solutions to their ancient koans. Or maybe she's embarrassed, because, although she works for tips, she's simply not about the money.

"For the most part, I pick up the money -I don't go from table to table and count, like, I...if there's a bunch of bills here, I grab it all, and I don't look at it, and I stick it in my pocket, because, in the end, it all comes out good. I never look at what people tip me. Because why upset myself and get myself upset for my next bunch of tables?" (She laughs contemplatively...and on my tape recorder it sounds as though a different voice picks up after the laugh, a slower, more serious version of Kim Harper's personality.) "I treat all people evenly, very much so. I think, oh, this guy's this critic, and this guy's this critic, but he's going to get the exact same service as the guy over here, who's homeless and he has to count his dimes out to pay. I'm not going to







belittle anybody; they all get the same smile and the same service."

And how refreshing is that? Imagine if our politicians served us with such integrity, without swaying their ideas based on popularity in the polls. I wonder if Kim Harper has any ambitions to run for office.

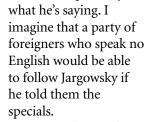
Peter Jargowsky probably won't ever run for office, but I think he'd be good at it. At least he's good at making speeches. For example, he always seems

He's distinguishedlooking — his trimmed sideburns are tipped with gray — really very calm looking, and of course he demonstrates exceedingly relaxed facial tectonics. He doesn't use his hands much to express himself, and he doesn't raise his voice. And yet he's a master of emphasis, of modulating the way he says things ever so slightly — the pitch or tone or cadence of his words — to let you know exactly what's important, or just to make sure that you

understand precisely what he's saying. I English would be able to follow Jargowsky if he told them the

So I realize, as I'm transcribing our interparts of his voice.

"What I've learned from waiting tables is,



views, that I will have to use italics a lot. Jargowsky seems to speak in italics. He doesn't underline much or speak in boldface type, but it's as though italics are built into certain







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to leave you \$10 or \$100, you still have to give them your best. And the way to do that is to be really proud of the product, be proud of your job, and be proud to do what you're doing. I want people to say good things about the dining experiences that they have with me."

Well said, Peter Jargowsky.

This is the point in our interview when I remember one of my own old theories. I think that waiters are like the bridges between scarcely navigable islands, the glue between jagged moving parts, the translators trying to piece together good sense from dead languages. The customer has to be happy, the manager has to be happy, the kitchen has to be happy, and the bottom line, the restaurant has to be happy. It's like balancing on a tightrope while juggling corkscrews. And in the end, if the waiter can be happy too, well then, the dining experience can be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

But sometimes the

I'm not telling you which restaurant it is, because it still exists, but the owner of the place was this chef. And he was an alcoholic. And he would drink a double espresso. And a shot of vodka. And a double espresso, and a shot of

The waiter's persona is his or her bread and butter. It's like a writer's voice or a painter's style.

customers are crazy, or the manager is crazy, or the kitchen staff, well, the kitchen staff is always crazy.

Jargowsky tells me about one of his experiences. "I worked once with a really crazy chef in one restaurant. And

vodka. And a double espresso and a shot of vodka and a double espresso and a shot of vodka, and he would work himself into such a drunken rage, while he was expediting. And one time a waiter goes out into the dining

room, and he accidentally took the wrong food out to the wrong table, and this chef comes out into the dining room, and it's full of La Jolla socialites, and he stands and yells at the top of his lungs, 'Stupid [expletive deleted] waiter!" " (Brackets Jargowsky's.) "And I just remember all of these little old ladies from La Jolla just cringing in their chairs."

But of course Jargowsky was able to save the situation for his own customers that night. He was able to take the circumstances in stride and to make the best of them. "I think I just turned it into a good-natured joke. You know, sometimes that's all you can do."

And the only way for a waiter to do that kind of thing well, to

turn an unfortunate state of affairs into a positive condition, is to have a good persona. The waiter's *persona* is his or her bread and butter. It's like a writer's voice or a painter's style. Every table, every night, like an actor in a play, a waiter must reprise his or her own personal role. It took me seven years, seven years, before I started to feel comfortable in my waiterly persona. Before that, I was too aware of myself, of how stupid and unnatural I sounded as I asked people, "Would you be interested in a beverage this evening?" I thought I sounded like a radio announcer, forced, canned, and a little over the top.

I remember the summer when I gradually began to feel more natural tableside. It wasn't some momen-



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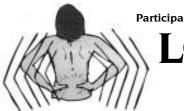
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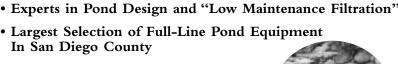
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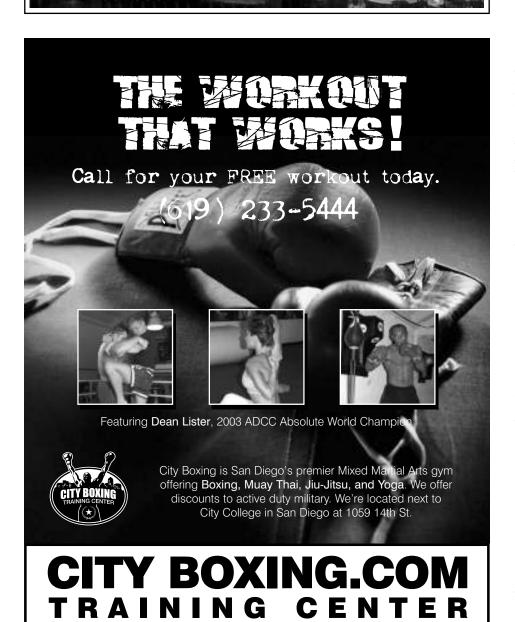


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tous thing. Over the course of a few weeks I just realized that I wasn't self-conscious, that I could say these unusual phrases and sound like myself, and that I could be happy doing it.

Now I might honestly say that some of my satisfying triumphs were wives who've told me, "My husband was in a terrible mood, and he was very rude, I apologize. But you should know that you made him feel a lot better. I don't know how you did it!" (Patience, I tell them, patience and smiling, "getting small" and going inside the situation, bringing the smiles out of it, wherever those smiles are hiding.)

Maybe the best thing about waiting tables, even better than the money, is the person I alluded to previously, the one who makes a server feel that he or she is doing something special for people, as though maybe food service could be almost kind of noble. As I mentioned earlier, I call those special people Appreciators. I love Appreciators. I even work hard to try to be one. They look at you differently. They have another kind of energy. An Appreciator stands out in a crowd: she or he will usually be the quiet one, the listener sitting pleasantly and noticing. Appreciators enjoy things; that's just how they are. And that's the kind of person that I like to meet; the kind of person that I want to be.

But instead of being a true Appreciator, I am an Annoying Perfectionist, and because I am an Annoying Perfectionist, I have a couple of peeves about the professionalism and performance of my fellow waiters, especially finedining waiters.

Peeve One: I think

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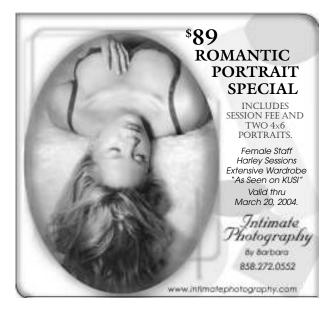


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it's important never to ask people if they're "still working on" a dish. I don't even think it's wise to ask if they're "finished" or "still enjoying." At most, I might ask, "Shall I take?" But usually, I try to accomplish messages such as this one in silence, replacing words with simple, slow, openhand gestures, so as not to interrupt.

Peeve Two: A waiter should never say "drink" at a table, or "another." Instead, just gesture slowly toward the empty glass (slowly!...if there's a sip left, the patron must not think that you're going to steal it!) and ask after the *specific* beverage, "A Tanqueray and tonic?"

Peeve Three: Never say "today" at a table, at least not the way I hear seemingly every server say it. "Would you like pepper TODAY?" Or, "Could I bring you a cocktail TODAY?" Or, "Will that be all for you TODAY?" Come on! Please! I always feel like saying, "Uh, perhaps I will want some pepper TODAY, although I don't feel that I want any right now, so why don't you just keep checking back?"

Peeve Four: A server should never let a client think that he or she is busy. It's a bad idea to seem rushed or to engage in sudden movements. The whole time a server is taking care of a table, he or she should remember to undertake every sentence, every question, each hand gesture, all the reaching for bottles and glasses, all the pouring and serving, v-e-r-y s-l-o-w-l-y. A fine-dining server should be like a flash in between tables, especially when it's busy (and once a table is aware of my presence, I may move more quickly as well), but, in general, a server should always move his or her hands with a definite, confident slowness around the clientele. That way, they know what the server's next move might be, even before he or she makes it. No suddenness, nothing to break the mood, no surprises.

Peeve Five: A server should never be too friendly and informal with a client. It's better to maintain a formal distance by using the phrases "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," or "I'm sorry, ma'am," or, in a French restaurant, "No, madame." This works well everywhere, by the way, not just in a restaurant. I can't tell you how many common daily situations I've turned around by calling a complete stranger "sir."

Peeve Six: A waiter should never slouch or joke or lean around when on the job. He or she should realize that a server is always on display. At every moment in the restaurant, especially out on the floor,

he or she may be subjected to scrutiny. Therefore, all of a server's movements, the way he or she walks or carries plates or opens a bottle of wine, the look on his or her face, should be contemplated and considered. I learned a valuable personal lesson regarding this last year, when I went to Tijuana and watched a bullfight. I took a cue from the amazing matadors who worked the ring. Every movement those flashy men and women made was intentionally ostentatious, fully considered, done for show. I've tried to carry this over to the dining room floor, working the room, signaling my colleagues,

sweeping in to clear a plate, pouring wine, always ready to smile, flamboyantly flourishing my serviette.

I'm not perfect, of course, but I do get to try to be perfect, five nights a week. It's terrific practice. And in the end, I love to think that other people, people I hardly know, might talk someday about one or two of their finer life experiences as having occurred during dinner with me. I picture myself as the ghost in their recollections dressed in the black vest, the bow tie, and the long white apron the ghost who gave them spirited suggestions. ■

— Geoff Bouvier

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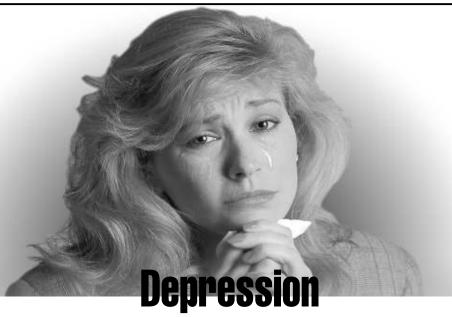
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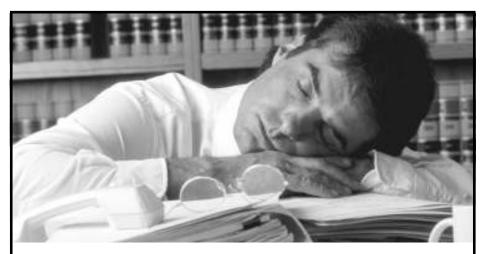


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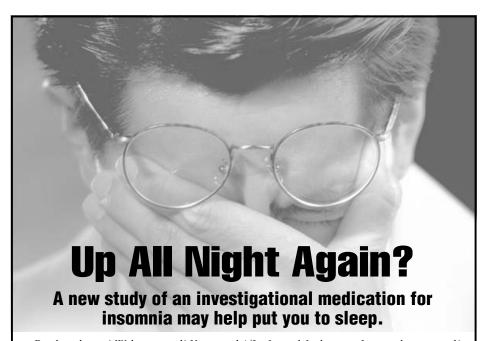
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am a shopper. I always have been; it runs in my family. As an experienced shopper, allow me to give you some advice: avoid Fashion Valley on weekends at mid-afternoon. I recently failed to follow my advice and braved the mad Saturday-afternoon shoppers.

While walking through Nordstrom (my favorite store of all time) I listen to the pianist softly playing old jazz tunes. I wish that someday they would play something wild. Maybe "Werewolves of London" or "Piano Man," just something interesting.

I make my way out of the second floor and outside, right across from Neiman Marcus — or as I like to call it, Needless Mark-Up. I can't berate Neiman Marcus, though; I should thank them for letting me touch their designer purses while they've made minimal snide remarks and given multiple stares at my flip-flops and T-shirts.

I decide to walk down to Tiffany's to admire the beautiful jewelry. You know, Holly Golightly was right; everything *is* better inside a Tiffany's. I leave the vaulted doors sadly because I can't have the dazzling garland diamond necklace I have wanted my whole life, but I can assure you that one day the necklace will be in my collection.

I stroll down the walkway until I arrive at a certain shop. The blaring techno music nearly knocks me off my feet. Do I go in? Do I dare enter a store that plays into every stereotype I fight against? Okay. I love Abercrombie & Fitch's collared Ts. I'm prep; I just can't help it. I wait in line to pay for my shirts behind two mindless drones screeching about the events of a "wild" party thrown somewhere in Leucadia.

"OHMIGAWD, Jason was, like, sooooooooo wasted? It was sooooooo funny? Like, it sucks you, like, totally? Like, missed it?"



Window-shoppers at Horton Plaza

Can you believe? That, like, sooooooooome people think? That, like, our generation talks, like, funny? It's a crying shame.

I walk to my car carrying a bag bearing the image of a half-naked "hottie." The bag contains several bright-colored polo Ts (\$60). The mundane-looking Nordstrom's bag holds a green-and-yellow Volcom "skinny-scarf" (\$24), and a black-and-white Sephora triangle bag has an Urban Decay Hot Box (makeup kit) in it (\$24). The price of battling blonde bimbos at the mall? Priceless.

— Anne Baker, Carlsbad H.S.

ot too long ago, late on a Wednesday afternoon, I decided to go shopping for a Nike pullover sweatshirt. I went to Horton Plaza, the mall I usually go to because it is the easiest to get to. I had it all planned out. I would first go to the ATM to deposit my check and get cash back. With that cash I would go get my Nike pullover

sweatshirt and leave. It would take 15 minutes max.

I had Macy's on my mind, but I decided to first try Foot Locker. I knew Foot Locker sold Nike clothing, so I figured why not stop by there first? Maybe I'd even find a nice pair of shoes, I thought. At Foot Locker I found a grayand-black pullover sweatshirt with "New York" written on the front (suggestive of the Yankees uniform). I would have gotten it, but it cost \$40, so I decided to pass. Maybe I'd get it some other time. I was on a budget.

Then I decided to head over to Macy's. Before I got there, I saw a girl I knew from school. I did not want to run into her. She liked me last year and wouldn't stop calling me all summer, so the last thing I wanted to do was have her see me because then she'd start calling me again. So I took a short detour to Macy's.

After that little surprise, I remembered why I came to the mall, so I continued my mission for the Nike pullover.
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> — Brian Lawless, Morse H.S.

'm in a not-so-great mood today. Maybe a trip to Newport Avenue will cheer me up.

The streets are bustling and birds flock overhead with the sun gleaming down... Green light. I walk across the street and notice the commotion ahead of me: Wednesday's farmers' market. Cars backing up into each other, no parking... I'm glad I am on foot.

Why are there so many antique stores on Newport? Usually, with friends, I walk right by, never giving them the time of day. I appreciate the friendly faces at the hardware store where my family goes for bug spray or a door hinge. I got my first set of car keys there.

I see costumes down the street in the window

and enjoy the thought of the funky clothes. Ah, Cable Street...some person just ran a red light, making a left turn nearly into me. I say hello to Willy of Willy's Shoe Shine and see the llamas taking a rest. I rode them weekly as a child. Near the Astro Jump, tons of kids line the corner, waiting for a ride, holding a balloon and playing with bubbles.

More antiques... I see our orange man. He's sold my mom and me citrus for as long as I can remember. Hello and a friendly chat. "Yeah, I'm doing good. I'll say hi to my mom; she should be around to get some fruit." A man plays violin for donations. Moving on...

So many happy people enjoying whomever they are sharing the day with: mothers, children, couples, even that woman over there with a squeaky walker. Some have handfuls of flowers and bags of fruit. Some have dogs. I love the dogs of OB.

It's great to walk by Theo's with its cheery music. At the International Hostel you can hear different languages as you walk by.

Everything is so different at every produce stand: pasta, jam, nuts, soap. Bread. I love the bread...

I see the usual people on the corner by what used to be the 99-cent store, now up to a \$1...

I cross the busy corner to where Bahia Don Bravo's is undergoing renovations. Blenders whir at Eatopia, and I notice a biker guy outside of the Black. Bicycles locked to racks line the sidewalk. A lot of people are inside South Coast buying stuff. I want a new pair of Reefs. People nod as I walk by Pride and I start to hear laughter coming from the outdoor Jungle Java coffee shop. I need a good laugh today.

Wow! Bud's ice cream smells outstanding. There are fewer people down here, closer to the beach. I see the surfers emerging from the water, their sandy, wet footprints left on the sidewalk. I love to see these footprints of those who passed by.

A man stands behind a sculpture, looking through one of the holes. I smile a quick hello and notice the skateboarders in the street. The pier looks alive and the ocean so shiny. People sit on the walls, some wrapped in Mexican blankets. The California and American flags flap in the wind. Cars are pulling over to admire the view.

Crossing the street and turning back...people are different on this side of the street. I can hear the buzzing at the tattoo parlor. Ouch. I like the outdoor pizza place, how the seating extends to the sidewalk. I also like how the bars' windows face the sidewalk. If only I were old enough to enjoy them...Motorcycles line the street on this part of the block. Hodad's! Hodad's reminds me of summer days and fun nights I've spent there. The waiters are familiar and oh-so-friendly. Cute guy sitting on the bar table, hey... Cross the street again, but...screech! A car just whizzed by, nearly hitting a man in a wheelchair with a woman pushing a stroller. Slow down!

People are gathering near where the band sets up. Kettle-corn smell and the popping of the kernels. I see a few people standing at the door of Gold's Gym. Well, it's closing... I walk by Wings and frown. Are they actually selling those cheap sunglasses and the ugly two-pieces? Get out of OB already.

I walk by the Electric Chair. It's so full of life and individuality. I hear heavy footsteps and loud shuffle steps. Tons of people are inside Dr. Jefe's. Whoa, that guy has huge plugs in his ears. Yeah...hey, buddy... Take a look into Nico's...the place is never empty. Excellent rolled tacos and outrageously good burri-

tos. I want some food now... "Crêpes, Mademoiselle, strawberry crêpes?" "No, no, I'm not the fruity crêpe kind of person, *merci.*" The bus goes by, people getting on, people getting off... More happy screams of kids. Little Chef is busy this afternoon.

Crossing the street, I see where Newport Pet used to be. Now it's another furniture and antique store... I see my optometrist's office and the laundromat. My journey was successful at making me feel better.

— Honora Swanson Bober, Point Loma H.S.

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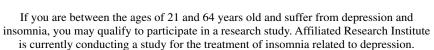
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s I headed to Fashion Valley in search of a new pair of white shoes, I became disheartened as it began to rain. Rain ruins the day when you're hunting for new items. I decided to pick out a pair of Adidas shelltop classics and a pair of Reebok classics in order to stay focused on what I needed to buy so I would not end up soaking wet at the end of the day.

When I arrived at the mall, parking was a nightmare. I found a spot after 15 minutes of maneuvering about the lot and a few harsh words with other drivers. Upon entering the mall my foot slipped off a wet curb and landed oh-sogracefully in a puddle of water. My foot was now soaked to the ankle.

After shrugging off that incident and plas-

tering a smile back onto my face, I ventured to the Foot Locker to pick out my shoes. They had my size in both of the shoes that I wanted and even more surprising was the fact that both of these shoes were on sale! I walked out only paying about \$90 for both pairs. This made my day better, so I decided to go looking around for something to blow my extra money on. I passed by a couple of punks who seemed happy that it was raining and all the shoppers were scurrying about. Anarchy rules, I guess.

I could not find anything to buy that suited my taste after a half hour of wandering, so I decided to fill myself up with two corn dogs on a stick and a large lemonade. Those two foods are the perfect combination for rainyday munchies. After filling up with good food, I decided to go home, get out of my wet clothes, and stay inside for the rest of the day under a heated roof. I grabbed my bags and headed home content.

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

have never been a shopper; the thought of browsing through stores selling clothes I would never wear, being bombarded by salespeople, and spending money in general has always turned me off. However, nothing can keep me from my frequent ventures to La Jolla Village to shop at my favorite retreat, Tower Records. La Jolla Village is an ideal mall for me because it has a nice, small atmosphere and shops that don't scream "Trendy!" Plus, it's the only mall I can drive

freeway. On Saturday, January 24 at 11:30, I set out in search of a new CD. I brought a list of albums I was interested in, all within my price range of \$7 to \$15. I believe that a CD costing more than that is not worth paying for. So, after I parked my car in the barren lot, I checked out Cost Plus, a store with an array of diverse merchandise and food. Walking down each aisle, I found myself in

to that doesn't involve the

awe of vintage posters and retro dishware. This store is an exciting break from your local Crate & Barrel.

After browsing Cost Plus and quickly checking out the Trader Joe's, I spent the rest of my time in Tower Records. Despite having a list, I couldn't help but look at everything that interested me. I had my heart set on Moby Grape's self-titled debut or Love's Da Capo. However, neither was in stock. I always look at certain albums and never buy them, due to my frugality, and today was not an exception. One day I will bring myself to buy the Zombies' Odyssey and Oracle or any Rolling Stones album, which both usually cost \$19. After 30 minutes, I decided to buy Cream's debut, Fresh Cream, which is insanely wonderful; all the tracks are full of raw energy, and now I consider it better than my other Cream album, Disraeli Gears. I also bought Well Respected Kinks, a compilation disc of classic Kinks songs. While I love them for their weirdness, I think it was Dave Davies's plaid jacket on the cover that sold me (or the \$8 price sticker). Together, these albums cost \$20.

A few minutes later, I entered my car, put in my

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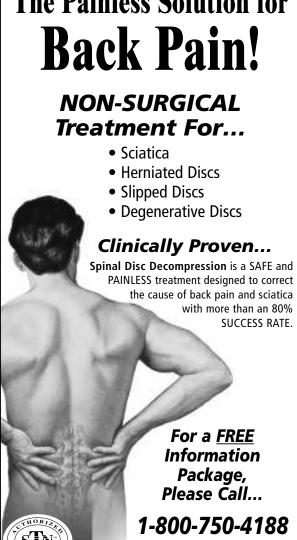


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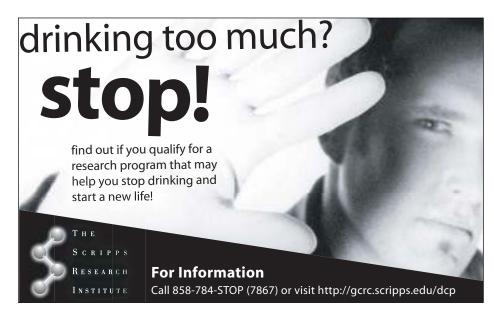
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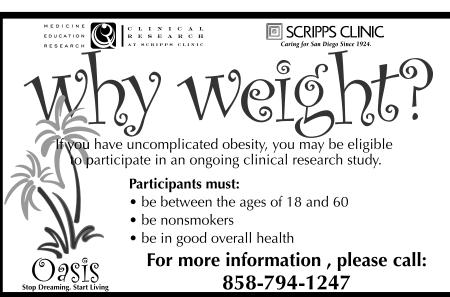
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Fresh Cream, and happily listened to the opening hums of "I Feel Free" as I left the parking lot.

Stefanie Perricone,
 Clairemont H.S.

t's Sunday afternoon, around 4 p.m., and I'm headed to the mall to get a birthday present for one of my friends. Parkway Plaza is the shopping center that I go to to buy clothes, presents, or just to see a movie with my friends. It's only about five minutes away, by car.

I'm here on an important mission, and although I have an idea of what I want to get, I don't know exactly what; I want to get a gift that will capture the essence of her character, but I want to be humorous as well because her sense of humor is one of her strongest characteristics. My first stop is going to be Spencer's gift store. They have the most hilarious gag gifts, like fake lottery tickets and whoopee cushions.

As a youngster, I bought a fake Lotto ticket from this store and gave it to my parents. It was difficult to keep it together as I gave it to them and waited for the numbers to be revealed. As they uncovered the numbers and thought they won \$10,000, it got harder and harder for me to hold in my laughter. I was sad to do it, but I busted out in laughter and told them it was all a joke. They thought it was quite funny too.

Well, moving on to finding a gift for my friend... I look around Spencer's for some time and finally find what I want. I'm going to buy an 'I smile because I have no idea what's going on" key chain and an Alice in Wonderland T-shirt. I spend a little over \$20. I feel so accomplished once I've bought the gift, I decide to treat myself at Starbucks. I buy a caramel frappuccino (\$3.55 for a "grande," the medium size) and stroll around. I see some shoes in Sheik and plan on going back when I have the \$40 to spend.

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Waterfront

CHAPTER 9 Unnatural Grief

Today I had to deliver a message to a young sailor aboard a destroyer anchored in the harbor. I had to inform him of what perhaps is the deepest news to a man, and I was conscious the while of a primitive curiosity of how he would weather the information.

Our office had received a wire story from Portland that the man's wife had attempted to kill herself and had succeeded in chloroforming to death her two children.

This, I knew, was the acme of all bad news. In my time I have delivered many verbal messages of death to wives and to husbands. But now I positively had the very worst, and I still wonder why I was not more ashamed of my own personal curiosity.

In sending me out to the vessel, the office, of course, was not being philanthropic. The wire service out of Portland wanted an interview with the sailor, wanted a story on him, wanted to know if he could explain any motive for the double crime. My own paper wanted the story, too. Being the waterfront reporter, I merely was the agent. For I did not know the man.

My shoreboat let me off at the gangway, and I asked the officer of the deck if I could see the sailor.

"A hell of a thing's happened to his family," I said. "And I have to tell him."

"Sure, if it's real important."

"It is."

The officer of the deck summoned an orderly, and the orderly went in search of the sailor, and in time the sailor arrived from below, smiling. From the helm and chevrons on his sleeve I could tell he was a quartermaster first-class, and I felt like God standing there with the power to crunch him. I was a giant with a fly swatter. For all of his smile he could not get away from me. He was cornered.

The grief on my face was not all natural. Some of it was placed there professionally for the sake of the interview I should obtain from him without his really knowing. And from that moment on I was aware of having been in newspaper work a day too long. I, too, was gone the same as the desk men were gone, the desk men who had sent me out here.

"Does your family live in Portland?" I asked, to make sure.

"Yes."

"And have you two children?" I gave their names.

"Yes."

"Then come over here." I guided the way to the ship's railing. There we could lean and look down into the water. The bay would be our only audience. And all the time I was acting. I was breaking the news after the formula of the stage. I did not comprehend how I could be so indifferent, or how I could be thinking of my story as much as of him. I was preparing my interview ahead of time, and my face by now must be the face of a hard man. It must be hard, for I am hard. The test came and found me hard.

"Your wife attempted suicide."
He glanced quickly towards me, as if to catch me delivering a practical joke, almost as if to see if I would break into a laugh. But the reportorial actor in me continued to register sorrow. Convincing sorrow, too, perhaps. For immediately he depended on me for more information, and feeling this dependence I permitted my information to linger awhile. He would have demanded more outright, but I beat him to the words!

"But she's all right now. She didn't get by with it. But before trying to kill herself, she did —"



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Now for the fly-swatter. Now for the execution. Was my prisoner ready? Was he in the proper sus-

Being the waterfront reporter, I merely was the agent. For I did not know the man.

pense. Yes, he was ready. He was waiting. Very well, then let him have it. And watch his expression too. And catch each little word he may say. You'll need it, waterfront reporter.

You'll need it to write for the desk men. And they'll need it for Portland. You're on a job, don't forget. The shoreboat to send you out here cost money, good money. Let him have it. Let the young man have it now.

"But before trying to kill herself, she did —" And I came down with the swatter. And back in the office my story made the front page, my story carried a head reserved for human-interest stories, and the managing editor said the story "showed the good old stuff." I know, because he commented on the story in staff meeting. He said the story got down under the surface and had "all the good old sympathy guts to it that I want to see more of around here."

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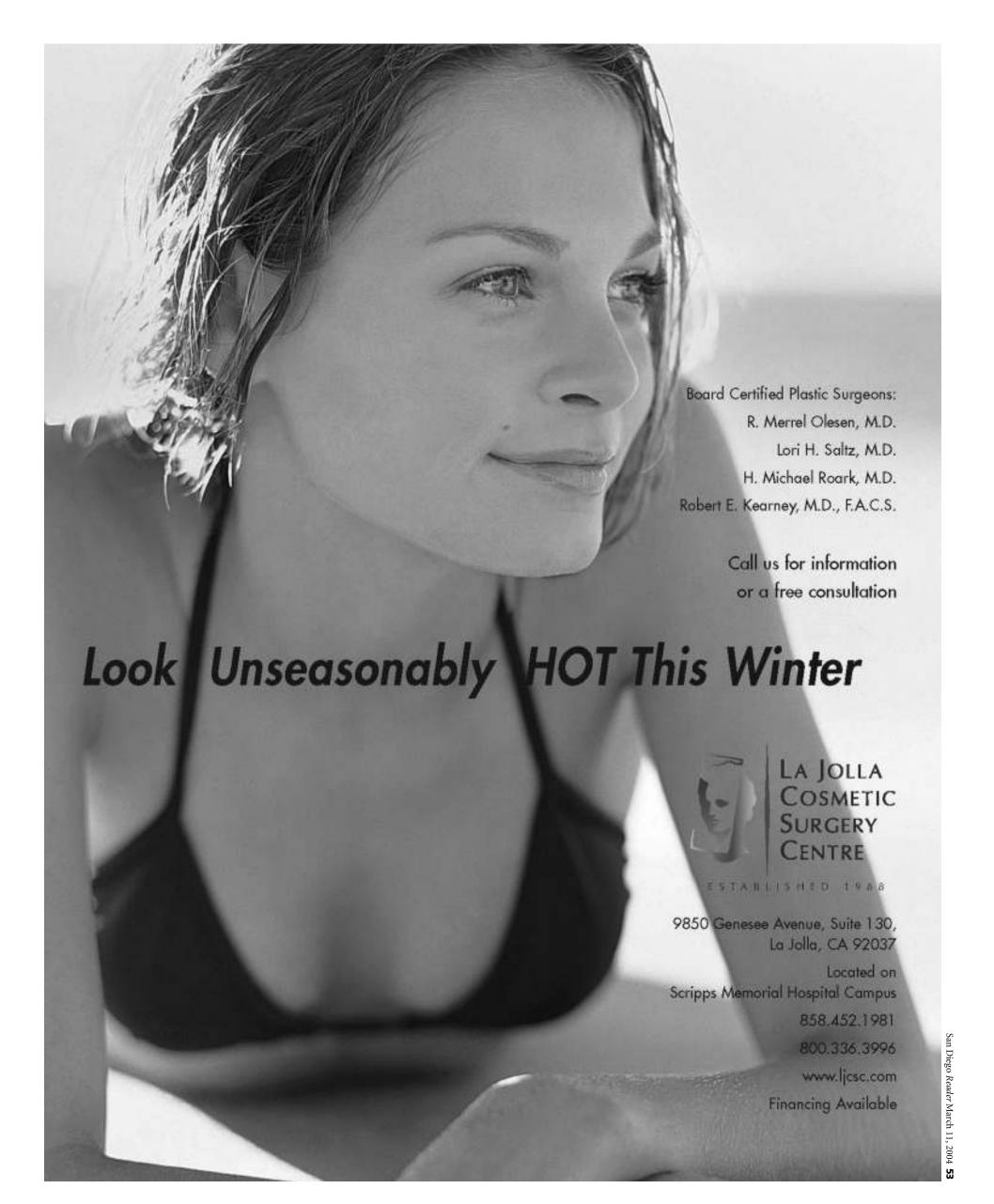


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around here of course quite equals a fast dive into the surf when few people are present on the beach. Many are present at noon, but not at the end of the day, for the summer visitors usually prefer their dips when the sun is at its highest pitch for tanning the Eastern shoulders.

My favorite cove, then, usually is rather deserted near supper-time, and I can dive for all I like without the danger of seeming to be showing off.

The rollers come in regularly, are hushed a bit by a reef, and can be timed to one's liking. Each seventh roller usually is the largest. It puffs out its blue chest in defiance to its enemy, the beach, which so soon will put an end to all such gallantry.

The roller comes on, begins to show a white curl along the top as sive evenings. Two women are in the group and two men. And one of the men, the one who appears about my own age, has been doing his swimming almost constantly in the one clear spot for diving. He stays there, swimming about on his back, sometimes floating, sometimes paddling, but always in the way. He seldom leaves the shoreline more than a few yards, and I have to wait for him. He does not dive under the water, nor does he seem much interested in what is down there, the greens and yellows, the abalone shells, and the few Garibaldi.

Frequently I have been tempted to dive in close to him, or under him, just to teach him a few manners. And once when we were both out there and I was trying to get by him for deeper water he swam right into

A few rocks are down there, but they are more like underwater benches, and they are upholstered with waving seagrass.

though showing its teeth at the sand, and then is the time to strike, and to strike straight for the stomach of the brute.

By opening one's eyes, then, the under-water world is such a contrast to the upper world that all of the day's ridiculous transactions are instantly slashed off the register of one's brain. A few rocks are down there, to be sure, but they are more like under-water benches, and they are upholstered with waving seagrass. And from under the legs of these benches the golden Garibaldi perch poke their surprised heads out to see what is happening, or has happened, and so odd is all this new room to the world-house that one for a time does not really miss the inability to breathe.

But late in the afternoon recently my cove has been having a group of visitors, the same visitors now for five succesme from a crazy angle.

"Pardon me," he said, and continued paddling on his back. But I was too annoyed at his awkwardness to answer civilly. I mumbled something and swam on.

Later, about 20 minutes later, when I returned to the sand to go home, the other people were getting ready to go home, too. And I watched them climb the trail leading up the cliff. They were guiding the young man along, the man who was about my own age. For, his eyes being open and as clear as my own, I had not known he was blind, completely blind. And when I open my eyes under water now, and see the room of retreat down there, I feel kind of funny. I feel kind of funny and shaky all over. ■

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...he felt...as if he were supposed to be doing something else, something grander, higher, more difficult, more dangerous, more daring. Steven Millhauser,

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It's a warm winter day in Ocean Beach, and I'm rushing from my apartment

on Muir toward Newport Avenue for a meeting with William T. Vollmann and

He lived off candy bars and slept under his desk. The novel was eventually published in England in 1987.



William Vollmann

Larry McCaffery, who teaches at SDSU. I find them in the back of the Black — past the bongs, lava lamps, and guitars; they're looking at books.

Vollmann has written much about prostitutes — so much that he's attracted legions of degenerate fans and has been blasted by stuffy critics for being "too obsessed" with the oldest profession on earth.

The writer and the professor have returned from two days in Calexico, where Vollmann has been doing research on a book in progress about the Imperial Valley.

Larry McCaffery is wearing his usual attire of an old Hawaiian shirt, faded jeans, and tennis shoes; Vollmann wears a flannel shirt, baggy jeans, hiking shoes, and a baseball hat.

Vollmann spots me before I recognize him. "Mike," he says, "good to see you."

McCaffery glances around the Black and says, "I've always loved this place."

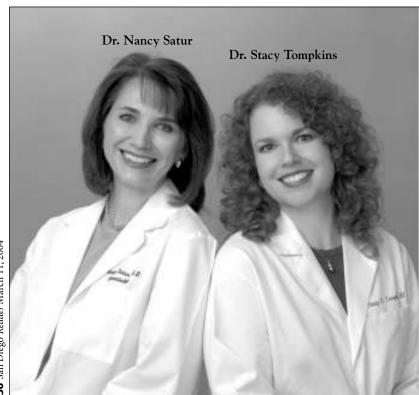
"They don't carry your books," I tell Vollmann, like this is a small crime. "They should," I say. "But the used bookstore on Bacon Street does..."

The main reason for this meet is to iron out a misunderstanding — a miscommunication — between Vollmann and me. It has to do with a book McCaffery and I are working on called *Expelled from Eden: A William T. Vollmann Reader.* It's really a casebook, but the publisher, Thunder's Mouth Press, felt "casebook" was too academic and "reader" was more general, in commercial terms.

The problem? One, there are some song lyrics, poems, and letters that I want to use which Vollmann isn't comfortable with, and because I tend not to be able to curb my enthusiasm, I failed to take Vollmann's wishes and feelings into account — treating him more like a subject than a human being. Two, the publisher had wanted to rush this book for a spring 2003 publication, but Vollmann prefers that we take our time, two or three years, and get the thing right.

I feel bad about this, so I'm a little nervous as I stand there with him inside the Black, the smell of incense all around like the stench of dead fish at the edge of the Salton Sea.

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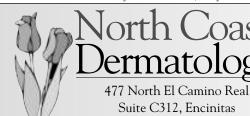
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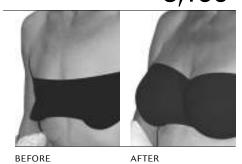
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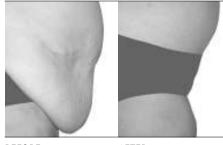




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AMERICAN EXPRESS Times to return to Afghanistan during the 2002 air strikes because the newspaper wouldn't put up the cash for a bodyguard. In the summer of 1994, while in Bosnia, the jeep he was in ran over a landmine; he was the sole survivor — a long-time friend, a photographer, and his translator died instantly; he was shot at and later rescued by Spanish soldiers from the U.N. He took pic-

tures of his dead friends and shows these images during slide shows while on the lecture and booksigning circuit. People ask him how he can, in good conscience, do this; his reply: "It is my job." He has documented his travels around the world in the PEN/Hemingway Awardwinning collection The Atlas and, more extensively, in Rising Up and Rising Down (which he dedicates

to his two friends who died in Bosnia). He has published a 300,000-word opus on San Francisco's Tenderloin, The Royal Family, for which he agreed to a one-third cut in his advance in order to have the book published in its voluminous state. Speaking of which, this "essay on violence" that he has worked on for 17 years, Rising Up and Rising Down, is a 3400page, 7-volume work that

few publishers braved to even look at in theory; some did but knew better than to pitch such an expensive project to their sales and editorial boards. He shopped it around from 1997 to 2001, and it was eventually published by Dave Eggers's McSweeney's Books in late 2003: a \$120 boxed set, bound in cloth, and printed in China (an 800-page abridged paperback edition will be released by Ecco Press).

One of Vollmann's current (major) projects is "Imperial," a book-length essay about the Imperial Valley, the Salton Sea, and the U.S.-Mexican border in Calexico. For this, Vollmann, a resident of Sacramento, has been coming down to San Diego almost every other month since

We go to a bar and grill

across the street from the O.B. Motel (where both Vollmann and McCaffery stayed the night before).

"Bill was looking through the Yellow Pages for escort services last night," McCaffery says.

"Did you call any?" I

"I decided to read a book of collected Raymond Chandler stories," Vollmann says.

McCaffery gets a drink,

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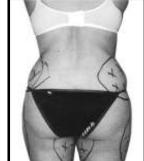
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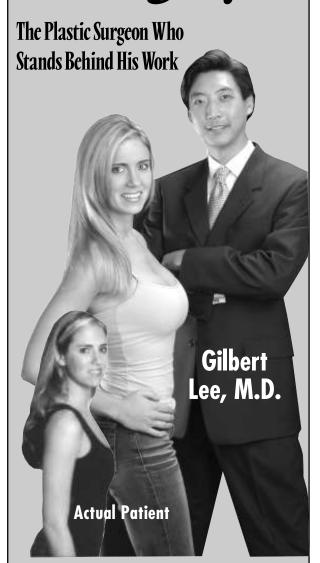
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I get a beer, and Vollmann has a soda water with a lime twist. It's noon.

We discuss writing, women, and war — three of Vollmann's favorite topics, which also happen to be section headings in Expelled from Eden.

"Let's talk about this book," Vollmann says. "I think we started off on the wrong foot, Mike. I would like if we could get that behind us, no hard feelings."

"I'd like that as well,"

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"But you'll have complete veto power of what finally goes in or doesn't," McCaffery says.

"And you'll see the manuscript and galleys," I say."I'll make sure of that."

"However you two want to present me, I'll live with it," he says. "If you choose to make me out as



William Vollmann

a monster, so be it..."

I'm a little surprised by this remark, and so is McCaffery.

McCaffery says, "Not at all..."

"Well, the title," Vollmann says.

"I lifted it from The Rifles," I say.

"Do you see me as expelled from the Garden

of Eden?" he asks rather softly. "Because I don't."

"The sales and marketing team think it's a great title," I say, feeling foolish; surely I can come up with a better response than that, goddammit, but I can't. C'mon — I do feel he's been expelled because I have, we all have, in that old Judeo-Christian sense...

But I'm glad we've put our differences aside and can continue with the project.

"We need to get to the airport," Vollmann tells McCaffery, and they hurry into the prof's white SUV, drive off, leaving me by the O.B. Pier.

William T. Vollmann does not drive. Because of his eyesight (he refers to himself as "William the Blind" in his Seven Dreams series), he has never been able to obtain a driver's license. "Abolish the automobile," he once wrote, "because it has no reverence for space." Incidentally, he has often

relied on hired hands,

friends, fans, and escorts to help him move about

on his travels. In his latest excursions to Southern California, his guide, ride, and platonic assistant has been San Diego State University student, poet, ghostwriter, and devout Mormon Terrie Petree.

I ask Terrie how she wound up becoming Vollmann's chauffeur throughout San Diego, Imperial, the Salton Sea, and beyond.

"As with all good things, I ended up tooling around with Bill by chance," she says. "I owed McCaffery some indentured servitude as part of an independent study class. He asked if I was willing to spend a couple of days helping William T. Vollmann. I gave Bill a call, he found out I spoke Spanish fluently, and the next thing you know we were planning week-long blocks of travel time."

"He is known for being a man who likes to put himself in danger," I say. "Has he gotten you into some dangerous situations?

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"Bill has never gotten me into a dangerous situation. He has led me to the edge of several and then let me decide if I wanted to take the leap, but he's not the type of man who would willingly endanger anyone. Except himself."

"Care to elaborate?"

"Well," she says, "an aborted carjacking, being abandoned in a dark alley by a bilingual pimp, betting on cockfights, having the passenger's-side handle of my car door ripped off by a crowbar, tunneling underground, and driving around the Salton Sea on a 115-degree afternoon with no air conditioning...how could I choose the most salient one?"

"My first involvement with Bill Vollmann was in early 1990 while I was completing work on a collection of literary interviews with 'radically innovative American fiction writers," says McCaffery as we wade in the Jacuzzi at the Roadrunner Club in Borrego Springs. "Sensing I needed a final interview that could sum up the features I was ascribing to, I wrote my colleague Tom LeClair for suggestions. Tom responded with a note suggesting several possibilities that concluded with this: 'But if you really want radical, you should check out a new guy named William T. Vollmann.' I checked You Bright and Risen Angels and The Rainbow Stories out of the library and was only a few pages into Angels before I sat down and wrote Vollmann a letter asking if he would be willing to be interviewed for my book. He agreed, sent me a package of goodies including the galleys of *The Ice Shirt* and a description of his *Dream*

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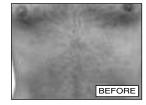
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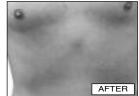
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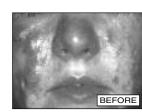
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initial impressions of Bill?"

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discussion of his writing."

"When did your relationship with him change from that of author-critic to personal friends?"

"In the mid-'90s, when Bill moved from Manhattan to California," McCaffery says. "My motives in nurturing this friendship are surely self-evident who wouldn't want to be able to hang out with somebody who was not only 'the most dangerous man in America,' but also, as I once put it in a review, 'a roughedged beast who has been slouching towards some Millennial Bethlehem with a kind of monstrous elegance, utter fearlessness, and voracious appetite that one associates with Melville, Whitman, and Pynchon'?"

McCaffery submerges his head into the water, comes back up, and rubs his eyes. "At any rate, the regular visits I started making to see Bill at his home in Sacramento allowed me

to peek into his bookshelves; look through his huge archive of photographs, watercolors, and ink drawings; watch him constructing his book-object assemblages; and gaze in amazement at the large map he has on his studio wall onto which he had carefully pinned innumerable markers indicating places he had visited while conducting research.

"But the real change in our relationship began

in July 1997 when Bill accepted my invitation to visit me here in Borrego. On this first visit, we spent several days hiking and touring the area in my SUV and made several extended side trips to the Salton Sea and the Imperial Mexicali Valleys to the southeast. Given his fascination with travel, danger, and extremity, I had hoped Bill would find this region to be irresistible, and sure enough, he took the bait. Since that first visit he has revisited the Imperial area dozens of times to conduct research that he used in The Royal Family, in various magazine articles, and for a nonfiction book about Imperial Valley that has, in typical Vollmann fashion, expanded and mutated unpredictably in a manner comparable to Moby Dick's evolution during the latter part of its composition.

"During this period, I've become Bill's part-time chauffeur, father confessor, tour guide, hiking buddy, literary confidant, and partner in crime."

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situations, but somehow that's usually what happens. In my own case, what's happened has been that I've done a lot of things, met a lot of people, and wound up in a lot of places and situations that I wouldn't normally have encountered. I've gone to strip joints and whorehouses, for example, slept in flophouses, donned a flak jacket, fired off rounds of the world's largest handgun, been to cockfights, and descended into dark, watery Chinese tunnels beneath Mexicali. I've lugged a view camera and tripod into the Anza-Borrego badlands, glided along the most polluted river in North America in a rickety boat. I've met homeless people, drug dealers, migrant workers, pimps, prostitutes, coyotes, sipped sake across the table from

become part of their lives. I also know the pitfalls of great expectations; there have been incidents where I discovered that the authors I admired on the page were not what I envisioned in real life.

Nevertheless, over the next year various plans were made for me to join Vollmann and McCaffery on these excursions into Imperial and beyond, all of which fell through for one reason or another conflicting schedules, illnesses, mix-ups on dates, inopportune delays, looming book deadlines.

I had hoped to hook up with him during his February 2004 trip to Indio, during the Festival of Dates.

"I'm not sure where we'll be; I have a lot of things to do and people to see," Vollmann says on the phone, "but let's try to meet

"I could write a chapter about every grain of sand in Imperial. Wouldn't that be something? Write 100 pages for every grain of sand, that grain's history, and everything it has seen."

a Yakuza member, and followed the trail of illegal aliens' empty water bottles and discarded clothing to the top of Mt. Signal in Mexico."

Of course, I, too, am eager to join Vollmann on his adventures, experience a bit of danger, hang out with questionable women, and foray into the unknown — all the things in his books that have made him a literary cult hero. I'm sure there are many who'd like to be in his company, who pester him about it like groupies to a rock star, so I'm hesitant to bother him. I know that writers need to be alone for their research and work. Jack Kerouac, Charles Bukowski, and Henry Miller (to name just three) were constantly hounded by fans who camped outside their homes thinking they could party with their idols and

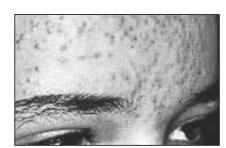
up somewhere. Have dinner. Why don't you give Terrie your information, and I have your number."

The day he's due to come in, Friday, I call Terrie and ask what the plans are. "This is what I know," she says as she packs her suitcase. "Bill called and said, 'Pick me up at the airport at 10:00 a.m.' From there, I have no idea."

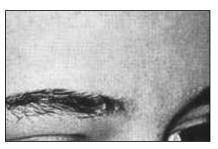
She doesn't know what hotel they'll be at, where and when they'll be out and about in Indio.

My girlfriend and I make plans to go to Borrego on Saturday and Indio on Sunday, but unforeseen events stop that.

On the phone, Bill says, "Monday and Tuesday won't work; we have to go down to Calexico. Terrie's bringing me into San Diego on Friday. Why don't you, McCaffery, and me head down to Tijuana and check



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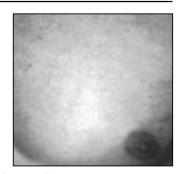
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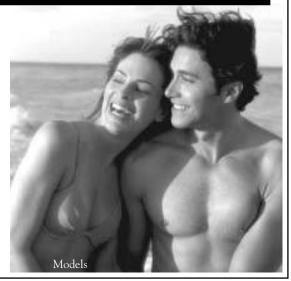
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out some strip clubs? That should help you with your article."

"McCaffery's never been down to Tijuana," I say.

"It's about time he goes," Vollmann says.

That doesn't work out either. Vollmann has to

meet someone in Mexicali he can only see Friday afternoon; he checks in late into the O.B. Motel. McCaffery and his wife Sinda also have a room there.

I settle for a gettogether in the morning.

"When's the first time you

visited San Diego?" I ask during breakfast at Shade's, an eatery along the beach. McCaffery, Sinda, Terrie and her boyfriend, and my girlfriend are with us, several small tables pushed together.

"I was three," Vollmann says. "My mother took me to the zoo. We came down from L.A., where we were living on Wilshire. My father was getting his graduate degree at UCLA."

"Now, you've been down to Tijuana before?"

He nods.

"He's seen the donkey show," McCaffery says. "Bill has a story set in San Diego that I published in *Fiction* for a Daydream Nation," McCaffery says. "It's also in The Atlas, right?"

"It is," I say. It's a surreal section (the narrator talks with a lizard) of a longer piece called "Houses" that starts off: Down in the golden grass near San Diego where houses and new houses

terrified me, families lived the California life, saying to one another: if you can't feel it, never mind it.

"It almost got cut, but I fought to keep it in," Vollmann says.

"Do you have any San Diego sections in Imperial?" McCaffery says.

"There are a couple parts."

"Hmm. Don't think I read them."

"When did you start Imperial?" I ask.

"Oh, around 1997."

"I thought you began it in 1999," but I know that his 780-page (1400+ pages in manuscript) novel, The Royal Family, has parts set

in Imperial and a place outside the Salton Sea called Slab City, inspired by his trips down here in 1996-97, so this makes sense. "When do you think it'll be finished?"

"Another two or three years," Vollmann says. He smiles. "Have to make sure the book is really big."

"Another seven-volume set," McCaffery laughs. "Or maybe just three."

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Bill stops a Shade's employee who is refilling water glasses and asks the young man where he's from. He's Hispanic, darkbrown skin, and smiles with confusion, like, Why does this man with thick glasses and a crew cut want to know? "Yucatán," he says.

"I've been there," Vollmann says, and talks a while with the employee about the region.

Breakfast arrives and

"I've been praising you to Bill, how great you are at karaoke, Mike," McCaffery says. "How your 'Copacabana' is legendary in Borrego."

"I haven't done that one in a while," I say. "Lately it's been 'Ring of Fire.' McCaffery does a good Elvis."

"I bet he does," says Vollmann.

McCaffery sings a verse from "Ring of Fire."

"We need to get you out there for karaoke," McCaffery tells Vollmann. "How does that sound? Doable?"

good, "Sounds McCaffery."

"You know, Mike has just published his 27th

"It's in the stores," I say, "but I don't have copies yet. There was a mixup at the publisher's warehouse."

"Which one of your books is your favorite?" Vollmann asks.

"That's hard to answer," I say. "The one I'm currently working on."

"Expelled from Eden, of course," McCaffery says.

"How long have you and your girlfriend been together?" Vollmann asks.

"Two and a half years."

"Oh. For some reason I thought you two had been together longer."

"Well, I knew her a year or two before -

"Before you knew her biblically," he says.

"It's apocryphal," McCaffery says. "Bill, she does book art objects, too."

"She does? I'd like to see them."

"Maybe you can go to their place after breakfast,"

McCaffery says.

"I'd like that."

"Are you going to the National Critics Book Circle ceremony in two weeks?" I ask Vollmann. (Rising Up and Rising Down has been nominated best nonfiction book of 2003.)

"No, I don't care about those things," he says. "I'll be in Japan then, anyway."

I don't believe him. Many writers can feign indifference about being nominated and not winning, but all are secretly pleased if they win — a

nod to the talent, the effort, and the work.

Vollmann suggested that Tara bring some of her book objects by his room and we could kick back until checkout time. Friends of his from Encinitas were coming by to pick him up. My girlfriend was reluctant to get her book objects, but we went back to the apartment and gathered

I pick up my samurai sword. "You think Bill would like to see this?"

My girlfriend shrugs. "Do you really want to bring it?"

"He likes weapons; I think he'll appreciate it."

Walking down Newport with the sword, people step out of my way and give me strange looks.

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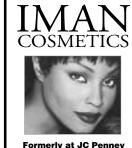


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It starts to sprinkle. "That storm's coming in," I say.

Vollmann is waiting in his room at the O.B. Motel.

It's getting windy and start-

ing to rain harder. He has

a view of the pier. There are surfers out in the water, and they look like seals.

He's in Room 206. This is the same room my girl-friend's parents stayed in when they visited for Christmas. I mention this, and

Vollmann says, "I hope I slept in the same bed as they did."

The room has two beds. "They slept in the other one," I say.

"I think they overcharged me. McCaffery and Sinda had a room just like this one and they paid \$69. They charged me \$110."

His Macintosh Titanium laptop sits on the bed stand, playing Japanese music. My girlfriend says it sounds nice. "Had to get my money's worth," Vollmann tells her.

He doesn't have e-mail and never logs onto the Internet. McCaffery has told me he doesn't trust the Net. I show him my samurai sword. "Got it at an antique store down the street." He doesn't seem very interested. I say, "Not sure if it's a real antique. It's not even sharpened."

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someone to death," he says.

My girlfriend shows him her book objects, and I sit in a chair. They talk about glues and the smell of glue. "Smells like postage stamps," he says. I mumble something about the apartment smelling like glue for days when she works on her art. They talk about binding and paper and printing methods. He seems genuinely interested in the books, and my girlfriend is acting timid, losing her voice. She sits on the floor, and Vollmann lies back on his bed, holding one of the pillows.

"So, Mike," he says, "what are you working on? Any new books?"

"There are always books and deadlines," I reply. "Some more for Blue Moon, a crime novel set here in San Diego, a western. My agent has my new novel out."

"So why do you need an agent? You do all these books for publishers; seems you do okay for yourself." He closes his eyes. "I didn't have an agent for years. Then I got one with *The Royal Family*; she turned it into a two-book deal. Why give 15 percent of your money to an agent?"

"I sometimes wonder about that. But I need him, he gets me past doors I can't; my stuff's read by the top brass rather than going up the ladder — not that it means much, that it gets me a sale. He knows everyone. He used to be an editor at St. Martin's Press, where he did all the pop culture and music books, discovered Douglas Coupland..."

"Mike has an antagonistic relationship with him," my girlfriend says.

"I do," I say. "He's a cranky old bastard, at least on the phone. In person, though, he'd give you the shirt off his back."

"That's why you have to meet them, get to know them," Vollmann says. "They have to be aggressive, and I guess you want that."

"I haven't been to New York since 9/11," I say, remembering how, on September 11, my agent was in L.A., couldn't get a flight back, so he and two other people rented a car, drove to Chicago; from Chicago he took the train into Manhattan, where he wrote me an e-mail: We think differently of the dead now.

"I'll be writing a book that's 50,000 words," Vollmann says. "It's about Copernicus. This is for Norton. They're doing science books by literary writers. They just did one by David Foster Wallace —"

"On infinity," I say.
"Yeah, I've heard about that
series." (It's called Great
Discoveries, from Norton's
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"So what are you going to Japan for? For a magazine?"

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We talk about classi-

cal Noh — the masks, the movements. "Some critics believe the masks are more important, others believe it's the music," Vollmann says. He explains how the performances are often different each time, even though the actors may have presented the same piece for years. "They'll work with musicians they never have before, and there's no rehearsal." He opens his eyes. "So, do you two have any travel plans soon?"

"Not really," my girlfriend says.

"We go to Borrego Springs a lot," I say. "Hang out with McCaffery. If he's not there, we find things to do."

"Do you like Borrego?" Vollmann asks my girlfriend. "Sure," she says.

"She likes the pools,"

"Pools are nice," she says. "I like the Salton Sea, too. Smells bad, but it's great out there."

"Maybe you could

swim in it. See what's on the bottom."

"Oh," she says, her voice cracking, and laughs.

"I've taken a boat trip on the Salton Sea, with this guy Ray, the only professional guide left."

From Imperial, in a chapter called "The Water of Life," this is how the guide is described:

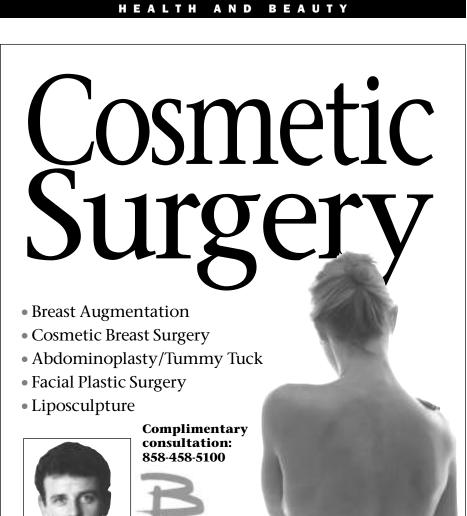
> Ray Garnett, yes, oh, yes, proprietor of Ray's Salton Sea Guide Service, was a duck hunter, but he preferred to take his birds in

Nebraska. He knew quite a few men who hunted the wetlands around the Salton Sea, and he used to do that himself, but about their prizes he remarked: I don't like 'em, 'cause they taste like the water smells.

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Why can't I write huge books like Bill Vollmann? Then again, he has problems with his publishers about such tomes: too expensive to produce. McCaffery and I have run into this obstacle with Expelled from Eden: A William B. Vollmann Reader — it has three announced publication dates; contract problems, life, and a jigsaw puzzle of a manuscript have caused delays. After three rounds of cuts — a once-300,000word manuscript has now become 165,000 words the book should be a 500-page trade paperback when it comes out as scheduled in the summer of 2004. We have a real cover and should go into production — galleys and blue lines — soon. How will Vollmann feel about the final product, as well his readers, fans, and scholars? My hope is that all the bright and risen angels will shine upon us and the calculus will be: we did the

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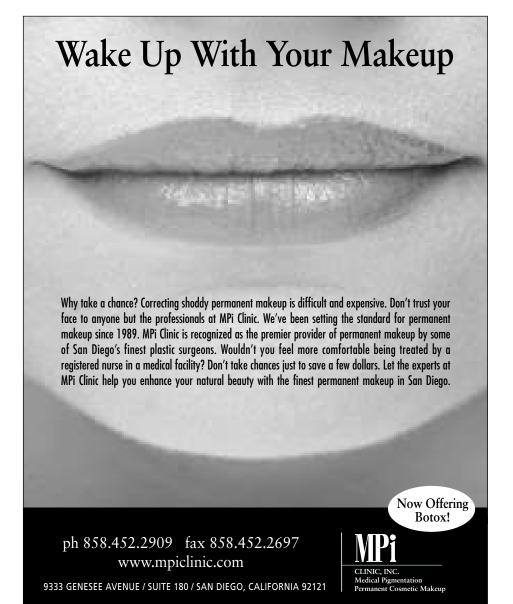
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business with foreign leaders of ill repute, and we accord suspected mass murderers full legal rights but hold suspected terrorists incommunicado. We advocate democracy, but Iraq and Haiti are just the latest iterations of the mixed messages we send our neighbors. It is little wonder, then, that we have attracted the attention of extremists both internal and external.

The bias and corruption at the local, business, and governmental levels is ample proof that we need not cast stones at others. We have such great potential but seem to waste it on fruitless efforts both here and abroad. We must lead by example, and that does not mean ramming American standards down world throats. Nor does it entail exploiting the masses. Being the 900pound gorilla has responsibilities as well as benefits. If America is to regain the respect of all whom we deal

with, we need to be ethical, respectful, and impartial. As individuals, I'm sure we all expect no less from others.

> Tom Lucas via e-mail

Passion Laugh

I laughed all the way through Duncan Shepherd's review (March 4) of Mel Gibson's film, The Passion of the Christ. I will refer friends to this review as an explanation of why I'm not joining the stampede to see this film. Gratuitous, unrelenting violence in movies — whether it's centurions beating up Christ or Sam Peckinpah's Straw Dogs — is not what I want to look at up on the big screen. Shepherd's irony and sense of film history really showed to advantage throughout this review. It's wonderful to read the work of an honest and truly independent film critic.

A film about the life of Jesus that I own on video and have enjoyed viewing each year during the Christmas and Easter season first aired in 1999 as a TV miniseries. Jesus, starring Jeremy

Sisto as Jesus, Jacqueline Bisset as His mother, Debra Messing as Mary Magdalene, and Gary Oldman as Pontius Pilate, focuses on Christ's life and message, the miracles He performed during His life, and the final miracle of His resurrection. The double-video set is worth it just to see the scene where Lazarus comes forth from his grave-cave on the fourth day after his death. The message of Jesus is, after all, not how He died but how He lived, how He still lives.

Thank you, Duncan. Linda Brown **Encinitas**

Nasty Men

In all the brilliant sentences of good man Duncan's review of The Passion of the Christ (March 4), he only loudly said one thing: this is a moral movie about true love, and I'm not qualified to review it. There is a big controversy about who killed Jesus: Romans or Jews. Males did! There is not one woman in this epic movie who let Jesus down, and until men stop joining the military and

raping and killing, until we reduce our military budget by half for starts, we must see prolonged violence.

Niel Voigt Chaplain to Native Americans

Mama Crash

"We landed upside down, and everybody was hanging from their seat belts except me," describes Leslie Parker, amazed that her SUV turned turtle, spinning its wheels towards the sky ("Driven," March 4). "On the way home, in a Taurus rental car, my kids said, 'We should get a car like this, not any SUV that's going to roll over.' But I decided, if you have to roll, you'd want to do it in a Pathfinder. After all, we're alive. So I bought another one. It's even nicer." My, what a lucid mind this mother possesses. Sounds like she's going to learn her lesson the hard way. I hope her clan buckles up tight.

> Janet Podney Pacific Beach

WASP Bigotry

I wish Naomi Wise had not responded to the vicious at-

tack by J. Schroeder in the letters of March 4 Reader. She doesn't need to apologize or excuse herself. Either Ms. Schroeder is a stuck-up clueless snob who thinks expensive equals good, or else her favorite overpriced/ overrated restaurant got criticized and she lashed

Note that Naomi is a gentle critic, not bitter, compared to some virulent critics such as Michael Bauer in the Bay Area. I have followed Naomi's column in three cities (Los Angeles, San Francisco, and now San Diego) and enjoy her down-to-earth, accessible, learned, honest, and fair-minded critiques. And contrary to Ms. Schroeder's comment, she has favorably reviewed upscale restaurants.

Naomi is a world traveler and a cook herself and obviously has the professional respect of the many newspapers she has written for, so I would trust her advanced, adventuresome palate over Ms. Schroeder, who is under the illusion that San Diego is a firstclass food city — a city known only for fish tacos!, foodwise. I have lived in San Francisco — a nationally known food mecca - and San Diego is no SF! I mean, when an employee at the downtown tourist office actually brags about the fact that San Diego could not or would not — support a Wolfgang Puck restaurant, that's telling.

And just what is "ethnic food"? Is Italian "ethnic"? Irish? French provincial? All food is ethnic! Apparently, Ms. Schroeder has a personal problem with spicy food, so with her delicate nonsmoking taste buds, she should stick to the bland, boiled, boring English or German food and leave the sophisticated worldly food to the rest of us; we appreciate a food critic who doesn't only go to the \$100-a-plate emporiums that all have the same menu items fixed the same way but also goes to the reasonably priced, the different, and the neighborhood eatery.

As for Ms. Schroeder's ranting about Ms. Wise's

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smoking, how do you know other critics don't smoke? If smoking kills the taste buds, how is it that the best wines, and arguably the most sophisticated cuisine, is made by people who chain smoke the nastiest cigarettes in the world — the French?

Ms. Schroeder's elitist attitude, and her put-down of "ethnic" cuisine, hints at WASP bigotry and is insulting to both the people who create the "spicy ethnic cuisine" and those who eat it. Shame on you!!

> Gregory Sendelbach Downtown

You Are Guilty

Dear Name Withheld, Obviously you are anonymous because you are guilty of being the legal lynch mob you accuse the Sierra Club of being (Letters, March 4). We are trying to protect the land from development and destruction, we were supported by the AFL-CIO and many others, and you have succeeded, probably by hacking the polluter-owned voting machines, in ensuring the destruction of our

environment, our lives, and our children. You'd better hide your name.

Valerie Sanfilippo **SEIU** Sierra Club **SAVE Democracy** via e-mail

Be A Skeptic

Thomas Mitties's January 29 letter addresses unknown truths of the local "policia" (French! for standing army, and constitutionally prohibited) to whom he owed a broken pelvis. He said, "I can tell you I'd just as soon start packing my own weapon [as the Founders intended] and get rid of the police [licensed corporate municipal thugs] entirely. In my life, the police are more trouble than the [unlicensed private-sector] crooks. Let's just dump these young [taxconsuming] fascists entirely." (Bracketed insertions mine.)

William Blackstone, foremost authority on British common law, said that the ultimate of all unalienable rights is the right to selfdefense.

The Founders envisioned a country sheriff with amply armed citizens sworn and deputized as needed, and not a federally funded "policia" with SWAT teams conditioning you for a D.C.centered military police state dictatorship of legal plunder, injury, loss of life, forfeiture of personal property, after your disarmament and elimination of those irrefutable "probable cause" and "due process" provisions.

Welcome to Herr Bush and comrade Ashcroft's Patriot Acts I and II — destroyers of the Bill of Rights.

Chief Justice John Marshall in People v. Godrey (New York, 1819) and New York v. Mihh (1837) said the federal government, under the U.S. Constitution, was specifically restrained in any state from exercising any police power not so enumerated. Meaning a federal agent requires permission from Sheriff Kolender to interview a local citizen. In 1934, U.S. AG George Keenan testified before Congress

that the federal government retained no police powers.

The Seventh U.S. Court of Appeals (1982) said in *Brewer v. Devito*, "...there is no constitutional right to be protected by the state against being murdered by criminals and madmen [that's your responsibility] — the Constitution — does not require the federal government or the state to provide services even so elementary as maintaining law and order."

How many innocents sent to prison and death row by the fraternal order of amalgamated liars cops, D.A.s, and judges in the last few years have been set free? Many.

As a juror on a criminal case, be a skeptic, exercise your own conscience, not the judge's instructions (jury tampering). Our system makes unquestionable and immune the juror and his vote, and the only way we protect each other from unjust prosecutions.

> Tim Harvey Escondido

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Please don't get me wrong. I grew up in San Diego and I love having all the info you provide weekly. It would also be beneficial to enjoy the same for North County as well. At times there are a few things for Del Mar and Encinitas, but I am speaking of from Oceanside to Escondido. Everything is very limited for your northern avid

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Yankee Footy

Australian Rules Football

hey aren't all guys with mashed noses, the Aussies who play this sport as amateurs on weekends will tell you. Australian Rules Football players are different from those crazy, brutish rugby players.

"Rugby is all tackling, whereas in Aussie Rules, if you're fast enough and dispose of the ball correctly when you get it, you're not going to get hit at all."

So says 36-year-old Wayne Calliss of University Towne Centre, one of the acknowledged forces behind footy (as the game is called) in San Diego.

It's the lousy players who get hit, then?

"If you're going to hang on to the ball, yes," says Calliss, who came here from Adelaide, capital of South Australia, bringing his home country's sport with him seven years ago. "But they're not

LOCAL EVENTS really 'hit,'
anyway. It's not
like a rugby hit.
You can't
charge a player.
That's one of

the unwritten rules."

Bill Dusting, an Aussie who cofounded San Diego's first footy team in 1998, says that ESPN showed television audiences "hit after hit after hit" when they aired the sport at all. "That's what attracted people." It was a time when Aussie Rules was as bad as rugby. "And they just highlighted that aspect."

The network doesn't show the sport at all anymore, and one has to wonder if it's because footy has evolved into a game built upon avoiding being tackled.

"Now the worst hits are usually performed by Americans who put their heads down, American-football style, and ram," says Dusting, a 43-year-old mail carrier. The better way to tackle is "to strip your opponent of the ball rather than having a good old-fashioned punch-up, like in the old days."

Calliss agrees with Dusting, adding, "The Americans are very physical with the ball. And they're very physical with other players a lot of the time. So they tend to get a lot of penalties called against them."

One thing Americans also tend to do is throw the ball. Only it's not allowed. Instead, a player must "hand pass" it, a move similar to an underhanded volleyball serve. "But the pressure's on, and if you're getting tackled, you want to get rid of that ball," says Calliss. "The game is a little bit of hot potato like that."

Why do these guys love the sport? For one thing, unlike those who play















rugby or American football, all footy players on the field have a nearly equal chance to pass, catch, kick, and tackle. Another thing is, play is continuous. The clock isn't regularly stopped so that everybody can get all lined up again.

In the early years of footy in San Diego, Dusting and Calliss had trouble getting recruits. What didn't people like about it? It's a new game with a new ball. The guys were inevitably awkward, even ones who had played American sports all their lives; those who got frustrated easily didn't come back.

This weekend, the San Diego Cougars — part of the San Diego Lions team, which is made up of Australians and Americans with a few Irishmen thrown into the mix — will play the Mojave Greens of Fort Irwin, California, in Anaheim.

The Greens derived their name from the venomous Mojave green rattlesnake. They are "green" in another way, too. The team was founded only last June by David Payne, a U.S. Army lieutenant stationed at the base out there. Payne says it's a team of U.S. Army soldiers. ("No Aussies at all, ma'am.")

Payne, who is 36, learned the game from Aussies in college at the University of Tampa. "Hardly anyone else at Fort Irwin knew about footy," he says. "We started with four guys. We currently have 36 people, including one woman." She doesn't actually compete. "But she goes through the drills."

Payne doesn't play, either. He's the coach. He hasn't played since last season, when he suffered a concussion while competing on an L.A. team. "I tried to tackle a guy," he says. "It was stupid," he admits.

A 20-year-old Irvine native, Kerry Bonas, will play for the Greens on Saturday. Bonas embodies another reason why some American athletes are frustrated by footy. "It favors the quick and the agile," says Bonas, who is "on the smaller side" at 5′5″ and 145 pounds, and played volleyball and wrestled in high school. "I wouldn't have done too well on the football field."

Bonas isn't even the smallest of the Greens. "The guy on our team who makes the most goals is the same height as I am and 20 pounds lighter."

Still, a team without any Australians is at a big disadvantage. "This sport to them, when they were growing up, is like what Little League is to us," says Bonas. "Or what the basketball camps are." He describes the level of footy play the Greens have achieved so far as "the equivalent of playing catch."

— Jeanne Schinto

Australian Rules Football practice Thursday, March 11 (and every Thursday through early August) 6:00–7:30 p.m. North Clairemont Community Park 4421 Bannock Street, Clairemont Spectators free; potential players consult www.sandiegolions.com or call 858-558-2239, 858-829-9596

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BAJA

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Concert by Alberto Cortez, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Explore Baja Culture during tour of Tijuana and Ensenada, with lunch at Puerto Nuevo, hosted by San Diego Historical Society on Tuesday, March 16. Stops

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"Baja California: Archaeology in Mexico," expo continues through March at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Anza-Borrego Desert flowers best this month, with peak blooms expected early in the month in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. The welcome, if spotty rain of recent weeks may or

may not produce a noteworthy bloom this year.

Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you'll find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you'll spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Starting in midmonth, several varieties of cactus should explode into bloom. For the latest update on this season's bloom, call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's special hotline, 760-767-4684, for a recorded message.

Highest Tides this month include a +6.0-foot tide at 7:27 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, and a +5.9-foot tide at 8:09 a.m. on Friday, March 19. The two lowest tides of the month are a -1.2-foot tide at 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, and a -1.1-foot tide at 2:09 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. The timing of the low-tide events is nearly ideal for making tidepool discoveries along San Diego's rocky sections of coastline.

The Planet Venus continues its tenure as a brilliant white "evening star," visible in the western sky during twilight and the ensuing hour or two of evening darkness. Venus in its current configuration is so bright that it is commonly mistaken for being a UFO. Elsewhere in the early evening sky, it is possible to spot Saturn, high in the west, and Jupiter, low in the east. All three planets lie along a more or

less straight path that defines the zodiac, or plane of the solar system.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including March 13. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. 619-338-9888.

A Volksmarch is defined as "a noncompetitive walk along a premarked route." San Diego County Rockhoppers host 10k/5k walk volksmarch on Palomar Mountain, Saturday, March 13. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon at Palomar Mountain State Park entrance (State Park Road, off Highway S-7). Finish no later than 3 p.m. Free. Volksport patch and credit: \$7. 760-746-0897. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Located in Granitic Batholithic Peninsular Mountain Range between Mount Woodson and Ramona, Dos Picos County Park is site for hike led by Canyoneers, Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. to noon. Live oak trees, chaparral, nature trail to freshwater pond. Find park at 17953 Dos Picos Park Road. Free. 619-255-0203. (RAMONA)

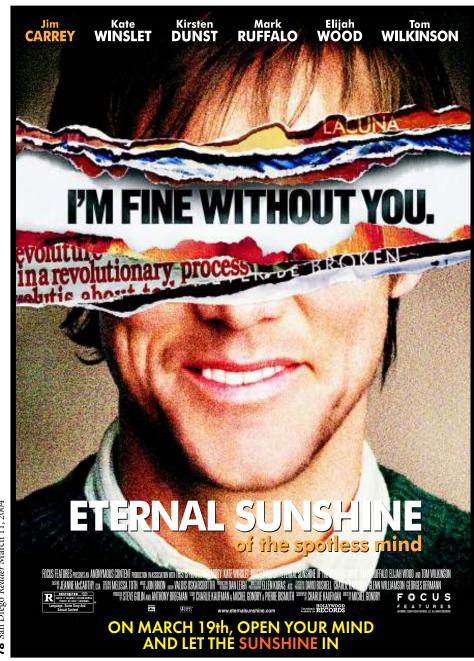
Rediscover Old Escondido East during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m., starting at southeast corner

of Broadway and Grand Avenue.

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ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Sky Hunters, Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to Felicita Park, Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. Park is located at 742 Clarence Lane. 760-745-4379. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

Star Party, Mike Dietz and San Diego Astronomy Association provide slide-illustrated lecture and "all-night viewing of the heavens with telescopes," Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m., Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 858-565-3600. (LAKESIDE)

Monkeyflowers and Sunflowers

are now 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 13, 14, 17. Outings begin at 9:30 a.m. at vis-



Dave Distel signs The Sweater Letter at Waldenbooks, March 13 and 14 (see In Person)

itors' center, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-553-6275. (MISSION GORGE)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, March 13, beginning at visitors' center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Go Inside the Sikes Adobe, where restoration is now complete,

on Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. to noon, in San Dieguito River Park. Hikers will also walk to Mule Hill battlefield, learn about old town of Bernardo. Easy, 2.5-miles. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, March 13 and 14. Saturday: 8 a.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Identify Tracks of San Diego wildlife when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning tracking walk, Saturday, March 13, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-513-0359. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Do Some Trail Trimming during volunteer work party, Sunday, March 14, 8 a.m. to noon, in San Dieguito River Park. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Pill Hill in SD? Take a scenic walk through Pill Hill, learn history of mansions above canyons west of Balboa Park, learn about architecture of Requa and the Gills with Walkabout explorers, Tuesday, March 16. Casual walk starts at Sixth Avenue and Spruce Street at 1 p.m. Free. 619-231-7463. (BALBOA PARK)

Know Your Neotropicals, Barbara Moore leads birding skills workshop with "eyes-on tips" for birders, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). \$20. Bring bag lunch. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

DANCE

"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 April 4 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue).

One-act "Funk for Kids" offered Saturdays at 2 p.m. Show-times: 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20, \$25; pay what you can on Wednesdays. 619-234-3286.

Contradance, Old Twine String Band makes the music, Steve Barlow calls for contradancing, Friday, March 12, 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)

Vintage Ballroom Dance, with teaching and open dance requests, offered Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 at Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners welcome. Beginner-friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

GETAWAYS











Adult "Afrobix" Dance Class with Kiki and friends, Saturdays, including March 13, 2 p.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). \$12. 619-269-4009 or 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Certified Scottish Country Dance Instructor Mariorie McLaughlin leads dance workshop on Saturday, March 13, 3:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (off Presidents Way, next to Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Free. Dinner and dance

(by reservation) follow, 5:30 p.m. \$8. 619-294-4081. (BALBOA PARK)

Experience Flamenco during dance classes meeting Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m., at Stage 7 School of Dance, 3980 30th Street. Focus on basic footwork, arms, posture, rhythm. \$15. 619-239-5519. (NORTH PARK)

Cuban-Style Salsa/Casino Dance Classes, Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Her Fitness and Day Spa (8650 Genesee Avenue, suite 206). Beginning and experienced students welcome. No partners necessary. \$10 or \$15 per class. 619-665-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Bellydance Showcase, dancers Meleah, Angell, Judeah, Manisha

Pinocchio by ventriloquist Lynn Trimble at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater, through March 14 (see For Kids)

entertain to live music by Middle-Earth, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$5, 619-688 9845. (NORTH PARK)

Paul Taylor Dance Company, one of America's best-known modern dance troupes, performs new and classic works Saturday, April 10, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$39-\$49, 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

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-

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

The 13th Letter and Ride the Pink Horse may be seen Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12, at Museum of Photographic Arts. See The Lineup and Point Blank on Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19. Tickets: \$7. Showtimes: 619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

Bringing Out the Dead, starring Nicholas Cage, screens Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue), reflecting themes of the Gospel reading for next day at services. Discussion of insights and implications of film and Gospel themes follows. 619-298-7261. Free. (MIDTOWN)

Breezy Fluff Français, see Daniele Thompson's 2003 film Jet Lag, starring Juliette Binoche, Jean

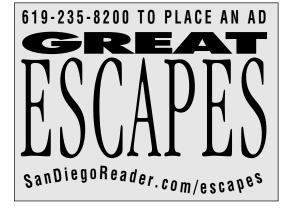




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Reno when it's shown for Sunday Matinee, March 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles.

The New Americans, a documentary following newcomers from five areas of world from their countries of origin through their first years in the U.S., screens Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary Film The Great Year, narrated by James Earl Jones, explores "the possibility that the rise and fall of civilization may be connected to the motion of our sun around a binary companion star." Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.,

in UCSD's Price Center Theater. Free. 949-399-5350. (LA JOLLA)

Zus and Zo, a film from the Netherlands made in 2001, screens for World Cinemas Series at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street), Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at door. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Art of Music. series continues with The Art of Singing (1996), Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Gotcha! Carlsbad Library film series continues with K-Pax (2001) starring Kevin Spacey, Wednesday, March 17, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

An Irish Film on St. Patrick screens for genealogy class hosted by Mary Russell, Wednesday, March 17, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-584-7668. (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)

Baseball Movie Marathon, Ten hours of classic baseball films screen Saturday, March 20, starting at 3 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Roster includes Little Big League, Bull Durham, Field of Dreams, For the Love of the Game, Major League, as well as related shorts and cartoons. Tickets: \$6 per film, or \$20 for all innings. 619-238-7559. (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 Station (2002) and Everest (1998) through Sunday, March 14; Yellowstone and Journey Into Amazing Caves are on tap March 17-21. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Certified Doula Jewel Hernandez focuses on childbirth options and resources during lecture, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op (4765 Voltaire Street). Free. Reservations: 619-269-8485. (OCEAN BEACH)

"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)

"Frozen Passage to Zanzibar," David Anderson presents slide-illustrated lecture on his winter adventures, Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

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



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Calendar Local Events

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)

"Every Which Way to Get Published (Even If You Can't Write a Single Word!)" is topic when Mahesh Grossman leads workshop on Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

"Cosquer: A Painted Cave Beneath the Sea" is topic when Jean Clottes speaks for Archaeological Institute of America, Friday, March 12, 7:15 p.m., at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Book signing follows. Free. 619-887-6400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Spiritual Astrology" is the subject when Katherine Torres delivers lecture for San Diego Astrological Society, Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Fee: \$12 for nonmembers (\$6 for first-time visitors). 619-465-2470.

"Japanese Woodblock Prints" discussed by Tuscan College art history professor Laurie Petrie Rogers for docent guest lecture series at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, March 12, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)



San Diego Latino Film Festival at Madstone Theaters Hazard Center, March 11–21 (see Film)

"Passion to Paper: Creative Writing Workshop" led by Jill Badonsky, Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Grove at Juniper and 30th (3010 Juniper).

Badonsky — a self-described author, humorist, and creativity coach — leads "Intoxicated Writing: Creative Writing Workshop," Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). \$12. Registration: 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

Mixed-Media Collage demonstrated by artist Elaine Harvey when Clairemont Art Guild meets, Saturday, March 13, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"Architect Edla Muir" is subject when Kennith Chriss speaks for Marston House lecture series Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m., in Thornton Theatre at San Diego Historical Society Museum. \$15. 619-298-3142. (BALBOA PARK)

"In a World Where Butchers Sing Like Angels," these paintings by Lynn Schuette were inspired by California wildfires and Mideastern strife; they're on exhibit through March 27 at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Schuette presents talk on Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m. Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at REI. Bring your bike for practice; tools and bike stands provided. Members, \$60; nonmembers \$75. REI, 5556 Copley Drive. Registration:858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

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)

"Time Travel with the Recorder from Medieval to Modern," spring workshop hosted by San Diego County Recorder Society, Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Evangelical Bible Church (8742 Lemon Avenue). Faculty: David Barnett, Frances Feldon. Features music by Mouton, Josquin, Moulu, Pete Rose, Benjamin Thorn. \$35 fee includes lunch. Space availability: 760-726-8699.

Watercolor Painting Classes led by Wendell G. Montague on Saturdays, March 13 and 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Comfort Inn (8000 Parkway Drive). \$75. 619-749-1924. (LA MESA)

"The Beauty of Old: Collage Art Workshop and Discussion" by artist Helen Redman, Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m., at Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op (4765 Voltaire Street). Bring something "weathered, furrowed, faded, or ancestral for simple collage work." Free. Reservations: 619-226-4644. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Roses and Azaleas in a Xeriscape Garden?" Get the scoop during tour and lecture by Pamela Homfelt, Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)



"North County Printmakers," MiraCosta's Kruglak Gallery through April 8 (see Art)

"Vernal Pools" are showcased when field biologist Rick Halsey speaks for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Inca Mummies" are the topic when archaeologist Guillermo Cock Carrasco discusses his National Geographic-sponsored excavations in Peru. Lecture at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

Post Impressionism is discussed by Linda M. Blair during series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Take a look at Vincent Van Gogh, Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

First-Time Homebuyers invited to seminar on down payment assistance programs offered by AC-CION San Diego and Community Housing Works, Tuesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m., in seminar room at World Trade Center (1250 Sixth Avenue). Free. Requested reservations: 619-685-1380. (DOWNTOWN)

The Impact of Zoning on Neighborhoods addressed during panel discussion Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Panelists: Richard Louv, Mark Trembley, Nancy Bragado, Roger W. Caves. Free. 619-236-5800. In conjunction with "Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image" exhibition. (DOWNTOWN)

"Pest Management in Orchids," it's the topic when Dave Pattison of Western Farm Service speaks for San Diego County Cymbidium Society, Wednesday, March 17, p.m., at Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Free. 760-451-1472. (CARLSBAD)

SD's Native Plant Landscapes discussed by landscape architect Kay Stewart in conjunction with "Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image" exhibition. Talk starts at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Intro to GPS" offered Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

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San Diego Independent Scholars gather on Wednesday, March 17. Hornaday will focus on the mighty river from west of Iquitos, Peru, to its mouth in Brazil. Program begins in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD at 7:30 p.m. 858-459-1940. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Catholic Church in Crisis" - discuss at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 Univer-Avenue), Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m. Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Oceanside Historian Kristi Hawthorne chronicles people and events that shaped the library and city during vintage-slide illustrated lecture, Wednesday, March 17, 2 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

"Oh, My Aching...!" Speaker, coach, bodyworker Trina Dunbar talks about reducing eyestrain and how to configure safe, ergonomic, pain-free workplaces when SD/PEN meets, Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (CLAIREMONT)

"Mad Cow USA: Stop the Madness!" Michael Greger, M.D., discusses public health implications here and abroad during event on Wednesday, March 17, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Women's Club (2160 Bacon Street). Sponsored by Last Chance for Animals, Compassion for Farm Animals, All Vegan. \$3 admission, "free to meat eaters," optional dinner from Eatopia Express, \$10. 619-583-9522. (OCEAN BEACH)

Genealogical Research for beginners... Classes offered by Audrey Potterton on Wednesdays, March 17 and 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. Required reservations: 619-584-7668. (MISSION VALLEY)

Similarities between Making Artwork and Playing Golf explored when artist Vernon Fisher speaks on Thursday, March 18, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Artists from Don Carlo participate in Artists' Round Table - an informal question-and-answer session - hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, March 18, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"Dogs and Babies: Play It Safe," Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, March 18, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Help prepare your canine pal for new baby's arrival. \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012

"Back from Baghdad" presented by Quaker activist Mary Burton Risely, Thursday, March 18, 10 a.m., in Commons 206 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Risely spent one month in Baghdad. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"A Tour of the History of Free Will" led by Jack Crumley when the USD philosophy professor speaks Thursday, March 18, 10 a.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University

of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations:

619-260-4815, (LINDA VISTA)

6:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Insti-

tute (10640 John Jav Hopkins

Drive). \$35. Suggested reserva-

tions: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

The San Diego Home Gar-**Booker Prize-Winning Author** Margaret Atwood discusses her latest novel, Oryx and Crake, with novelist Sanjay Nigam, M.D., for Revelle Forum, Thursday, April 1,

dening 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.

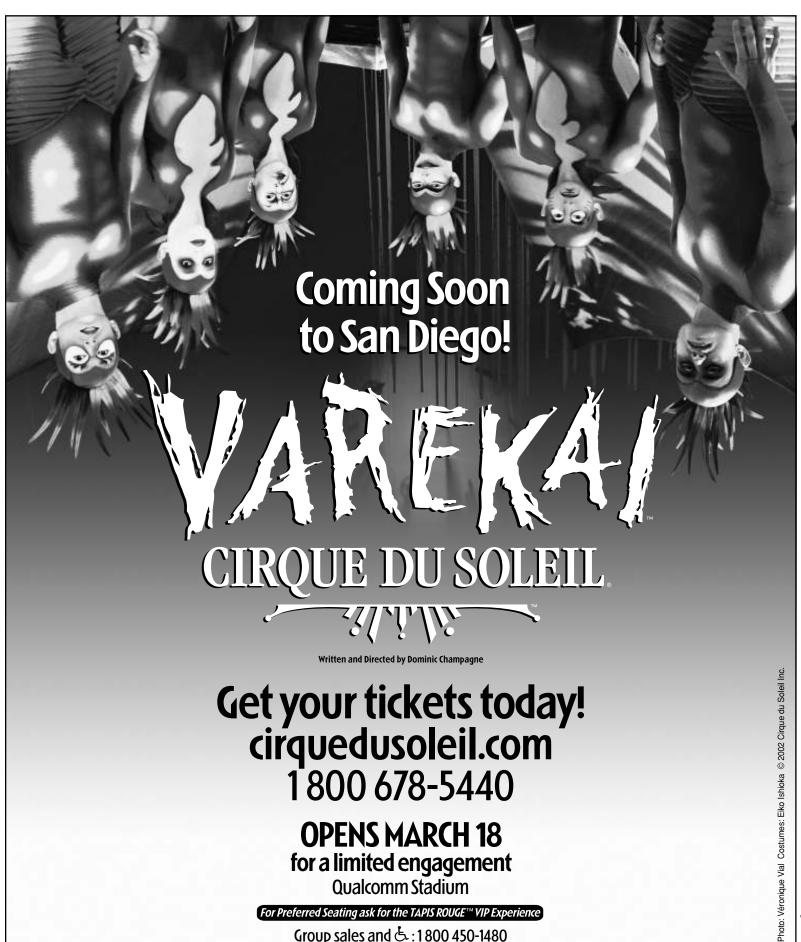
"New Salvias from South Africa: Compelling and Irresistible" provide the topic when salvia expert and author Betsy Clebsch (A Book of Salvias, The New Book of Salvias) speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, April 12, 6:30 p.m., at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$18. Reservations by April 9; 858-509-0170. 858-756-2579. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

"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.

Concert on March 11 at 6 p.m. at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jav Hopkins Drive), \$6 general, free for students through 12th grade. 619-233-6873 (LA JOLLA)

"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-



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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.

"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)

"Openly Lesbian Comic" Sabrina Matthews performs at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$18. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Poet and UCSD Professor Rae Armantrout reads from her new book of poetry, *Up to Speed*, Friday, March 12, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Poets from the "R Spot Barber and Books" plan spoken-word performance, Friday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., at Miramar College (10440 Black Mountain Road). Poets of all ages may participate in following open-mike session; no illicit themes or profanity allowed. 619-388-7418. (MIRAMAR)

"An Evening of Theatre" planned for Schantz Organ and Music Concert Series at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena) on March 12 and 14. Selections from musicals including *Two by Two, Oliver, Bright Eyes, Cry the Beloved*

DOMESTIC MYSTICISM

In thrice 10,000 seasons, I will come back to this world In a white cotton dress. Kingdom of After My Own Heart. Kingdom of Fragile. Kingdom of Dwarves. When I come home, Teacups will quiver in their Dresden saucers, pentatonic chimes Will move in wind. A covey of alley cats will swarm on the side Porch & perch there, portents with quickened heartbeats You will feel against your ankles as you pass through.

After the first millennium, we were supposed to die out. You had your face pressed up against the coarse dyed velvet Of the curtain, always looking out for your own transmigration: What colors you would wear, what cut of jewel, What kind of pageantry, if your legs would be tied Down, if there would be wandering tribes of minstrels Following with woodwinds in your wake.

This work of mine, the kind of work which takes no arms to do, Is least noble of all. It's peopled by Wizards, the Forlorn, The Awkward, the Blinkers, the Spoon-Fingered, Agnostic Lispers, Stutterers of Prayer, the Flatulent, the Closet Weepers, The Charlatans. I am one of those. In January, the month the owls Nest in, I am a witness & a small thing altogether. The Kingdom Of Ingratitude. Kingdom of Lies. Kingdom of How Dare I.

I go on dropping words like little pink fish eggs, unawares, slightly Illiterate, often on the mark. Waiting for the clear whoosh Of fluid to descend & cover them. A train like a silver Russian love pill for the sick at heart passes by My bedroom window in the night at the speed of mirage. In the next millenium, I will be middle aged. I do not do well In the marrow of things. Kingdom of Trick. Kingdom of Drug.

In a lung-shaped suburb of Virginia, my sister will be childless Inside the ice storm, forcing the narcissus. We will send Each other valentines. The radio blowing out Vaughan Williams on the highway's purple moor. At nine o'clock, we will put away our sewing to speak Of lofty things while, in the pantry, little plants will nudge Their frail tips toward the light we made last century.

When I come home, the dwarves will be long In their shadows & promiscuous. The alley cats will sneak Inside, curl about the legs of furniture, close the skins Inside their eyelids, sleep. Orchids will be intercrossed & sturdy. The sun will go down as I sit, thin armed, small breasted In my cotton dress, poked with eyelet stitches, a little lace, In the queer light left when a room snuffs out.

I draw a bath, enter the water as a god enters water: Fertile, knowing, kind, surrounded by glass objects Which could break easily if mishandled or ill-touched. Everyone knows an unworshipped woman will betray you.



There is always that promise, I like that.
Kingdom of Kinesis.
Kingdom of Benevolent. I will betray as
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With tenderheartedness. I've got this
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Tibetan Bowl Sound Healing Concert presented by sound healer Diane Mandle, Friday, March 12, 7 p.m., at Aikido School (388 Enterprise Street, suite 106). \$25. 760-471-0424. (SAN MARCOS)

Comedy Hypnotist Scott Lewis performs many of his signature pieces in concert, Friday, March 12, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

The Duo-Tones perform in concert hosted by AcousticMusic-SanDiego.com on Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., at Normal

Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

The Comic Stand, described as "new standup comedy showhappening," features Stella Valente, Lorenzo Dylan, Gayla Johnson on Saturday, March 13, 10:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

True-Crime Author Dave Distel signs *The Sweater Letter* on Saturday, March 13, noon, at Waldenbooks Fashion Valley (7007 Friars Road; 619-296-2537). Busy on Saturday? He'll also sign books Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m., at Waldenbooks in North County Fair (200 East Via

Rancho Parkway; 760-746-4859). Free. (MISSION VALLEY, ESCONDIDO)

Southern California Mystery Author Joanne Fluke signs her *Fudge Cupcake Murder*, Saturday, March 13, 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Geese in the Bog presents St. Patrick's Day concert of Celtic music, Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m., at Fallbrook Church of Religious Science (400 East College Street). Tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 for those 17 and younger. 760-723-8291. (FALLBROOK)

Audience Interactive performance by Late Bloomers Comedy

Improv Troupe, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

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)

North County Funnies with comics Jeff Burghart, Paul Stoecklein, MC Kurt Swann, Pearl Street Players, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

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)

Clean Comedy Night 2 — starring Thor Ramsey, Yano, MC/comedian Steve Verret, Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., at Lemon Grove Christian Church (6970 San Miguel Avenue). Tickets: \$10. Suitable for those six and older. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

And the Winners Are...San Diego Writers' Cooperative's fifth awards ceremony and reading for winners of annual writing contest is Saturday, March 13, 2:30 p.m., at Book Garden (4496 Park Boulevard, at Monroe). Free. 619-260-1917. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Meet "Ask Aunt Fannie," spoof columnist for Old California Gazette when author and columnist Elizabeth Cox signs copies of her Southern California Miscellany, Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

A Wide Variety of Bluegrass Music may be heard, along with religious and gospel tunes, when Full Deck performs Sunday, March 14, 7 p.m., for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

"Sunday Night at Lamb's," concert series gets underway with Celtic music, song, and story by Irish musicians Jeff Johnson and Brian Dunning, March 14, 7 p.m., at Lamb's Players Theatre, 1142 Orange Avenue. \$32. 619-437-0600. (CORONADO)

"The Show," featuring spokenword poet "Mister Jones" and his saxophone, flute, and conga skills, Sunday, March 14, 6 p.m., at Community Actors Theatre (2957 54th Street). \$15. 619-978-2000. (LEMON GROVE)

Jazz Chamber Ensemble, under direction of Kamau Kenyatta, performs Sunday, March 14, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrating Jewish Music Festival gets underway with performance by Klezmer Madness with clarinetist David Krakauer and hip-hop artist Socalled, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$18.858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

Klezmer Ensemble with musicians Robert Zelickman (clarinet), Deborah Davis (vocals), George Svoboda (guitar), Bertram Turetzky (contrabass), Bob Waller (percussion) performs Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., for ongoing Chamber Concert Series at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069, (CHULA VISTA)

A Gender-Bending Performance is planned by actor/actress Dred (short for Mildred) Gerestant, Monday, March 15, 11:30 a.m., in arts building lecture hall (room 240) at CSU San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

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Beer tasting and discussion of beer history, Thursday, March 18, 4 p.m. Free. 858-455-9188. (LA JOLLA)

Broadway Hits, Patriotic Numbers, Sacred Songs — hear it all when U.S. Naval Academy Women's Glee Club performs Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Fifty-member Girl Scouts Showtime Chorus performs two numbers. \$10. Reservations: 619-610-0735. (LA JOLLA)

Newport Jazz Festival — showcasing jazz greats Terence Blanchard, Cedar Walton, Lew Tabackin — may be seen Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). \$27. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Author Claire Accomando (*Love and Rutabaga*) speaks for meeting of San Diego Writers/Editors Guild, Monday, March 15, 7 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$5. 619-291-2336. (HILLCREST)

Mystery Author Lawrence Block visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign *The Burglar on the Prowl*, Tuesday, March 16, 1 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

UCSD Professor Emeritus and Japan Policy Research Institute president Chalmers Johnson discusses his latest book, *The Sorrows of Empire*, Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Free. 760-752-7640. (ENCINITAS)

Serving Up a Mouth-Watering Travelogue, Terry Ruscin will sign and discuss *A Taste for Travel: A Trilogy of Gastronomic Adventures,* Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Local Author Alan Russell signs Political Suicide: A Novel, Tuesday, March 16,7 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington Street). Free, 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

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 Underworld of Comedy" when Robert Lariviere, Joe Charles, Matt Agosta, Brandon Shaw, Shaun Nuttall, Paul J. Kelly, Dane Henderson perform Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Comedy Store (858-454-9176). Cover: \$5 (two-drink minimum). For those 21 and older. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

Australian Fantasy Author Garth Nix signs *The Keys to the Kingdom: Grim Tuesday*, on Wednesday, March 17, 5:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"The Vagina Monologues" performed by a group of North County women, Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., in arts building lecture hall room 240 at CSU

San Marcos, 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Pianist and Raconteur Steve Baker presents "From Tin Pan Alley to Troy Street — Music of the Lee House Era," on Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., at Lee House (3205 Olive Street). Program includes hits from 1900-1928. \$12. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

San Diego Author and Former Navy Captain Carl Nelson discusses and signs his new novel, *Secret Players*, Thursday, March 18, 6 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

Explore the World of "Varekai," the new Cirque du Soleil show — replete with aerial hoops, clowns, aerial straps, handbalancing 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)

Photojournalist Bill Wechter signs *San Diego Impressions* during champagne reception, Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., at SoLo (309 South Cedros Avenue). Free. 858-794-9016. (SOLANA BEACH)

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)

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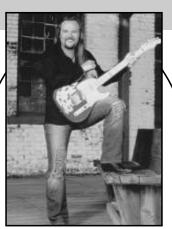
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April 4, mostly beginning at 1:05 p.m.

The San Diego Sockers host Cleveland Force for indoor soccer, Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. St. Louis Steamers arrive for game on Sunday, March 14, 5 p.m. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the games on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

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)

San Diego Gulls host Fresno Falcons for ice hockey matches on Friday, March 12, 7:305 p.m., and again on Saturday, March 13, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. Games broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Highly Hilly, join Sierra Club bicyclists for 21- to 35-mile backcountry loop ride, Saturday, March 13, starting at 9:15 a.m. across from Janet's Montana Cafe (2506 Alpine Boulevard). Expect hard-packed dirt - fine for road bikes — on Viejas Grade. Bring money for post-ride lunch at Janet's, 619-294-7203, (ALPINE)

Signature County Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

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

Roam-O-Rama

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

Last October, the rocky, brush-covered slopes of the Crestwood Ecological Reserve, east of El Cajon, were swept by the same flames that devastated the communities of Crest and Harbison Canyon. Now, some five months later, this same space is undergoing a remarkable rebirth. Green grass is poking up everywhere. Shiny red and green leaves are unfolding from the root crowns of the laurel sumac shrubs. Wild cucumber vines are racing out of the barren ground, entangling themselves in the black skeletons of the former chaparral. Many of the large coast live oaks in the reserve stood their ground as the flames roared through; they stand as statuesque as ever today.

Despite the effects of the fire, visitors are welcome at Crestwood reserve, provided they travel about by foot, bike, or horse. Of the many dirt roads and trails that lace through the reserve — graded truck trails, hastily bulldozed firebreaks, and old motorcy-

cle tracks — two routes are worth noting in detail.

The first route, good for hik-

ing and mountain biking, begins at the west end (dead end) of Horsemill Road, off Mountain View Road, one mile northeast of the main crossroads of Crest, Proceed into the Crestwood reserve, and immediately pass an interpretive site now being reconstructed after the fire. Continue northwest, slightly downhill, toward a nearby cluster of spreading oaks. Staying to the

right side of these oaks, you'll notice two dirt roads. Ignore the wider, graded one bearing left, and follow the lesser road (labeled Vallevview Truck Trail on maps) rising to the right. On that road you head generally west, curling high along a north-facing slope. Avocado groves, mostly untouched by the fire, spill down toward Interstate 8 on

your right, and a burned-off slope lies to your left. Fine vistas of Blossom Valley, Lake Jennings, and ridge after rocky ridge open to the north. For a while you walk past a number of surviving oak trees. After 1.6 miles from Horsemill Road, the road you are on abruptly turns left (south), allowing a glimpse of distant vistas to the west. Your



Overlook, west side of Crestridge

choices for further travel from this point on are manifold and confusing. This is a good spot to turn back and retrace your steps for an uncomplicated return to Horsemill Road.

The second option, best for hiking, leads to a spectacular vista point on the west side of the reserve. From the main crossroads in Crest, head north on La Cresta Boulevard for 0.2 mile, turn left on La Cresta Heights Road, and continue 0.7 mile to nearly the end of that rural lane. On your left side is an obscure but signed publicaccess gate. The path beyond the gate circles around the back yards of a couple of houses, then sets a nearly straight course toward a toothy ridge to the west, about one mile away. Climb to the highest peaklet on that ridge (elevation 1754 feet), and enjoy the view from a perch of rounded boulders. The wide panorama spread before you includes the flat grid of city streets in El Cajon and the shining Pacific Ocean far off

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.

6 p.m. Center is found at 4747

Morena Boulevard, suite 375). Free. 888-303-2622, (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Gem Faire, over 70 manufactur-

ers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals,

silver, and minerals, March 12-14, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show

hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday,

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass:

Wine and Dine benefit for El-

derHelp of San Diego, Friday,

March 12, 5:30 p.m., at Manch-

ester Grand Hyatt on San Diego

Bay (One Market Place), Food

from area restaurants, wine from

California wineries, auction. \$75.

Reservations: 619-284-9281 x22.

Belgian Beer Bonanza, Pizza

Port hosts its annual 12-hour Bel-

gian beer party, Saturday,

March 13, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. More

than 60 different Belgian and Bel-

gian-style beers on draft and in

regular bottles. Fee: \$20, includes

glass and four four-ounce tastes

(pay \$1 per additional taste). Pizza

Port, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive;

Spring Civil War Re-Enactment

760-720-7012. (CARLSBAD)

\$5. 503-252-8300. (DEL MAR)

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

Ikebana and Kimekomi Dolls,

Japanese Friendship Garden hosts Ikebana show featuring Japanese flower arrangements of Ohara Ikebana School in La Jolla on Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14.

Tazuko Usami makes traditional kimekomi dolls for Girls' Day celebrations, Tuesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Both events are included in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

24th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 13. The parade — boasting floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, Irish bands, and more -

Rios Cyn Rd CRESTRIDGE RESERVE

Netball Originated in the Late **1800s** in U.S. as an alternative to basketball; it took off around the world but fizzled out here. Currently it's predominantly played by women with teams of seven players.

San Diego United Netball Club hosts Santa Monica Waves and Orange County team on Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m., at Sage Canyon Park (5252 Harvest Run Drive). $Free.\ 858-864-0393.\ (\text{CARMEL VALLEY})$

Runnin' of the Green, 24th annual St. Patrick's Day 10k run and 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks are on Saturday, March 13, 7:30 a.m., in Mission Bay Park. Registration:

6 a.m. south of Hilton Hotel (on East Mission Bay Drive). 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

NSSA Event Number 8, surfing competition runs 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, at Oceanside Harbor south jetty. 714-536-0445. Free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

Fallbrook Hills Ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society starts at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (found at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Bring money for lunch stop at Italian deli in Fallbrook. 619-561-3846.

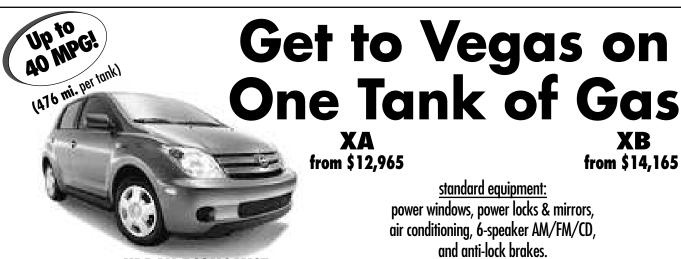
Hot Pepper Ten-Miler, Sunday, March 14, at San Elijo Hills. Tenmile run at 8 a.m., 5k walk/run at 8:15 a.m. 858-274-8898. (SAN MARCOS)

Serenade at Seaport Village, Knickerbikers bicyclists ride from San Diego County Administration Building (at Grape Street and Harbor Drive) to Point Loma, then head to Seaport Village for concert by Barbara Jamerson and lunch (between 1 and 2 p.m.), on Sunday, March 14. Expect a 25-mile ride for novices. Free. 619-562-

SPECIAL

A Selection from Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations provides subject when Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets, Friday, March 12, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Foundation for Women Center hosts exhibit of sculptural masks by Dottie Korn-Davis, abstract photography by Betsy Domanski through Saturday, April 17. Reception for artists: Friday, March 12,



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The parade concludes with festival at Sixth Avenue and Laurel: Irish music and dancing, food and craft booths, kid's area, more (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Free. 858-268-9111. (BANKERS HILL, BALBOA PARK)

Taste of Escondido, two double-decker buses will shuttle participants to 18 eateries on noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 on the 13th. Find booth for tickets at Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-745-8877. (ESCONDIDO)

Confections on Parade, San Diego Cake Club presents its annual show, March 13 and 14, at La Jolla Village Square. Over 100 cakes created by amateurs and professionals on exhibit, sugar craft demonstrations, cupcake and cake corner, where guests create works of art (fee) or purchase cakes. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. 858-492-9792. (LA JOLLA)

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 answer questions about personal injury, bankruptcy, medical malpractice, more. Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours from Saturday, March 13, through Sunday, May 9. Visitors may stroll pathways through fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission: \$7 general, \$6 seniors, \$4 for children. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352. (CARLSBAD)

Ugly Dog Contest (with multiple categories) hosted by Del Mar Kiwanis for ninth year, Sunday, March 14, noon to 4 p.m., at Helen Woodward Animal Center (6461 El Apajo). Over 400 dogs may compete in categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest pup, best trick, best costume, others. Tickets: \$6 general, \$1 for those 12 and under; competing canines are charged \$5 per category. 858-756-4117. (DEL MAR)

House of Ireland hosts Sunday lawn program at International Cottages, March 14, 2 p.m. Songs and dances of Ireland. Admission is free; Irish refreshments for sale. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Take Your Dog Anywhere after J.T. Clough presents dog obedience class Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m., at Del Mar Dog Beach (at north end bluff of Coast Highway 101). Expect help with behaviors such as lunging, pulling on leash, aggression, barking. Free. 760-644-2658. (DEL MAR)

VaginaFest 2004, a women's health festival, is Sunday, March 14, noon to 5 p.m., in front of Bienestar Community Center (3020 North Park Way). Workshops on variety of topics, health



Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, March 13 (see In Person)



Bringing Out the Dead at Saint Paul's Cathedral, March 13 (see Film)

services, musical performances. Free. 619-295-2192. (NORTH PARK)

African Music for All, Lion King master drummer Nana Yaw Asiedu presents opportunities to "develop your hidden talents with African instruments, dance, song, and math, using whole numbers and fractions."

Classes begin on Monday, March 15, at Asiedu's studio, 3693 Fifth Avenue, for adults, youths, toddlers. For times, fees, registration, call 619-269-4009. (HILLCREST)

"The Courage to Live Again: Survivors Who Have Transcended the Losses of the Holocaust," a photographic exhibition by Rinna Gordon, opens with reception on Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle, Boat, Travel, RV Show, runs March 17-21 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Hours: are 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10 general, free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. (DEL MAR)

ShamRock 2004, Wednesday, March 17, 5 p.m. until midnight, on F Street (between Fifth and Seventh Avenues) and on Sixth Avenue (between F and G Streets). Live music, Irish dancing, food, and drinks. Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-233-5008. 21 and older. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Answering the Call: The Military Nurses of World War," an exhibit honoring the service of military nurses in World War II. continues through Wednesday, June 9, at Veterans Museum (in former Navy chapel, 2115 Park Boulevard). Includes historical uniforms, photographs, artifacts. Requested donation: \$5, 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

Cedros Gallery Nights, art galleries on Cedros Avenue stay open until 8:30 p.m. on March 18, and third Thursday of each month. Music, refreshments. Free. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

You Say Shiraz, I Say Syrah...can American and French syrah wines stand up to their Aussie brethren? Try "the most dangerous of the lot" during Planet Wine discussion and horizontal tasting on Thursday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at Hotel Parisi; \$15 fee includes tasting, presentation, study materials. Requested reservations: 858-459-7407. (LA JOLLA)

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

"From Prodigy to Polymath: The Singular Journey of Edward Gorey" is traced in retrospective exhibit continuing through May 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. (SDSU)

Fitted with Period Ordnance and flying pennants and flags of the 1812 era, the 122-foot squaretopsail schooner Lynx visits Oceanside Harbor for educational dockside tours Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to noon (\$5 general, free for those under 12).

Crew wears period uniforms and operates the ship in keeping with maritime traditions of early 19th-Century America. *Lynx* arrives on Friday, March 26, firing from her main battery of sixpound cannonades. Reservations: 949-723-7814. (OCEANSIDE)

International Alpaca Odyssey 2004, hundreds of alpacas and their breeders gather for judging, seminars, "all things alpaca," March 26-28 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Alpacas, cousins to the llama, have been bred for their luxurious fleeces for hundreds of years. Show hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Free. 775-970-5155. (DEL MAR)

Using Turquoise, Antler, and Shell, Zuñi carvers create their fetishes, some of which will be offered by trader and collector Donald Sharp, April 3 and 4, at San Diego Museum of Man. Show/sale hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Sale included in regular admission (\$6 general). 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"By Kids for Kids," 11th annual multicultural arts festival runs March 11-13 at locations around Carlsbad. Celtic, Native American, Brazilian tribal dance; puppetry; musical programs; storytelling; dancing by local dance teams, more. Locations include Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street), Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive), Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Free. Details: 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

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)

"Pinocchio" presented by comicventriloquist Lynn Trimble through March 14 at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Enjoy Irish Lullabies performed by Big Joe Productions, March 17-21.

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)

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

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)

Beading and Jewelry-Making Workshops for beginners ten and older, Fridays, March 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)

Celebrate Elmo's Birthday with the story Elmo's Birthday and a craft, Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)



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Principals and Teachers from Conway School will read for story time, Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Expect to hear Dear Mr. Blueberry by Simon James. Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, noon to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 25 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Animals! Wear an animal costume and learn to walk like an elephant, hop like a kangaroo, play an animal guessing game, and stretch with animal yoga on Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$22 per child/adult pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Make Sled Kites when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, March 13, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bridge to Terabithia" presented by students of North Coast Repertory Theatre School, March 15-27. See the adaptation of Katherine Paterson's Newberry Award-winning novel at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 15; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23; and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27.

Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. Tickets: \$9 for adults, \$7 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

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)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago

beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum, over 40 baskets created by women from several local reservations are gathered in "The Legacy of Our Mothers: Indian Basketry of San Diego County," continuing through November. Find the museum at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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

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

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

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

Computer Museum of America.

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

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare 'millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive



Paul Rodriguez at 4th & B, March 13 (see In Person)

electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). 619-235-8222.

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

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

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

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

Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

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

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

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

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements

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

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird

spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Flight," continuing through Tuesday, September 7, is described as "the largest display of significant fossils regarding the origins of birds ever shown outside of the People's Republic of China." The fossils on display are from Liaoning Province in northeastern China, rich in fossils dating from more than 120 million years ago. Exhibit includes 34 original fossils, 15 lifesized sculptural restorations of fossils, historical models, over two dozen large photomurals and graphics.

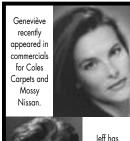
"Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien" features 80 watercolors of native California plants painted in early 1900s. Valentien was commissioned by Ellen Browning Scripps to paint "all the wildflowers and plants of California" and traveled the state for next ten years collecting specimens. The exhibit -- continuing through Tuesday, September 7 — includes examples of Valentien's Rookwood pottery, landscapes in oil, historical photographs, personal artifacts.

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

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Mu-





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READING

The Working Poor: Invisible in America



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Editor's note: Due to a production

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

FROM THE DUST JACKET: From the author of the Pulitzer Prizewinning 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. Shipler makes David Shipler 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. Shipler 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, Shipler, 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, Shipler 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. Shipler 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 Shipler'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: Shipler examines issues behind poverty and changes in policy and ideology regarding the poor. Shipler 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, Shipler 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 helping their clients. Finally, Shipler ties together the micro and macro factors that condemn the working poor to a marginalized existence.

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."

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 country, I need also to look at poverty and especially poverty among those who are doing what they're supposed to do, namely working. Because that removes most of the ethical question — this American idea that if you don't work hard or work, you're somehow immoral.'

"Get a job!"

"Yes. So these folks have gotten a job and look what's happened. Nothing

'The people I stuck with for the longest time, I got to like a lot. And there was something in most of them that was very uplifting because they had an inner strength that made me admire them. Despite the adversities they confronted, there was a yearning that never stopped, a restiveness about them, a hopefulness that was very

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seum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the

West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at

UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a twostory-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and

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

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

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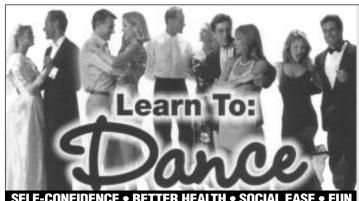
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uplifting. So it was difficult, but I didn't gravitate to people who were criminals and horrible people. I met some of those, too, but I spent most of my time with people I liked.

"There were some very fine people in that category, too, and there were those I spent a little bit of time with and mention relatively briefly, who personally I didn't click with too well. Most people were willing to have me talk to them repeatedly. But there were one or two who gave me — I don't know if they intentionally gave me these signals, but I interpreted the signals as okay, enough already. We've told you enough of our story. We don't want you getting any more involved in our lives and knowing any more than we've already told you.

"Even though in most cases what they had told me was quite devastating. Usually about drug addiction, neglect of children, that sort of thing. But I think that people need their privacy, and they have boundaries, and you have to respect those. I'm not one of these reporters who barges in and hangs outside the door. I don't like that style. I think that especially for people who are not accustomed to dealing with the press and are not public figures, you have to be careful and respectful and inform them also of what their cooperation will mean in

terms of publicity in a book. I think that I did that — well, I certainly did it as carefully and thoroughly as I could. Most folks love to talk about themselves. It's their favorite subject. So it was not that hard. People have asked how on earth I got people to open up so much. I didn't find it all that difficult.

'It surprises me — I mean, in a way it surprised me — that so many women told me that they'd been sexually abused. I didn't expect to be told that. Especially in the first interview that happened several times. More than several times. In some cases it was only after I had gotten to know them more, and they trusted me. I suppose once you get counseling or you have some way of dealing with that and coming out the other end of it a whole person, it's one thing. But for people still damaged by the experience to talk about it. Maybe it was therapeutic for them. I was a stranger. I was not part of their family or lives. I had no connection with any of the people who had done this to them. Maybe that was one of the reasons. But that was quite surprising. I didn't expect that. If you read and you keep up with these things, you realize that there's a lot more of this than we once knew, more than we realized even 20 years

"Also men who can't imagine doing it, can't imagine it being

"That's right. I can't get my mind around a father doing that to his daughter. Or any grown man doing it to a little girl. I just can't. It's beyond my comprehension. So to hear this again and again was startling.

"This abuse ruins lives in many ways, and I think for women who come from poor families in the first place, who don't have the wherewithal to buy counseling and whose families are perhaps not supportive, it can cause a lifelong disability. There's been enough research done on

"Despite the adversities they confronted, there was a yearning that never stopped, a restiveness about them, a hopefulness that was very uplifting."

the emotional impact of sexual abuse, dissociative reactions, the emotional cutoff, the inability to trust—especially men—that it seems a reasonable explanation for the fact that a great many poor women are never able to form lasting relationships with men."

"How could you?"

"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 parent. 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 lowwage 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?"

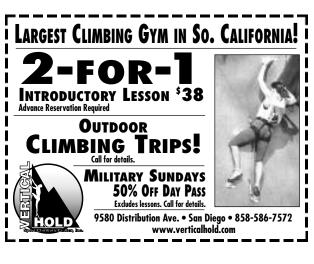
"I don't know. I don't think it's possible to say that problems such as sexual abuse or alcoholism exist in higher percentages of low-income households than in affluent households. I think it is possible to say with conviction, however, that when those problems exist, they have a much more damaging impact 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."

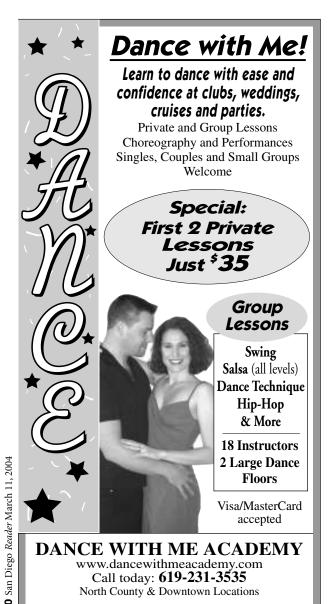
Mr. Shipler mentioned one of his interview subjects, Caroline Payne, "who was on the job at Procter and Gamble for a day or two and she had a back problem and had to miss a day, and that was the end of that job. That would not happen when I worked at the *New York Times*, because my editor would figure; '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 refiled the claim properly so that it would be covered.

"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 lowincome 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.

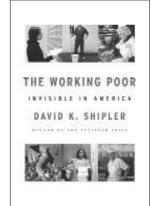
'There's not much reading in these households. I've been in apartments where there's a TV set in every room. There are mothers who go and sit up on their beds watching TV, and she eats away from the rest of her family. Now maybe you have to explore that more than I did to find out why it is; is this 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. Shipler'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 faithbased 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. Shipler 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 incometax 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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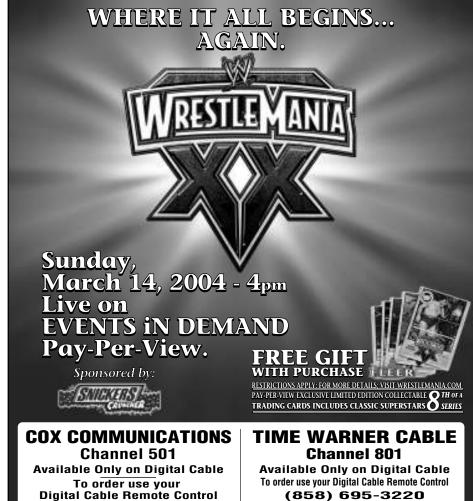
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John Novacek participated briefly in a SummerFest program two years ago, to great acclaim; and recently the La Jolla Music Society brought them back to Sherwood Au-

ditorium for a full evening recital. What I wrote earlier about the 26-year-old Josefowicz still goes. She is a spirited, impassioned musician, throw-

ing herself with fresh, youthful intensity into everything she plays. Her technique is dazzling. Her tone is big and full of life. The impressiveness of her musicianship stands by itself, and does not need the aid of her blond hair, lovely Hollywood starlet face, and slim, graceful body, which (at the recent concert) she clothed breezily and sexily in black silk pants, high-heeled shoes, and a white halter. On the other hand, no one in the audience objected to these attributes.

By the way, some people have told me that it is politically incorrect to comment on how female performers look, and have demanded to know why I never comment on the appearance of male performers. To set the record straight, I do. I can recall (for example) mentioning Stephen Hough's silk Mao suit, André-Michel Schub's grimaces, and Geoff Nuttall's purple velvet jacket, cowboy boots, and knotted ponytail. So there! However, just to keep my PC evenhandedness up to date:

John Novacek was wearing a dark suit.

And now for the music. The kind of Josefowicz-Novacek collaboration we witnessed in SummerFest was especially in evidence in their performance of Novacek's own *Four Rags*,

which closed the Sherwood program. In 2002 we heard them in John Adams's *Road Maps*, a classicizing take on bluegrass music; and here was the same

American energy, zest, and sense of fun devoted to Novacek's inventive versions of ragtime. These turned out to be delightful romps, full of sassy inventiveness, and brilliantly written for both instruments. Four of them in a row may have been a bit much (they are essentially encore pieces), but the performers' sense of fun was communicated irresistibly to the audience, and even if the devices tended to repeat themselves after a while, who would want to hear (and see) any less of these two wonderful musicians having such a good time? I was happily reminded (in the kinds of tunes, the joyous atmosphere, and the jazzy violin technique) of Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli, and of Heifetz playing Gershwin.

The program began somewhat less satisfactorily with Bach's B minor Sonata for Violin and Harpsichord, BWV 1014. Josefowicz played intelligently and with her usual skill, but she does not yet seem to have found the

measure of this music. Everything else on the program (the Prokofiev Sonata No. 1, the Franck Sonata, the Novacek Rags) really belonged to her; but in the Bach she sounded more like an enthusiastic tourist in alien territory. Novacek, too, was a problem. Here, as frequently throughout the program, he played with insufficient assertiveness, and often too softly. He strikes me as an exceptionally able pianist (as well as a gifted composer), but the Bach Sonata is a work for two instruments, not for one instrument plus accompaniment. The interplay of the violin's line with the treble and bass lines of the keyboard instrument is an interplay among equals, and the whole musical fabric depends on our hearing all the imitations and countermelodies clearly and vividly. This is especially true when the keyboard instrument is the anachronistic modern piano; the pianist must find a way of reproducing the harpsichord's pungency of articulation on the far smoother and more neutralsounding modern instrument. With Novacek hanging back deferentially (he certainly could have played louder — the piano lid was fully raised), the music lost one of its principal dimensions.



Leila Josefowicz, violin; John Novacek, piano Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Music Society)

Bach, Sonata No. 1 in B minor for Violin and Keyboard; Prokofiev, Sonata No. 1 in F minor for Violin and Piano; Franck, Violin Sonata in A; Novacek, Four Rags



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This was also a defect although, overall, a far less damaging one - in the Prokofiev and Franck performances. The Prokofiev Opus 80 is a sensational work, powerful, moving, and full of breathtaking effects of texture and color and all these qualities need to be displayed prominently by both the pianist and the violinist. Josefowicz, as was to be expected, was on top of things at all moments: this is the kind of music that brings out the best in her. Novacek let himself go in passages where the violin was not playing — and at those moments he sounded like a terrific Prokofiev pianist. When Iosefowicz was playing, however, he always stepped back and allowed her to occupy center stage a sign of gallantry, yes, but not what Prokofiev's score demands.

Nevertheless, here was an unusual opportunity to encounter a great piece of music that musicians seem reluctant to approach before a San Diego audience. It is a daunting work, with its constant changes of emotional direction, by turns despairing, disoriented, spooky, savage, heroic, lyrical, poignant, exuberant, playful. Audiences and critics have wondered, "What is this all about?" The quest has driven some of them in

weird directions. A critic named Ronald Woodley has opined that "the F minor Sonata can be read as a dense and (necessarily) unresolved working-through of the ironic dialectic — a musicalization (and eroticization, and politicization) of Romantic Welt-Ironie." Uh-huh. Writing of this sort has spread among critics of all the arts, like an academic equivalent of mad cow disease. Perhaps a more useful way to look at Opus 80, avoiding encephalopathy, would be to say that it is about F minor, in the hands of a composer who always has many arrows in his quiver. As for the Franck Sonata,

that great last gasp of hearton-the-sleeve Romanticism. what I have said about Josefowicz's fiery musical temperament and Novacek's tendency to hold back applies here as well, although Franck's writing gives the pianist much more of a chance to establish an independent personality, and Novacek often took good advantage of it. The ingenious canon in the final movement was played, as it should be, as an intimate interchange between evenly balanced partners. Throughout the work, Franck means to carry the listener away, and in this exceptional performance he

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Masterworks Concert Number 4, the San Diego Symphony, led by conductor Julian Wachner, is joined by soprano Joanna Mongiardo, 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)

Classical Music of India performed by Kartik Seshadri (sitar) and Arup Chattopadhyay (tabla) for Music at Founders Hall series, Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). \$10. 858-755-9225.

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"Mozart's Passionate Requiem" is theme for San Diego Symphony concerts featuring conductor Julian Wachner, soprano Joanna Mongiardo, mezzo-soprano Phyllis Pancella, tenor Scott Wyatt, bass Curtis Streetman, San Diego Master Chorale, March 12-14. Program includes Mozart's "Requiem," "Regina Coeli" by Wachner, Sharpe's "Proud Music of the Storm."

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"From Russia with Love," La Jolla Symphony and Chorus present Tchaikovksy's "Polonaise" and "Waltz" from Eugen Onegin, Kerry Hagan composition, Rachmaninoff's piece "The Bells" on March 13 and 14. Concerts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Center. Preconcert lectures one hour prior to each performance. Tickets: \$25 general. Reservations: 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Haydn and Mozart performed on fortepiano by Malcolm Bilson for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Preconcert talk,

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"Bach and His Musical Heritage" explored when Netherlands Bach Society presents concert for San Diego Early Music Society, Sunday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Marion Verbruggen joins the group for "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4." \$28. Reservations: 619-291-8246.

Chicago Symphony Musicians Karen Dirks (violin, viola), Daniel Gingrich (French horn), Jelena Dirks (piano) perform works by Beethoven, Enesco, Brahms in concert on Sunday, March 14, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Offering. 619-232-7513.

Old Masters in Music and Art, Stromenti con Voce performs Baroque music on Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Soprano Elisebeth Marti, Claire Rottembourgh (recorder, traverso), Fred Benedetti (guitar), and Sandra Stram (viola de gamba) present cantatas by Telemann, instrumental pieces by Bach and Telemann. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Jumpin' with Joplin and Chopin Too!" Pianist Peter Gach and soprano Ann Chase perform for "Second Sundays" series hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association, March 14, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-944-1840. (LA COSTA)

"Operafest" presented by San Diego Opera Ensemble, Sunday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$35 general, \$10 students. 858-273-3940.

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Russian-Born Pianist Dmitry Kirichenko performs Beethoven's "Pathetique Sonata," works by Schubert, Liszt, for mini-concert at noon, Monday, March 15, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (IA JOLLA)

"Millennia Too!" All-baroque trio concert, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (at Chatsworth and Catalina Boulevards). Program includes works by major composers of Italy, France, and Germany, including a "rarely heard concerto by Vivaldi." Donation: \$5. 619-223-6394. (POINT LOMA)

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). Program includes selections by Schubert, Grieg, Janáček, Chopin, Sarasate. Tickets: \$35, \$40, \$50. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Diary of Ann Frank" receives world premiere when violinist Anat Almani joins Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra in concert, Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Program includes Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5" and "Tzigane" by Ravel. \$12. 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

"American Soundscapes," music by Ives, Copland, Bernstein, Bix Beiderbecke, Ellington, others on tap when Westwind Brass performs Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m.,

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The Millennia Consort — featuring organist Alison Luedecke, percussionist Beverly Reese Dorcy, members of Westwind Brass — performs Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$12 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The Sounds of Art, pianist and composer David Korevaar focuses on the "European Collection," Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Korevaar integrates commentary, slides, and performance into lecture and concert, featuring pieces by Chopin, Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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"All right, we are going to turn around on you, we are not going to give you any surprises at all."

f the art writers I return to — John Ruskin, Roger Fry, John Berger — the one I consult almost as a matter of course, and whom I've mentioned in this column, is Clement Greenberg. His positions

haven't lost any of their prickly freshness. Greenberg had misgivings about the conceptual art that became popular in the late 1960s and 1970s. He argued that the el-

ement of surprise in found art such as Duchamp's ready-mades or in art that merely manifested a particular idea is a one-time event, unique and circumscribed. It doesn't continue to surprise. A lot of conceptual art, in my experience, is also parochial. It tends to preach to the converted or convertable and has low expectations of its viewer-participants. It presumes we won't judge it. Judgment, in fact, has little to do with it. What matters is that we get it. Conceptual art usually has mechanistic designs on us and wants to make us think or react in a certain way. It offers prefab truths; we're not really meant to absorb its presence into our inner life and let it stir vaguely with other facts and feeling tones of consciousness. It's driven by "meaning," not by affects.

Here's Greenberg's description of how performance art, installation art, anti-art art, and other subspecies of Conceptualism pull expectations inside out: "[It] says, all right, we are going to turn around on you, we are not going to give you any surprise at all and there won't be an expectation involved either. You are going to get boredom so undifferentiated as to constitute a surprise all in itself. This solid, monolithic, unadulterated, undifferentiated boredom will really stand you off and be our memorial." Some

conceptual art does seek to surprise us — or jolt us, anyway but it's a crafted, manipulative surprise; the expectation it builds in us is of the kind that makes us

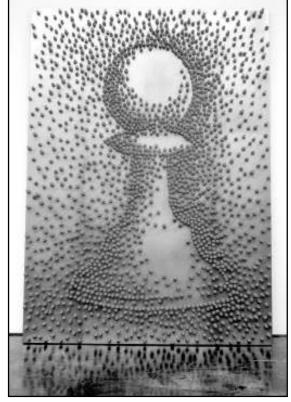
wait to hear a joke's punch line. My criticism isn't a cover-all. I've written here about more-or-less conceptual artists such as Christian Boltanski and Wolfgang Leib whose work offers serial surprises over long periods of time similar to those I feel in seeing a picture by Paul Klee, say, or by Stuart Davis. Such work doesn't have built-in control mechanisms and isn't rigged.

I've been thinking about this in response to the retrospective of Paul Kos's work currently at the Museum of Contemporary Art downtown, which I caught when it showed in Berkeley. Kos, born in Wyoming in 1942, went to study in San Francisco in the 1960s and settled in the Bay Area. In the 1970s he became one of a group of influential conceptual artists that included Vito Acconci, Bruce Nauman, and Tom Marioni. He was among the first to use video technology and far-out, found materials. Marioni, who opened the Museum of Conceptual Art in San Francisco in 1970, described Conceptualism's ambition to displace the primacy of the art object with pro-

cess: "The artist is involved with the direct manipulation of materials that possess qualities of spontaneity and improvisation, and that normally produced dispensable work. It is the act of creation which is art."

Consider Lot's Wife. In 1969, Kos erected a column built from square blocks of salt threaded unevenly with rebar. As cows licked away at the base, the column got smaller and smaller. The event itself is long past, obviously, but its occurrence was recorded by photographs on exhibit. Critics have said that the title gives evidence of Kos's interest in religious imagery, and he does use such iconography, but to what end? The salt lick tower doesn't look much like a pillar and so offers no surprise. The licking away in (and by) time is self-evident, and the only relevant Old Testament touch is that, in the photograph, everything is stilled; time's action stops, as it did for Lot's wife, but that runs counter to the work's originating intention, which was to create a process. So where does

One can't work at acquiring a taste for this sort of thing. And if it's not to your taste, boredom sets in fast — the boredom of repetition, of "meaningful" stillness, of the very idea of boredom that some works manifest. I'm choosing my words carefully here, because conceptual art is demonstrative, not expressive; it engages our ratiocinative powers before or instead of our imaginative ones; it exists not as art experience, engaging intensely a



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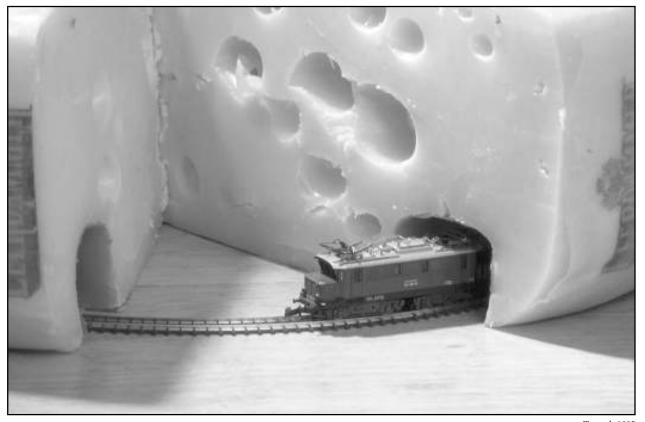
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variety of faculties, but as narrow-gauge "statement." Kos's work is often pedagogical. Just a Matter of Time (1990) is made up of a dozen or so cuckoo clocks, painted gunmetal gray to look like guardhouses, each dangling a hammer and sickle. Once we relate clock-time's maddening tick-tocking to the Soviet Union, whose fall was just a matter of time, there's nowhere else to go. Contrary to its intention to set the viewer loose in a larger and less "framed" reality, one with broad historical connotations, it boxes us

Kos's creations are heavy with politics, social commentary, and religiosity. Cruciforms keep turning up, in the Joseph's coat (which looks like a Mayan serape with an extremely long train), in the two-handed saw chomped into an upright log in

Two Nuns Watching, and in the reconstructed Chartres stainedglass window. But the cross is an emblem of a meaning that's never articulated. It's there to confer a vaguely sacred — or ironically sacred, I couldn't tell — aura on the proceedings. Most conceptual shows come with soundtracks, usually noisy, sometimes (like Nauman's screeching metal-on-metal rat carousel) ear-killing. The big sound here comes from Tower of Babel, a ziggurat of spiraling steel rails with mounted monitors, each bearing a different face speaking a different language. At first you hear a chaos of tongues, but approach any monitor and you hear the individual speaking, though you might not understand the language. Suddenly all voices cease, then recommence when a signal is tripped. Tower of Babel demonstrates the thesis that ev-

ery individual has his or her own narrative, but put them all together and they become a disorder of contending sounds. There's no interpretive wobble in Tower of Babel. It doesn't permit the interactive, imaginative response that conceptual artists say they seek.

Another recurrent form is the pawn. Twenty-five hundred red magnetic chess pieces make up *Pawn*, the butte Kos tries to lasso in the video Pilot Butte/Pilot Light is pawnshaped, and a subspecies of the pawn form, the bell, appears in several other works. The pawn naturally assumes some significance in the Cold War context of much of Kos's work, and so does the bell, insofar as it signifies observance, alarm, and summons. But whatever surprise these works possess exists as a foregone conclusion — or as self-evident assertion - and

to be in their presence is, for me, to be in a state of boredom. That judgment gives away my taste. Others will respond as they will. ■

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North County Printmakers members have work on display in juried membership show on view through Thursday, April 8, in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center, One Barnard Drive; 760-795-6657), Reception for the artists is Saturday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. (OCEANSIDE)

"Transformation Retrieved," recent sculptures and installations by Branan Freeman go on exhibit with reception on Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m., at 4 Design Gallery (3813 Ray Street), in conjunction with Ray at Night.

619-501-0879. Show closes Wednesday, April 7. (NORTH PARK)

"Romantic Vision in a Digital Age," images by Howard Ganz, Renata Spiazzi, and Ileana Frometa Grillo continues through Tuesday, April 6, at Avalon Gallery (3803 Ray Street). Reception for artists: Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m. 619-293-7080. (NORTH PARK)

Mixed-Media Show Entitled "Dreamwork" by featured artist Claire-Lise Matthey Andregg and other gallery artists is on exhibit through March at Brandon Gallery (105 North Main Street). Reception: Saturday, March 13, 3 p.m. 760-723-1330. (FALLBROOK)

"Then and Now," photography of DX showcased beginning with reception on Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m., at Gallery DX in Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Show closes Monday, April 12. 619-757-8680. (NORTH PARK

"Pop Rocks," this group show opens with reception on Saturday,





March 13, 7 p.m., at Planet Rooth (3811 Ray Street), in conjunction with Ray at Night art festival. 619-297-9663. Through Monday, April 5. (NORTH PARK)

"Catch the Color," exhibition by members of Colored Pencil Society of America continues through Tuesday, March 30, in Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Reception for artists is Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m. 760-639-6164.

"Pacific Coast Bathers" by William Gambini on exhibit for "Ray at Night" reception Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

"Nebulas: Nature, Wood, and $\textbf{Stone,"} \ \, \text{group show with work}$ by Basis Koenig, A. Paul Bergen, Tom Shannon, Donna Butnik continues through Sunday, March 28, at 101 Artists' Colony (25 East E Street). Artists' reception: Sunday, March 14, 1 p.m. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

"Southern California: A Cinemural" by Louis Hock opens with reception, Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Mesa College Gallery, followed by lecture at 7 p.m. in LRC room 435. Show closes Tuesday, April 20. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"American Gothic," 22 color landscape photographs exploring "familiar motifs of the American West in a new light" by Owen Mc-Goldrick go on exhibit with reception Thursday, March 18, 6 p.m., at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue)

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Mingei International Museum, useful and beautiful wooden objects - chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through April, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of obiects 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, tovs.

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, land, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: "Niki de Saint Phalle Remembered." Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown,

"Everything Matters: Paul Kos, a Retrospective," begins with the artist's early work and follows his career through development of video art to public art projects made as recently as 2000. This exhibition of work by one of the major figures in the conceptual art movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s continues through Sunday, May 2.

San Diego-based artist Anne Mudge exhibits one from a series of "TapRoot" sculptures commissioned for the new trolley station at SDSU in her "Cerca" exhibit, closing Sunday, April 4. The installation allows viewers an upclose perspective of the university's underground station.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001.

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art," featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, and video works by 33 contemporary artists, continues through Sunday, May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, stories of loss, struggle, and personal exploration within landscapes scarred by technology and overuse are told in "Robert Parke-Harrison: The Architect's Brother, on view through Sunday, April 4. "The images and the process of their construction embody aspects of theater, sculpture, painting, photography, and performance.

Twelve tintypes used in the film *Cold Mountain* are on exhibit through Sunday, March 14, in "Stephen Berkman: Cold Mountain and Other Journeys." His imagery is populated with "fictional oddities"; his intention is to "undermine the authority of the image and to evoke wonder and

"Paris: A Century in the City of Light," showcases the city "through a study of its people and their daily routines." Images were made mostly in late 1920s through the immediate post-World War II era. The show — continuing through Sunday, May 23, includes photographs by Robert Doisneau, André Kertesz, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Edouard Boubat, others.

"The Beauty of the Albumen Print" examines a variety of albumen photographs for their diversity and beauty. Albumen printing was the dominant method of making photographs in latter part of 19th Century. Through May 23.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado: 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art. found objects with a specific history are featured in "Generation to Generation: Contemporary Assemblage." Show includes work by Poupee Boccaccio, Irma Sofia Poeter, and James Watts, whose art is "imbued with strongly personal histories by combining personal and found objects into artist-made objects." Show closes Sunday, March 21. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art,

"George Inness and the Visionary Landscape" offers a major survey of work by this important 19th-Century American landscape painter. The exhibit includes 35 of Inness's landscapes, articulating "his own vision of metaphysical realities as manifested in the earthly sphere." Through Sunday, April 18.

"José Guadalupe Posada: My Mexico," closing Sunday, April 4, includes 110 prints surveying the career of the popular and prolific printmaker, whose works graced broadsheets documenting and satirizing every aspect of Mexican life.

"Sultans and Sufis: Paintings from the Deccan," continuing through Sunday, August 15, includes approximately 20 works from the Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of South Asian art. Painting styles are described as "visionary, poetic, and richly colored."

Mark the birth of one of San Diego's most renowned artists in "Harry Sternberg: A Centenary Exhibition," continuing through Sunday, April 11. Fourteen works on display, including etchings and woodcuts.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



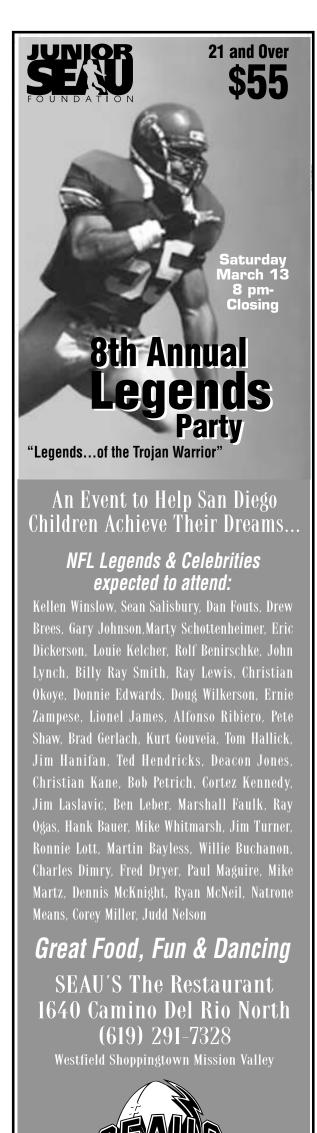
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Precious Companion

"Frankness at all costs is essential to a healthy marriage."

hen the BBC televised *The Lover* by Harold Pinter (1962), columnist Maurice Richardson fretted about how the quirky, sexually frank comedy would play in the Home Counties: "You can hear the

wires humming with nervous controversy. 'Absolute rubbish.' 'Joan. You old trog! We all loved it!' And, 'Straight propaganda for schizophrenia.

Trying to send us all round the bend."

In *The Lover* — playing with Pinter's *Ashes to Ashes* at 6th @ Penn — Richard adjusts his tie for the workday. His tone so nonchalant he could be requesting more tea, he asks if his wife will see her lover this afternoon. Yes, Sarah replies, matter-of-fact. All right then. And off he goes, chipper, glad that "frankness at all costs is essential to a healthy marriage."

At some point in the past, Richard and Sarah segregated their sex lives. They are domestically tranquil Dr. Jeckylls, and, two or three times a week, lusty Mr. Hydes, cheating on their married selves. For most playwrights, the flip-flop's a delicious vehicle for a comedy. But Pinter pushes the idea: it's late in the game. Richard wants to reintegrate the marriage, make love to his wife, not the fictitious "whore" he/she's created. Sarah, however, likes the "balance" and resists the change.

I'd bet the farm that Alan Ayckbourn saw *The Lover*, adored its funhouse machinations, and found his calling as a playwright of com-

plex structures. Pinter has only two people onstage, but four speak, with four distinct body languages. All vie for control.

Ron Choularton and Christina Soria play the foursome adroitly, especially their shifting

status levels: who's in charge, who isn't, parity achieved, slippage, forge anew — which belie Sarah's imagined sense of "balance." In lesser hands, these

rapid fluctuations could become a mere acting exercise. Well-directed by Robert May, Choularton and Soria keep the technical submerged. Their interchanges — surface smiles, uncivil war beneath — bounce the play's title like a volleyball. But the title's singular. Who, in the end, is the lover? Richard? Sarah? Or, stepping outside Pinter's internecine loop, what are the milkman's Saturday visits all about?

Staging *Ashes to Ashes* (1996, written in a ten-day heat) with *The Lover* invites comparisons. In both plays, a man and a woman grow alternate selves. Subtexts abound, and power tactics. But *Ashes* is of a far higher order than *The Lover.* It's a major work of art: 41 pages of eloquent mystery.

Around the time he wrote *Ashes*, Pinter observed: "Capitalism only finally succeeds when the majority of the people are considered as dead: cannot speak, move, answer, are told they're living in a benevolent society. Take what you get and you're lucky to get it.







and Ashas to Asha

The Lover and Ashes to Ashes, by Harold Pinter
6th @ Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest
Directed by Robert May; cast: Ron Choularton, Christina Soria; scenic design, Jorge Osuna, lighting.

Karin Filijan

Playing through April 4; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-688-9210

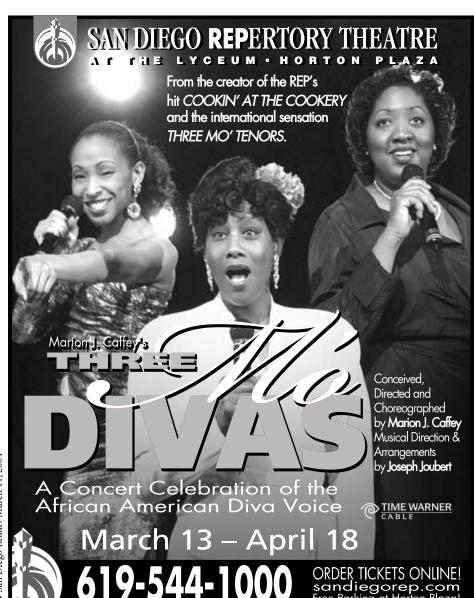
The older I get, the more I feel the offense of it."

Devin questions Rebecca. She sits in an armchair. He stands. Each is near a lamp, in a country house. The lamps grow brighter, but the room darkens. Pinter's stage note: "The lamplight has become very bright but does not illumine the room." As Devin and Rebecca speak, her dim recollections emerge and withdraw in non sequiturs.

Who they are, at first, isn't clear. At times, Devin talks like a psychotherapist (even wonders if she feels hypnotized), at others like a Nazi interrogator. He fixates on her former lover, her "most precious companion," who may have worked for a travel agency, or was a guide, or an important factory exec, or a Gestapo-like thug who tore "babies from the arms of their screaming mothers."

Every time Devin demands specifics, Rebecca remembers something she meant to tell him and changes the subject. It's as if she has amnesia. But is it genuine, or extreme avoidance behavior?

Devin's jealous, has to know. At first it sounds like a guy thing: who's the more macho, he or the "lover"? But when Rebecca mentions babies and mothers and a terrible crime, he yells, "What authority do you think you yourself possess which would give you







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the right to discuss such an atrocity?'

She cowers, as if brainwashed, "I have no authority. Nothing has ever happened to me. I have never suffered." In Pinter's terminology, Rebecca's supposed to be "dead." Devin changes the subject to something "more personal" — and talks about ĥer hairdresser's hands.

In Ashes, nothing happens, and everything happens. Though it's clear she's built thick, psychological walls around it - may even have been, as Devin says, "hypnotized" to forget — Rebecca can't repress a horrific event that happened years ago. Most of Pinter's characters retreat from hard truths in trivia or his famous pauses. In Ashes the opposite happens. In spite of Devin (and society's) attempts to silence her, Rebecca's memory surfaces.

But even then, Pinter avoids conclusiveness. At play's end, as voices echo through the theater, one could read his stage direction as light emerging from darkness, or darkness engulfing the light. Ashes has layers and levels and resonates more than most full-length plays. It's just two people talking,

usually past each other, but somehow Pinter's packed the whole 20th Century between

The 6th @ Penn performers, so capable with The Lover, hadn't found their way into Ashes on opening night. It was as if they were playing off The Lover, trying not to repeat those choices, or that energy. So they were far more bland than need be. Christina Soria spoke close to a monotone, with no emotional suggestion of subtexts. Ron Choularton made Devin somewhat agitated but also reined in impulses. Further exploration (and you know they're doing it) will reveal that *Ashes* is deeper, richer, and — especially when Devin compares God's absence to the soccer game of the century in an empty stadium — a lot funnier.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box

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The Boy Who Fell into a Book

about two eras of change: 1809 and the present day. SHILEY THEATRE, CAMINO HALL, UNI-VERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALA PARK, LINDA VISTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, THROUGH MARCH 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-260-4600,

Ashes to Ashes and The Lover

Reviewed this issue. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, 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

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Burkie

OnStage Playhouse presents Bruce Graham's portrait of a stubborn blue-collar Philadelphian and his equally stubborn children. Jeff Gastauer directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, 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.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA. DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 28; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

Chalk It Up To Murder

In H.I.T. Productions' dinner-the ater mystery, a terrible fire scorched the Cactus Gulch schoolhouse eight years ago. The culprit just broke out of jail. FIRESIDE RESTAURANT, 439 WEST WASHINGTON, ESCONDIDO, OPEN-ENDED RUN: SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-561-8673 OR 888-237-2751.

The Constant Wife

Laguna Playhouse presents W. Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners about "high social infidelity and inequality of the sexes in 1927 London." Andrew Barnicle directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 14; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-

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The Fantasticks

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's durable musical about innocence and experience. David Ellenstein directed NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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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, THROUGH MARCH 14: THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune

Vantage Theatre stages Terrence McNally's bittersweet comedy about an unlikely romance. D.J. Sullivan directed. LYCEUM THEATRE 79 HORTON PLAZA DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000

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: Rhesus by Euripides, March 29.

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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, poisontipped rapiers, and royal corpses. As the Man in Black, Nick Cordileone tends to "saw the air" and relies on intensity rather than nuance. The re-

sult is a usually competent, though largely external portrait — an ensemble Hamlet. But this looks by design. Smyth has stressed Hamlet, not Hamlet. The play's the thing. The design work follows this choice. Mike Buckley's unit set, four flights of stairs, has few details. Nathan Peirson's lighting provides these, as does Deborah Gilmour Smyth's music and Jeanne Reith's 19th Centurygeneric costumes (with an autumnal palate, which suggests that the fourmonth party at Elsinore Castle is over; the revelers just don't know it yet). The ensemble emphasis sheds

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more light on other characters, espe cially David Cochran Heath's King, whose pangs of conscience, given enough time, could drive him mad. (Note: Lamb's has extended the run

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LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Hello Dolly!

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, irrepressible matchmaker, Ray Limon directed, WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MARCH 28: TUESDAY. THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUN-DAY AT 1:45 P.M. 858-749-3348 OR 888-802-7469.

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, THROUGH MARCH 28: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, *Perfect* covers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("will I be a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("you gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service video-tape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-per son 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 Chamber lain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle, and especially Stan Chandler, who must be one of the most versatile performers around, enhance every scene with strong voices and precise character details. Credit as well to the costume designer, unnamed in the program, who provided everything from tuxes to Chargers Tshirts - and enough Velcro to permit what must be, in many instances, split-second changes.

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494

Intimate Exchanges

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Alan Ayckbourn's "feat of ingenuity." Kandis Chappell and Richard Doyle fill an English garden with a host of characters. Martin Benson directed. JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, FOLINO THEATRE CENTER, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, MARCH 12. THROUGH MARCH 28: TUES-DAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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King Lear

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Kiss of the Spider Woman

6th @ Penn Theatre presents Manuel Puig's drama about two men in a Buenos Aires prison and "acts of human decency." Doug Hoehn directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 31: SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MON-DAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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 six times.) Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH. THROUGH APRIL 26; MONDAY AT



Macbeth

terpretation's a mix of arresting images, smart and questionable choices. It's a modern-dress, Levi'sand-leather take that works best when it doesn't try to pin the play down. David Tierney and Janet Havatshahi, 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

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE THROUGH MARCH 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AND MARCH 21, AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-

National Comedy Theatre

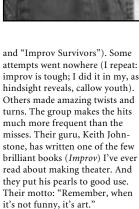
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags" National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players

suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best booed; quick wit, rewarded (one contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary

Community Actors Theatre stages Werner Hashagen's "light comedy" about romantic letters, phone calls, and mistaken identity. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY, MARCH 12. THROUGH MARCH 28: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391

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 compar isons 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 - 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'



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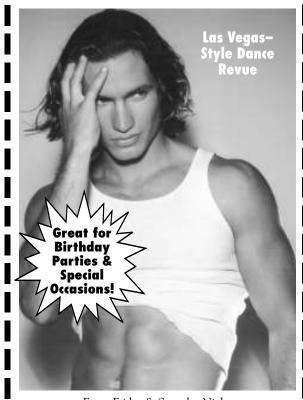
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"They don't have the desire to go on," said one insider close to the two owners of the Scene on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

music venue, Cynthia Morris and Sean Brandes, said their 750-capacity club would return.

"We're going to relocate," said Morris when the club closed November 30 of last year.

"Our investors are willing to buy a building," Brandes said at the time.

the inside track



When the Scene closed after two years of operation, the

co-owners of the all-age

They said their landlord forced them out due to complaints from neighboring

businesses. At the time they closed, the Scene was thriving, with outside promoters bringing in national acts and the club booking its own local bands.

Brandes could not be reached for comment. Morris would only say that "anything could happen," but that at this time there were no imminent plans to resurrect the Scene.

— Ken Leighton

"Not only am I empty,

but obviously nobody gives a rat's ass about the things I have been saying for 20 years," says hillbilly rocker Mojo Nixon. "The masses are just as blinded by the light of stupidity, prudery, and the shiny objects of hate."

With that, Nixon

announced his retirement from music. His final performance will take place March 20 at the Continental Club in Austin, Texas. Nixon no doubt chose the locale because he gets more love and respect there than in his adopted hometown of San Diego. The *Austin Chronicle* once dubbed Nixon "America's greatest living poet" after a Continental Club appearance in 1987. Nixon will serve as host to

several bands beginning at 10 a.m.; his final set, with longtime backup players the Toadliquors, starts at 5 p.m. Fans can count on a night full of songs like "Bring Me The Head Of David Geffen" and "I Saw Jesus At McDonald's At Midnight."

"I have debased your false icons, mocked the myths, and tried to shine the light of truth and freedom on the Big Lies. I have done all I can isn't ten albums enough?' Nixon actually recorded over a dozen albums, including several with Skid Roper, one with Dead Kennedys frontman Iello Biafra, and a Beat Farmers spinoff project called the Pleasure Barons. His X-rated Christmas album has been banned from eBay, "Stuffin' Martha's Muffin" was banned from MTV, and the former columnist for Oui and Hustler magazines once ran for president.

Nixon, a Coronado resident, began DJing at KGB 101.5 in late 2002, replacing afternoon mainstay Jim McInnes.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Noise Ratchet's Joel Hosler got married on the TLC channel, and it aired in February "My wife and I had some friends tell us about the TV show, so we went on the Internet and applied for it. show.

"Our drummer Brandon was driving Danny's [the other guitarist's] car. He got



NOISE RATCHET'S JOEL JUMPS FOR TV WEDDING

We were joking that it would never happen. Well, the next morning they called us. I guess we sounded interesting to them. We are both singers. My wife loves doing theater, too. So we ended up doing the show For Better or for Worse. They have your friends and family plan your wedding for you in a week with a \$5000 budget. It turned out amazing. They did a Bohemian love story, 'cause we both loved the movie Moulin Rouge.'

One small accident that happened didn't air on the

in an accident and flipped the car. This was on the way to the wedding. He came anyway, but afterwards, our A&R guy took him to the hospital."

Noise Ratchet's new album should be out in August, and it's going to be on the American Recordings label. "While recording the album, we got to meet some famous people like [actor] Elijah Wood, Trent Reznor [Nine Inch Nails], but the best was Dave Grohl [exdrummer for Nirvana; now singer/guitarist for Foo



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Fighters].... Bad Religion was recording in the other room. Their singer Greg came over and played a two-out-of-three game of Ping Pong against Dave Grohl. Man, it was intense. Everyone in the studio was in there watching and cheering them on. Dave won, but it was a close game. They are both almost Olympic level."

— Josh Board

A scalper in front of the Sports Arena was

being sly about letting people know he had "great" seats for the Britney Spears show, Tuesday, March 2.

With a salesman's smile, he said, "Three hundred and \$400. A bargain!"

"Let me see," I said.
"You can't go wrong, my friend," he said.

I examined the tickets.

"They're fake." "Say what?"

"You're good, but not good enough. They're counterfeit, straight off your PC. I buy one, try to get in, find out six other people have tickets for the same seat."

"Hey, screw you," he said. "What do *you* know?"

One of the police officers positioned in the area took notice and started walking our way.

"It's cool, it's cool," said the scalper, disappearing.

The friend I was going to the show with asked me,



\$400 BRITNEY TIX AS FAKE AS HER NUPTIALS?

"How could you tell they were bogus tickets?"

"I couldn't," I said, "I just like messing with those guys."

Considering that sandiegoticket.com was selling tickets for that show for \$1300 each, southbaytickets.com was selling them for \$955 each, and advancetickets.com was selling them for \$875 each, the prices of the scalper in

front of the Sports Arena, at \$300 and \$400, seem a little low. Let the ticket buyers beware.

— Michael Hemmingson

I'm trying to prompt Engelbert Humperdinck into

recalling a pithy anecdote about a time he's visited San Diego. He's performing March 17 at the Pala Casino Events Center. To pump him up, I mention that he was the first celebrity I ever met, back in 1972. My mom's friend ran a limo company, and my mom set me up with a preshow ride-along that I only vaguely recall. I was 12, and it was an uncomfortable ride. with me barely aware of who Humperdinck was, (I was a Bobby Sherman fan, but my mom thought I'd like this.)

"You signed a magazine for me," I say, trying to remind him, "even though you weren't in it, with a picture of Tom Jones. I had him confused with you, but you were cool about it."

"You were 12? And it was just yourself, nobody else came along?"

"Yeah. It was about a half-hour ride."

Long silence. "Isn't it a pity," he says, and trails off. "In this current atmosphere, I mean, I would be afraid to bring a young fan, a boy [alone in a limo]. People will tell you, 'No, you'll get sued,' or someone will print

something ridiculous."

"You didn't try to serve me 'Jesus juice' or anything," I say jokingly. This reference to the term Michael Jackson allegedly used with children to describe wine brings the chat to an uncomfortable halt.

"I hope you aren't planning to ask me about Michael Jackson," he asks.

"I wasn't, but do you have any comment?"

"Good luck with your article," he offers diplomatically, declining to be quoted further.

— Jay Allen Sanford

At a Year of the Monkey Masquerade Ball held at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts January 28, electronic band Preteen Pornstar ran through a lethargic set as people dressed like lions, wolves, scarecrows, and leaf-dwelling beings danced or sat on the floor sketching live models. Though an electronic flyer for the event said the models would be nude, they were not.

"It's probably better if they don't take their clothes off," said a guy seated on a bench next to me, using crayons to sketch a model.

"Initially, we were going to have nude models," says event organizer Eric Wong, "but with the environment in San Diego, I didn't think it would be appropriate." "The organizers of the event didn't have a tremendous budget to work with," e-mailed AntiQuark keyboardist Ant Dakini.

At the event, singer Maren McConnell of AntiQuark, who also performed, tells me she's giving away free cigarettes and motions to a smoke wedged between her toes, which I bend down and pluck from her foot.

Part of AntiQuark's shtick is their claim that they have made things happen by



PRESUMABLY PSYCHOKINETIC ANTIQUARK

singing about them in their songs. McConnell tells me the band is asking people to email them things they'd like sung into reality (she doesn't mention AntiQuark's demise as a possible suggestion).

To suggest a song topic, e-mail antiquark@angelfire.com.

When I ask about the presence of rubber dolls lining the perimeter of the space and sticking from poles on the stage, Wong tells me the event was originally a going-away present for performance artist John Rigg (a.k.a. Boy Blue), who moved to Colorado. "He did a lot of stuff with dolls that some people misinterpreted as relating to child molestation, but it was really directly related to his own life expression on being somewhat self-destructive, says Wong. "There's not a lot of performance art in San Diego, so it's like, when people see it, it makes them uneasy.

— Pat Sherman

"He was completely out of character," said

Kyle C. of the Born in Winter Project regarding Rob Crow from local band Pinback. Crow was performing a gig with his second band, the Alpha Males.

"It was at this organic wholesale food warehouse in Mira Mesa, tucked into the industrial section off Miramar Road, last September," said Kyle. "They needed a drum set, so they borrowed our friend's. Rob went ballistic [on it]. I don't know what his problem was; he kept jumping up and down on the drums, thrashing this special cymbal



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imported from Turkey... Out in the parking lot [later], people kept telling him he was acting like an asshole. He kept saying, 'Penelope will pay for it.' What? 'Penelope' is the one hit song Pinback has. I don't know what he meant by that.

"Then he had the nerve to



ROB CROW'S ALTER EGO AN AIPHA MAIF

come up to us [the Born in Winter Project] and say, 'You know, you guys are good, but

you have to work on your vocals....' Maybe he was just being 'in character' - you know, acting like the alpha male."

Kyle didn't want to give the name of his other local band because he doesn't want to commit "complete political suicide," but he did admit that after this warehouse event, the Born in Winter Project printed up decoy flyers for Rob Crow's October 5, 2003, solo show at the Casbah. They put the date as October 6, with "Eat Crow" printed above a likeness of the subject in a gilded cage.

"We distributed them all over a one-mile radius of Off the Record in Hillcrest," Kyle said, "right before Gay Pride. When we went back, they were all gone."

Did Crow see them? "I don't know.'

Rob Crow did not respond to a request for comment.

– Michael Hemmingson

Milli Vanilli's only surviving member,

Fabrice Morvan, had a "personal friend" contact George Groom, general manager of the new San Marcos nightspot the Blvd, because Morvan was looking for performance opportunities.

The duo Milli Vanilli were the only artists to win a Grammy and then have to



give it back because of fraud. The single "Girl You Know It's True" won them a Best New Artist Grammy in 1989; unfortunately, they didn't sing it. Morvan's partner Rob Pilatus succumbed to a fatal drug overdose in 1998.

Groom said Morvan, who lives in L.A., is now looking to get back in the groove. "[The friend] said, 'We are interested in having him perform in venues like yours,' " said Groom. The Blvd has a capacity of 400 and hosts bands three nights a week and DJs twice a week.

"He said [Morvan] wanted to play down here to help revive his musical thing."

Groom, who has no professional background in music or entertainment, had a brainstorm. "I asked if [Morvan] would consider being a karaoke host. It was just tongue-in-cheek. Everyone here thought it was a good idea. I said it as a joke, but [Morvan's] friend said he was interested. I wasn't trying to be rude or anything. Scott [MacDonald, talent buyer for the Blvd] also thought it was a great idea.'

A request for comment from Morvan was not returned.

– Ken Leighton

"Music and madness," says my out-of-town friend

about Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp, Tuesday, February 24.

He looks up. "Check that out.

We're on Fourth Avenue. A woman is sitting on the balcony of a red brick loft. She's pretty much naked and is holding a 12-string acoustic guitar, strumming it and yelling down to the group of men gathered on the street. "You wanna hear a song? Or you wanna see my nipples?"

The men chant, "Show us your tits!" repeatedly. There are half a dozen video cameras pointed upwards. This scene will end up on some videotape sold for \$9.95.

"I want beads, baby boys," she calls down. "No beads, you have to hear my awful singing."

She sings terribly as

promised.

Beads fly up her way like small prayers.

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She puts the guitar aside so her adoring fans can ogle her body. She twirls the beads on her finger.

A man and a woman come from inside the loft apartment and drag her inside now, calling her "crazy" and "stoned" and "insane." The crowd moans, an ensemble of disappointment.

'Come back, guitar girl!" several men cry.

– Michael Hemmingson

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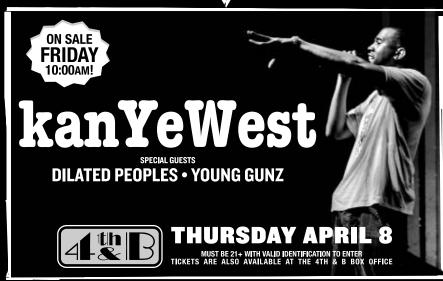
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hanin Biesen, a 31-year-old loan counselor from Ocean Beach, has downloaded lots of music. A series of computer glitches slowed him down a little. First, his Rio MP3 player went belly up. He replaced that with a MiniDisc player

manufactured by Sony. That too burned. Finally, the hard drive in his PC — where his entire music collection was cached — crashed. Hundreds of songs vanished in less time than it takes to say Bill Gates.

"Downloads? I was doing it, like, forever. Then my computer went on the fritz around Halloween. I recently got it back and I just got back into downloading in the last couple of days, so I've been busy checking things out. All the old sites have changed. They seem more difficult to access. Kazaa — I used to use that. Now the ones I check out that are worth their weight are more complicated, and it appears that they're now pay sites....

"The MiniDisc was a Sony. I actually ended up returning it because I couldn't get it to download properly. I haven't got a new MP3 player yet, but I'm thinking about it. With the new ones, you can hold more music than you can tolerate. You've got your 20 gigs of music on one of those, and there comes a point when you just want to give it a rest....

"Most of the downloads I had were from Napster days. I could tell their origin because in between the tracks you got what I call Napster

noise—like fingernails on a blackboard. I used to download straight into the MiniDisc player. Then the USB interface stopped functioning. I contacted Sony and told

them about the problem. They told me to contact my Windows vendor. Come on — you sell a device, the drivers should be on your website. Otherwise, I loved the MiniDisc player. I had a cheapo Rio MP3 player before that with digital memory, and there were problems with that as well. It functioned for all of a week. I returned that one too. I really would like to check out brands with internal hard drives, not the kinds of MP3 players that use flash memory. When they get affordable, I'll get into that....

"Musical tastes are a moody thing for me. I hate opera. Country I can live without. I like house, pop, and the genres that blend the two. Miguel Migs, he's a San Francisco DJ that I can't recommend highly enough. I found him online



DI Miguel Migs

through search engines. That's how I'd find stuff I liked. It's like hitting a vein of gold and then, bingo. That's the efficient way....

"My top-ten list? I have no idea what the titles of songs I actually downloaded are. I only download songs I really like, but I don't pay attention to the titles. But I estimate I've ripped or downloaded over 100 CDs. Once, I went to Thailand for a vacation. I went to Napster before the trip and downloaded something like 70 albums. I have nothing downloaded presently due to the crash of my computer's hard drive. But I rebuilt it, and now it's perfectly stable, and it goes wherever I point it."

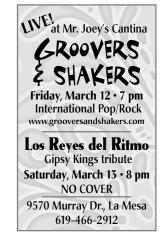


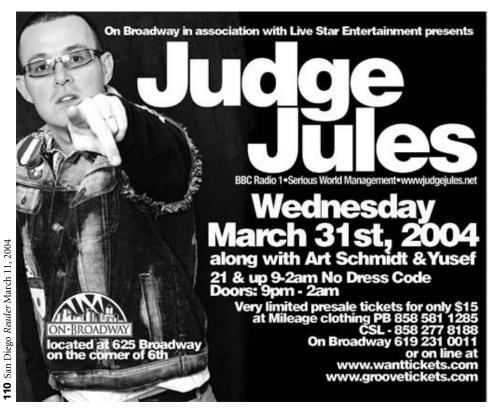
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The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Calexico: 'Canes Bar and Grill. Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Flogging Molly [316], Denver Harbor, and Go Betty Go: SOMA, Saturday, March 13, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Studio" featuring Claudia Villela: Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m., 4441 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 858-454-5872.

SUNDAY

Keller Williams [857] and Craig Honeycutt: 4th & B, Sunday, March 14, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Lisa Loeb [614]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, March 15, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Newport Jazz Festival": East County Performing Arts Center, Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon

The Melvins [190] and Totimoshi: The Casbah, Monday, March 15, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown, 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

TUESDAY

Yngwie Malmsteen [431], Sirens **Wail** [535], and **Top Dog** [492]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Big Head Todd & the

Monsters [417]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Engelbert Humperdinck [989]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday March 17, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263] and the **Downs Family:** The Casbah, Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Marcia Ball [953]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Leon Russell [956] and Tommy Castro: 4th & B, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood & the Destroyers [458]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Thursday, March 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago [600]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Thursday, March 18, and Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

Blonde Redhead [253]. Performance Six, and the Casual Dots: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Dropkick Murphys [481], Blood for Blood, and Ducky Boys: SOMA, Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226 619-220-8497. 619-226-7662 or

Musiq and Goapele: 4th & B, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Vina Morales: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 19, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala, 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 20, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Michael Feinstein with the San **Diego Symphony:** California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 21, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Modest Mouse [466], the Helio Sequence, and Triumph of Lethargy: SOMA, Monday, March 22, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Michael Bublé: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Leftover Salmon [816] and Ten Pound Brown: 4th & B, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

Little Anthony & the Imperials: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002,

Rod Stewart [604]: Cox Arena, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Lupillo Rivera: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino,

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.

The Get Up Kids [307], Recover, and **Rocky Votolato**: The Epicentre, Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Ruben Studdard: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, March 26, 121 Broadway, downtown, 619-235-9500 or

N.E.R.D. and the Black Eved Peas [459]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. and midnight, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Eek-A-Mouse [734] and Stranger [730]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 27, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

David Crosby [854]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The San Francisco Modern Jazz Collective with Joshua Redman: Mandeville Auditorium, Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Static X: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, March 29, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Strokes [175] and the Sounds: SOMA, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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The Church [533], Campaign for Quiet, and Searay: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Dramarama, Caution Children, and the **Kobbs**: The Casbah, Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

The Breeders [509], Lucero, and Go Betty Go: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 31, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [608]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

A Perfect Circle and Mars Volta: Cox Arena, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Barrington Levy [746]: 4th & B, Friday, April 2, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Starlight Mints [206], the Killers, and the Evening: The Casbah, Friday, April 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Tony Bennett: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264.

"Punk Voter Tour": RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, April 7, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt [830]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 8, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Soulive [677]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Nickel Creek [850]: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, April 8, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

The Yonder Mountain String Band: 4th & B, Friday, April 9, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Tribute to Glenn Miller": East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Proclaimers: The Casbah, Friday, April 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

"Aussie Invasion Tour" with the Vines [144], Jet, the Living End, and Neon: SOMA, Saturday, April 10, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Control Machete: 4th & B, Saturday, April 10, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jonatha Brooke [862]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Bacon Brothers and Cindy Alexander: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

When I was 13 or 14, I briefly fell under the spell of heavy metal. During that time, I remember the host of my favorite college radio show playing a new demo tape by a teenage kid in Sweden who played guitarsolos like nothing anyone had ever heard. Within months, **Yngwie Malmsteen** was playing for an American band called Steeler. Soon after that, he switched to a band called Alcatrazz. My friends and I had pretty bad taste, but even we could tell that both bands were terrible. And in guitar-magazine interviews, Malmsteen came across as an egotistical jerk. Still, I was learning to play guitar, and I was in awe of his technique.

When he came to town with his own band, Rising Force, I went to see him.

Twenty years later, I still look back on that show as the point when heavy metal's spell was broken for me. As Malmsteen ripped through solos that sounded something like Bach played at 78 rpm, I remember thinking to myself, "I will never be able to play like that." And, more importantly: "I don't want to play like that. These songs are terrible!"

Catching up with Malmsteen, it's clear that he hasn't changed much over the past two decades. He still has Dungeons and Dragons-style

album covers, bad songs, irritating vocalists, and unbelievably fast, quasi-classical solos. Think how far he might have progressed if he had just sold his Marshall stacks, enrolled in Juilliard, and fully embraced classical. Then again, maybe Malmsteen's career is due for a revival, now that it's hip to hold a



quasi-ironic affection for '80s heavy metal.

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YNGWIE MALMSTEEN, 4th & B, Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497. \$20; \$22.50 day of show.

Ketsana Vilaylack: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, April 14, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

James Brown [611]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui [674]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [650]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, April 16, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Darkness and the **Wildhearts:** SOMA, Friday, April 16, 7 p.m., 3350

Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Yes [541]: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 18, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Offspring, International Noise Conspiracy, and the Start: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, April 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Blondie: 4th & B, Monday, April 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

BR5-49 and **Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys** [343]: The Casbah, Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. **Neal McCoy:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

The Circle Jerks and **Throw Rag:** Brick by Brick, Friday, April 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Chayanne: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, April 24, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Kathy Mattea [771]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Phil Vassar: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Anka [612]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266]: The Casbah, Sunday, April 25, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Pinback [398] and **Enon:** The Casbah, Wednesday, April 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355

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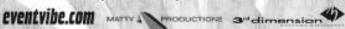
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MAY

Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B, Sunday, May 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Belle & Sebastian and **Juana Molina:** Spreckels Theatre, Monday, May 3, 7 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Los Tigres Del Norte: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, May 5, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 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

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The Fall: The Casbah, Sunday, May 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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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.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, May 23, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5

miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Hepcat: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, 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 and **Thrice** [491]: Cox Arena, Sunday, June 6, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Kenny Loggins: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 11, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252.

Michael Bolton [440]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

The B-52s: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 15, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252.

Smash Mouth: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252. Creedence Clearwater Revisited: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 18 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252.

Fleetwood Mac [615]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, June 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

No Doubt [232] and **blink-182** [244]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 24, p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

JULY

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.

ZZ Top *[477]*: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

The Go-Go's [483]: 4th & B, Sunday, August 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497. **Kenny Loggins:** Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497

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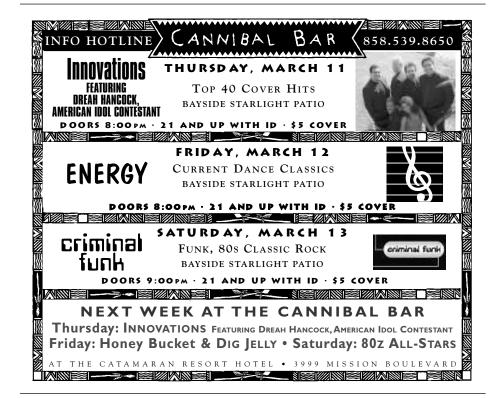
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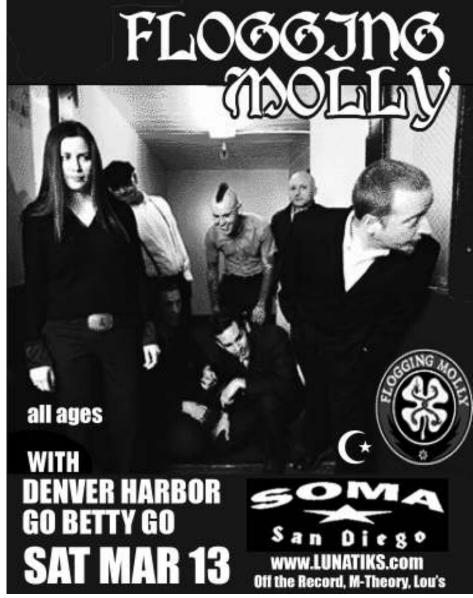














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The Flying Putos: Tio Leo's Lounge The Formaldehydes: The Jumping

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Four Eves: The Casbah

Giant Haystacks: Scolari's Office

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Goldfish [262]: Martini Ranch

(Encinitas)

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Street

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The Melvins [190]: The Casbah

Misty & the Mobys: Pounders

Mr. Tube & Flying Objects: 'Canes

No Fences: Soma

Odd Nosdam: Epicentre

Offset: Soma

On the Speakers: The Casbah

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Operatic [163]: Epicentre
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The Rhythm of Egypt: The Kensington Club

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The Scarlet Symphony: Epicentre

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Skratch: Dream Street

Serpent Underground: Dream

Shadow Drop: Neimans Bar and

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Sin Sin 77: The Casbah Skidrow: 'Canes

The Sleepy Jackson: The Casbah

The Soothsayers: Lestat's

The Spits: The Casbah

Split Infinity: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Spoken Gun: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Stars: The Casbah

This Holiday Life [145]: Epicentre **3 Minute Miracle:** Brick By Brick

Totimoshi: The Casbah

The Truckee Brothers: The Casbah

The Turds: Dream Street

Undershade: Soma

VIII Fraud: Brick By Brick

The Velvet Teen: Epicentre

Vena Cava [160]: Scolari's Office

The Vexors: The Casbah

Von Iva: The Kensington Club

The Wastrels: Dream Street
White Buffalo: Brick By Brick

Whole Hog: The Jumping Turtle
Why?: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Avocado Moon: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Big Blue Cat: Surf N'Saddle

Big Head Todd & the Monsters [417]: 4th & B

Big Slam: Fannie's

Blind Luck: Second Wind

Brain Bucket: Tiki House

The Buttons: Java Joe's

Calexico: 'Canes

Rip Carson: California Club

Chapter 13: Pounder's

Cheap Date: Viejas Casino

The Cold Beer Band: Fannie's

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Daemos [428]: Brick By Brick **DJ Beer:** Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

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Fish & the Seaweeds: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

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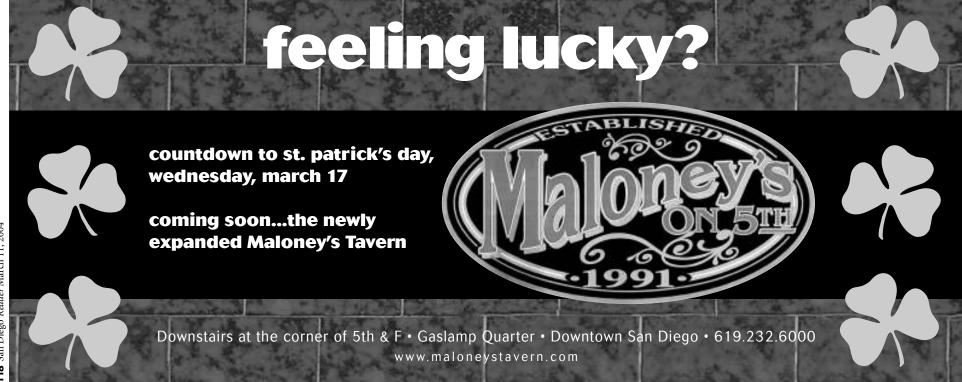
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ROCK

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's

The Jackson 3 [495]: McP's Irish

Jiggawatt: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Jen Knight Band: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill A.J. Leland: Winstons

The Little Effort Band: Blarney

Yngwie Malmsteen [431]: 4th & B

Momma: Java Joe's, Tio Leo's Lounge

Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern

Nite Hawk: Carvers

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and

145th Street: Moondoggies

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Quimbys: The Metaphor

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar

R.O.K.: Dirk's Niteclub

The Shambles [454]: The Casbah

Sirens Wail [535]: 4th & B 6one9: Second Wind (Santee)

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub

Top Dog [492]: 4th & B

Triple X: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub Tubby: Tiki House

Undercover: Boar Cross'n

The Ventilators: Coyote Bar and

Viva Santana: Humphrey's Chris Whitley: Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Baytown Band: Vieias Casino

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

Donell: The Caliph

80z Enough: Rock Bottom

Energy: Cannibal Bar

A Flock of '80s: Henry's Pub

Karen Giorgio: The Inn at the Park The Innovations: Cannibal Bar

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Kurth & Taylor: Dick's Last Resort Lisa Loeb [614]: 'Canes

The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill NRG: Dick's Last Resort

Faith Page: The Westgate Hotel Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Wes Anderson: Dizzy's

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Art of Peace Ensemble:

The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino

Big Time Operator [652]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grill Blue Velvet: The Caliph

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The John Butler Trio: Belly Up

John Cain [703]: Hotel del

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Camille and the Jazz n Blues Project: Bistro Baco

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: U.S. Grant Hotel, Onyx

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

E.S.P.: Dizzy's

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

Hollis Gentry [644]: Coyote Bar and

Hollis Gentry III: Dizzy's

Janet Hammer: The Wyndham

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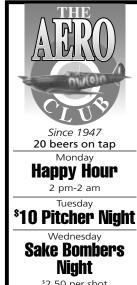




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Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Common Sense [736]: Belly Up

Tavern

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Starpool: Belly Up Tavern

The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's

Covote Moon: Mulvanev's

Elmore Jennings: Don's Cocktail

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Berkley Hart [880]: Java Joe's

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Tom Brousseau: Lestat's

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Dave Howard [832]: Humphrey's **C.J. Hutchins:** Java Joe's

Jackson & Sven [852]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Phil Lean: Shooters Bar and Grill **Jane Lui:** Lestat's Coffeehouse

John January: People's

John MacDonald: People's

Anne McCue [818]: Brick By Brick

Pettoling to Strangers: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Gary Rich: McP's Irish Pub and Grill **Ron's Garage:** Island Sports &

Spirits, Dick's Last Resort **Satish:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Company

The 7th Day Buskers [812]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno [861]: Java Joe's

Skelpin: Belly Up Tavern,

Laura Taylor: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod **Nathan Weldon:** Shooters Bar and

Keller Williams [857]: 4th & B Renata Youngblood: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Backwater Blues Band: Belly

Blue Heat: The Kraken

The Blues Dogs: Fannie's
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Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Chateau Orleans



BY DAVE GOOD

You build a band like Skid Row around a guv like Sebastian Bach. He has the look, the arena ham, the big hair, and a big, exceptional voice. Otherwise, Skid Row was a factory-issue rock and roll band right out of Central Casting. It was Bach's wealth of supreme vocal talents that elevated the Row's modest songs to lofty places they could not have gone without him. He's the kind of front man that gets noticed even from the cheapest of stadium seats, even though no one would blame you for confusing Bach with the other front men of his generation. Bands like Skid Row, Ratt, Slaughter, and Poison all lived and died by the guitar and the blow dryer. They were fashionably scruffy posers in mascara and black spandex, non sequiturs in the giant doomed cast of Big Hair rockers who would all become nostalgia acts well before their 30th birthdays.

Sebastian Bach is Sebastian Bierk in real life, and he's still worth a listen in spite of Skid Row's meteoric rise and fall in something less than five years. By 1994 the band was stinking rich from album sales but virtually extinct, and Bach sightings got scarce. In '98, a report out of L.A. said that a stage dive gone wrong during a gig at the Whisky a Go-Go forced Bach to limp through the remainder of the set. In 2002 he made

news again, this time in New Jersey when he was arrested for possession of drugs and disorderly conduct after he allegedly threatened to shoot a bartender. Bach toured for a short while as the lead in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar (he got strong reviews as a blond Jesus), hosted Forever Wild on VH1, then made ripples in April of last year when he auditioned for the dead-in-the-water



Guns N' Roses revival. He didn't get picked.
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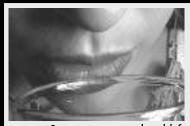
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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Thursday, live blues. Friday, Scar'd Sanity, alternative. Saturday, the Dog Town Prophets, Whole Hog, the Formaldehydes, and Jane Likes *Dick.* Sunday, 7 p.m., open-acoustic. Wednesday, open mike.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Charles Burton*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues.

La Costa Tournament of Champions Lounge, La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Cynthia Hammond Trio. iazz.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Call club for information.

M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista Way, Oceanside. 760-758-6363. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Clay Colton*, acoustic folk. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Calima*, jazz guitar.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, the Scarlett Symphony, alternative. Wednesday, Goldfish, retro funk.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, *the California Rangers*, country.

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Artist: Voice of Reason
Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Intro 2) Woe Is Me 3) Cha-Cha 4) Destiny 5) Hotties 6) Can't Complain 7) Confession 8) Darkness 9) I'm No Good 10) Rain and Shine 11) Missing Piece 12) Take It Back **Price/Where Available:** Music Trader for \$10

Band Members: Michael "Low-D" Donahue (vocals, synth), Dave "Turtle" Ramani (guitars, synth, vocals), Mario Rodriguez (vocals, bass, synth, guitar), David Bricca (drums, percussion), Jai Vatuk (guitar, keyboards), Sara Loaiza (vocals), John Erwin (trombone, flute, sax), Cliff Erwin (trumpet, flugelhorn), Wally Ingraham (drums). Erica Araujo (vocals)

Extra Info: Donahue and Ramani run a cart for the Tribal Clothing company at Viejas Outlet Center and hope to play Scatterbeans Coffeeshop there someday

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The first four cuts of *Beyond Category* are a lively mixture of rap rock with a sound similar to that of

the Black Eyed Peas — fast, catchy, and carried entirely by the funk-inspired bumping beats. Each song comes

across as fresh and holds its own unique sound. There is never a point where the beats lapse into something redundant, as is usually the main drawback with hip-hop albums. The hooks are catchy and the rhythms diverse, and the tangy grooves manage to keep everything in check. Most of the tracks contain live instruments, occasionally accompanied by an overstated synthesizer popping up here and there.

While the lyricism falls short — the song "Cha-Cha" has the group's female vocalists groaning "Ooh, ah, chacha" repeatedly — front man Michael "Low-D" Donahue switches things up with uninhibited vocals. The album takes an unexpected turn at "I'm No Good," with an increased focus on percussion, bass, and horns, morphing into a sound that's less hip-hop and more pop reggae. This trend continues into "Missing Piece"



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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Sunday, blues. Wednesday, hip-hop. **Surf N'Saddle,** 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big Blue Cat*, rock. Saturday, the *Jackson* 3, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Wednesday 9 p.m., *Highland Way*, Irish folk.

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.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Live bands nightly.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Friday, Skidrow, Brothers from Another Planet, Compass, and Kreep. Saturday, Calexico and Mr. Tube & His Flying Objects, Monday, Lisa Loeb. Wednesday, Gish, Smashing Pumpkins tribute band.

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Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Saturday, Spoken Gun, alternative rock. Sunday, Earl Thomas,

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La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-224-2272, Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Dean Paul Ratzman, piano, trumpet, vocals.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospec Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Barry Levich, jazz. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Rich Page, jazz, Sunday 11 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ross, jazz. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., flamenco guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, the Fryday Band, classic rock. Wednesday, 145th Street, rock.

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.

People's, 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach. 619-224-1387. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., *John January* and *John MacDonald*, acoustic.

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 Fairfield Fats Band*, blues. Saturday, *Tubby*, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's Open-Acoustic Night Wednesday, *Mississippi Mudd*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6822 Saturday, A.J. Leland, rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band.

SAN DIEGO

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

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.

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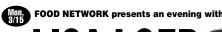




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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, Rick Lyon, contemporary keyboard.

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.

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

Java Joe's, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Thursday, *Momma* and *the Buttons*, rock. Friday, *Berkley Hart*, Brothers, acoustic. Saturday, the Hatchet Brothers, acoustic. Sunday, Miff's Jam Night. Tuesday, C.J. Hutchins. Wednesday, Jose Sinatra & the Trov Dante Inferno, alternative

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, the Rhythm of Egypt. Saturday, Von Iva and the Adored.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *the Biddy* Bums. Friday, Jane Lui, the Coyote Problem, and Tom Brousseau, acoustic/folk. Saturday, the Soothsayers and Split Infinity, alternative. Sunday, the 7th Day Buskers, acoustic. Monday, open

Marriott Hotel, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's: Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley. 619-692-3800. Club Kicks: Friday, 8 p.m., Rising Star, pop.

O'Connell's Pub and **Nightclub,** 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish* & the Seaweeds, classic rock/funk. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

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DRESS ➤ casual; lots of jeans, a few shorts, and everyone was in T-shirts ("SDSU." "Quiksilver." "Los Toros Football," "It's all in the past, bitch," "Pink Floyd")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none

FIRE EXITS ➤ two — the main entrance and one at the other end of the bar

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one toilet, one urinal (no wall), one sink, and a mirror; lots of graffiti ("SDSU rocks," "Fuck this," "Fuck you," "Practice makes perfect, but knowledge is perfect, so why practice?"); women's had one toilet, sink, mirror, liquid soap, and paper towels

CAPACITY ➤ 115

FURNISHINGS ➤ Touch Tunes video jukebox, video golf, ATM, four TVs, two ceiling fans, 20 seats at the bar, 10 tables with four chairs at each one; pay phone

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 114 when Nite Life did a cover of "Honky-Tonk Woman"; 112 last week at Neiman's

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN **LAST MONTH** ➤ Simply Complex **OUOTABLE** ➤ "Put that been down. It's mine. And you better get away from my wife. You've been talking to her for the last ten minutes when I was over there.

You can leave now."

I saw almost three fights take place. Besides the husband who didn't like the guy talking to his wife, there were a few guys in their 40s arguing about something, and another person got into an argument with his friend at the video golf game.

I noticed the beautiful neon sign over the front door had been turned off. The band Nite Life was taking a break, and I asked them why the sign was off. The guitarist said, "When we play, they can't have the lights on. We blew a circuit one time."

The manager of the bar (whose dad owns the place) told me they get a big SDSU crowd here, but when I went, it looked like a bunch of older regulars. One woman said a guy at the bar looked like Wyatt Earp. When I turned to look, there were four different guys she could've been

-Josh Board

Tuesday, Irish jam session Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-286-7873, Friday and Saturday, Nite Life, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, Shirley

The Roseary Room, 947 E Street, downtown, 619-702-7160, Saturday, 9 p.m., Bred'n Buddah, hip-hop.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Vena Cava, Shark Pants, the Giant Haystacks, and Hidden Tracks,

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Blind Luck, classic rock.

Soma. 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Offset, Undershade, Inner Limit, No Fences, and All Pride Aside. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Flogging Molly, Denver Harbor, and Go Betty Go. Sunday, 7 p.m., *Ima Robot, Maxeen*, and *Head Automatica*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot* Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, The Ioev Show and Momma, rock.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Josh Hall, Late-Night Waiting, Pettoling to Strangers, and Beezeley, folk/alternative, Friday 8:30 p.m., Satish, Laura Taylor, Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective, Lauren DeRose, and Jack the Original, acoustic/folk. Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Hugh Gaskin, Renata Youngblood, the Ien Knight Band, and guests. Sunday, 4 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble, folk. Wednesday, open

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Bistro Bacco, 420 E Street, downtown. 233-3377. Friday and Saturday, Camille and the Jazz n Blues Trio.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic

The Casbah. 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Four Eves, The Chevelles, and The Shambles. Friday, Elefant, Stars, and Roots of Orchis. Saturday, The Sleepy Jackson,

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Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the* Bluesmen. Saturday, Big Time Operator, rock.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-9100. Thursday and Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Friday, Private Domain. rock and roll. Saturday, Kurth & Taylor and NRG, pop. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Wednesday, Private

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 9 p.m., E.S.P., jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Art of Peace Ensemble, jazz. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wes Anderson, Andre Hayward, Jacques Lesure, Hollis Gentry III, and Daniel Jackson, jazz.

G-5 George's on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, Tom Barabas, classical

The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, the Tribe of Kings, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet,

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699, Tuesday, Gilbert Castellanos, Latin jazz.

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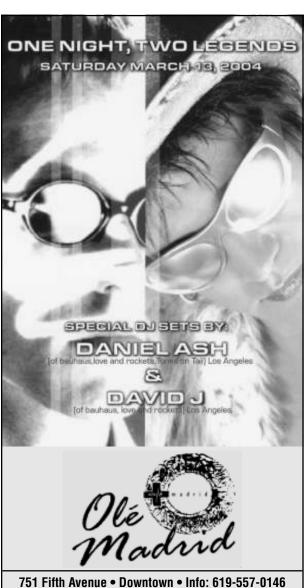
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U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Bar: Thursday, 8 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, Latin jazz. Friday, live music.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/Latin.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday through

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, call club for

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Friday, the Offbeats, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Steve Brewer, folk. Monday, Jackson & Sven, acoustic. Tuesday, Gary Rich, folk. Wednesday, Northstar, pop.

EAST COUNTY

Blarney Stone Pub, 388 North Second Street, El Cajon. 619-328-5403. Friday, 9 p.m., the Little Effort Band, classic rock/blues. Sunday, $6~\mathrm{p.m.}$ to $10~\mathrm{p.m.},$ open mike.

Casa Picante, 10757 Woodside Avenue, Santee. 619-258-5557. Call club for information.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, R.O.K., classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Elmore Jennings, country.

El Caion Grand Cocktail Lounge, 437 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-444-0949. Friday, *the* Heard, rock.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, the Cold Beer Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Big m. Wednesday, the Blues Dogs.

The German-American **Societies,** 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

The Greek Sombrero, 12891 Highway 94, Jamul. 619-669-1979. Saturday, Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers, blues.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Friday, live rock/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m., Los Reves del Ritmo, Latin.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Saturday and Sunday, Coyote Moon,

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Rix Uptown Lounge, 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-460-7499. Saturday, live salsa.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, 6 One 9, classic rock.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., the Baytown Band, pop. Saturday, 9 p.m., Cheap Date, classic rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Ray Barrie Big Band.





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The Tables of La Mesa

East County isn't Kansas anymore. Despite its longstanding reputation as a culinary backwater awash with Coco's and Marie Callender's, I've discovered that you can get delicious cosmopolitan meals there, too. Better yet, they run about half the price of halfas-good dinners downtown. La Mesa may be a bedroom community, but when nobody was looking, its palate woke up.

My first clue was a breakfast of mellow Frenchroast coffee and a lighter-than-air lemon muffin at Jitters Cafe (8201 La Mesa Blvd., 619-460-4800) in the "old town" district near the railroad museum. It was a relief to realize that the morning pleasures that gourmands can enjoy in Moose, Wyoming, are equally available in scenic downtown La Mesa. The main reason for my early-morning (well, noonish) presence was that I'd received some credible tips from readers urging me to come scouting in the mysterious East. One recommended the charming, antiques-laden town hub where I breakfasted. Another fervently directed me to the brand-new Trattoria Nostrana. I called Dave and Marty, my foodie friends in San Carlos. Had they heard of the latter? "Oh, we love it! We practically live there," said Marty. A few hours later, off we went.

"Nostrana" means "from the mountain village," i.e., rustic. The name implies that the restaurant will serve homestyle country cooking. The trattoria's chef-owner, Jose Flores, arrived there after stints at Encinitas's well-respected Trattoria I Trulli and Via Italia, and he's brought a similarly authentic cuisine to East County. He cooks genuine fare from all regions of Italy but scorns its Bronx-born spinoffs. Don't look for such American inventions as spaghetti and meatballs, fettucine Alfredo, or the cheese-gooped thick-crust pizza you can order by phone. Expect instead light sauces, ultra-thin pizza crusts, housemade bread, fresh pastas, and vegetables treated like treasures, not trash.

Open for five months, the restaurant occupies a former Mexican eatery and still looks cliché-Mex with stucco walls and faux ceiling beams. Never mind — it's comfortable and friendly, and your bill won't include a surcharge for glitzy decor. There is a touch of Mexico, though, in the fresh-flavored, spicy marinara that arrives with the alluring fresh-baked focaccia bread that you nibble while you read the menu.

We began with *calamari verdure fritti*, deepfried squid (both tentacles and thick rings) and



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zucchini rectangles in a light flour breading, with the same marinara for a well-matched dip. The *melanzane sorrentina* pleased us with slabs of firm eggplant, lightly battered, browned, and thinly coated with melted mozzarella in a light tomato

sauce distinguished by many thick slices (not minces) of garlic. This chef really loves garlic—and knows how to cook it so that it's soft and sweet, not burned or pushy.

All entrées come with the soup du jour or salad (house or Caesar). Our choices covered the waterfront. The soup of the evening was cream of potato and leek. Medium-size potato chunks floated in a thin, satiny cream broth that needed just a bit of black pepper, which the waiter stood by ready to grind. It's superbly simple and comforting. "They alternate this with a cream of mushroom soup, made exactly the same way," Dave told me. "That's just as good."

The house salad features baby greens with carrot slices, cucumbers, and ripe cherry tomato halves. The sweet orange-colored dressing is housemade, closely resembling the dressing at I Trulli, but to

me it tastes too much like Kraft Catalina for comfort. The Caesar, with dark and light romaine leaves, has a creamy white housemade dressing that reputedly includes anchovies somewhere in there; nonetheless it tastes just like the last five restaurant

Caesars I've eaten. There's obviously a conspiracy afoot among local chefs to depose the full-bodied traditional Caesar and replace it with a Cassius salad. ("Yon Cas-

sius has a lean and hungry look...")

The menu includes 13 pastas (plus a couple more as specials each evening), but this isn't one of those cookie-cutter Italian bills of fare. A number of the choices are items rarely found in this region's restaurants. The soft pastas (ravioli, lasagna, pappardelle) are actually made in-house; the hard varieties (spaghetti, linguine, et al.) are, of course, packaged. For the "primi" course that we shared, our group chose spaghetti carbonara, a dish so quick and simple that it's often abused in those few restaurants that dare to offer it nowadays. In today's food-fearing climate, it takes some courage to make a sauce of sautéed pancetta (unsmoked salt-cured

Trattoria Nostrana

★★★ (Very good)

9168 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa; 619-462-6126

HOURS: Seven days, 4:00–7:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$5–\$9; pastas and pizzas, \$8–\$12; entrées (including soup or salad), \$15–\$20.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Authentic Italian cuisine of many regions, cooked to order. Wine list is a treat for adventurers, with 12 well-described Italian bottlings, 10 of them under \$30, most available by the glass.

PICK HITS: Any pizza, shrimp with pink peppercorns, mahimahi with thyme.

NEED TO KNOW: Located next to Souplantation in a strip mall near east end of Fletcher. Reserve for weekends; can be very busy. Save room for dessert. Lots of garlic and some heavy salting; if these are issues, let waiter know your needs when you order.

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Italian bacon), freshly grated parmesan, and an egg stirred raw into the hot spaghetti and cooked only by the pasta's residual heat. (Bad chefs add hot cream; worse chefs scramble the egg, and real klutzes use American bacon, so you don't know whether you're eating dinner or breakfast.) Nostrana's version with its perfectly al dente pasta is a pristine and delicious rendition of this quintessential country dish.

The cracker-crust pizza at Nostrana is closely based on Via Italia's rendition — but why shouldn't it be? The chef's been cooking it for years, and I'm glad he's now spreading the gospel to a new neighborhood. What makes it outstanding is not just the extreme thinness of the crust (almost a Middle





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Eastern *lavash*), but the truly Italian spareness of the toppings. In our Pizza Raffaele, the tomato sauce was just lightly brushed on, topped with a sprinkle of *bufalo* mozzarella and slices of tender pink prosciutto. At the center was a little heap of arugula for us to scatter over the slices as we liked. Pizza comes in one size only, about ten inches, just right for one dinner or four appetizers.

An entrée of gamberi al pepe rosso offers tender, butterflied tiger shrimp with pink peppercorns and a more-than-generous share of sliced garlic and fresh parsley, cooked in extra-virgin olive oil and white wine. It proved irresistible but rather salty. A special that's bound for the regular menu was a moist fillet of mahimahi sautéed with cherry tomatoes in a buttery white wine sauce flavored with thyme, another fistful of garlic, and another big shake of salt.

My friends were disappointed to discover that an after-work party in the next room had exhausted the kitchen's supply of veal. The chef takes periodic breaks from the kitchen to welcome his guests and answer their questions, and he came out to greet regular customers Marty and Dave. He explained, "I don't want to have food getting old in the freezer or the cooler. I have fresh meat every day, fresh seafood, fresh produce. I'm sorry, but you know what? When something's gone, it's gone — but come back tomorrow, and we'll have it for you then."

In lieu of veal, we chose chicken in a scaloppine-like treatment. The *pollo alla piccata*, a pounded chicken breast paillard, was somewhat dry (as usual for this cut) but swathed in a finely balanced lemon-caper sauce.

All the plates came with minor variations on the same veggies, but thankfully not the standard brain-dead Sysco broccarrot-zuke trinity. Most plates held very fresh broccoli, nuttytasting in itself, robed in butter and slivered almonds. Others offered tender sautéed spinach and cherry tomatoes, and some had both veggies. A couple of our dishes included plain polenta, which was not only bland but, alas, rather lumpy that busy evening. "Just add sugar," said my sweetie, "and it would taste like the Cream of Wheat my mom made for breakfast." If you've got a yearning for polenta, you'd do better to order the appetizer version: It's made with rare and costly fresh porcini mushrooms, so it's likely to be tended too closely for lumps to happen.

The all-Italian wine list is a delight to explore, with bottlings I've never even heard of priced for fun and games and almost all available by the glass. With our first courses, we enjoyed the house white, Le Due Giare (\$9 a half liter, \$15 a liter) — pale green, smooth, lively, and a little fruity. With every sip, I envisioned myself lunching on a sunny terrace overlooking the Mediterranean. For a red, we experimented with a muscular Sicilian called Etna. aged for a decade in oak. Our enthusiastic waiter even brought me a tasting sample of Nero D'Avola, a dark red southerner that comes into its own (as the wine list warns) when it's been open for a few hours — or days. This bottle had been breached about 48 hours earlier, and its flavors had opened to a warm, berry-like fruitiness.

Dessert is a very strong suit here. Every day, Chef Flores turns out three or four Italian sweets, ranging from the ubiquitous tiramisu to regional rareties made from recipes he's gathered personally. We were lucky enough to happen upon his pastiera napolitana, made from a heritage recipe passed along by an elderly friend from Naples. It was a soulful, substantial cheesecake based on ricotta and ground wheat, studded with bits of candied fruit and drenched in enough aromatic orange-flower water to cause honeymoon deliriums. (It gave me something to look forward to during all three days it took me to finish the wedge.) Equally recherché was a rolled sponge cake called delizzia, soaked with almond liqueur, filled with pastry cream, and rimmed with very sweet marzipan.

Who'd've believed it? Out in the onetime realm of "mamma mia" red sauce, wedged between a chain restaurant and a cheap Chinese buffet, you can enjoy the most urbane "rural" Italian cuisine and pay only a suburban price.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Jose Flores was born to the restaurant business. "My mama runs two restaurants in Mexico, in San Luis Potosi in the center of the country," he says. "When I was growing up there, my parents decided to send me to the chef school in San Francisco for two years, the CCA.

You know what? They thought I would come back to be chef in their restaurants.

"I was studying and working at the same time in San Francisco. When I was at the school, I did mostly Italian food, because I really like it. And I started to meet many people. They asked me to work with them. One of my sisters was living in San Diego, and here in La Mesa there's the San Diego Culinary Institute; I'm friends with the chef-instructors there, and I kept in touch with them all the time, so after the CCA I came to San Diego to work. I've already opened two restaurants here for people I met. I worked for Arriverderci, then I opened I Trulli in Encinitas for those owners. Then I worked for Via Italia for almost three years, at the one in Clairemont and the one in Encinitas. And I cooked in concert with the famous chefs Emeril Lagasse, Martin Yan, Jacques Pepin when they were here in San Diego at a food festival. I really love to cook.

"What we do at my restaurant is to take the most famous dishes from all the regions of Italy. We cook more lightly than American-style Italian restaurants. Even when we cook with cream, we use just a light touch.

I get very good produce, too, from my vegetable guys at Belissima Produce. When I have time, I go up to Chino Farms. For my vegetable side dishes, I like to use different things all the time — not like all those places here that put broccoli and carrots on every plate every day. Sometimes I have asparagus, or green beans, or spinach, whatever is good at that time. I do fresh desserts, too, and change them very often. I don't want to do tiramisu, tiramisu, tiramisu. We do it sometimes. and we do it the right way, but we never have the same desserts — we change every three or four days. I try to discover the old recipes so they're more authentic. We make almost everything fresh, to order. If somebody wants less salt or they have an allergy to something, they can just tell the waiter when they come here, and we can make most dishes the way they want it. If they don't like the spicy marinara with the bread, we give them olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

"My mom still calls me. 'Hey, what's going on? I'm waiting for you!' she says. I say, 'You know what? Never mind! I like America, and I'm opening my own business.' "











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"m at the Saigon."
"Well, I'm at the Bangkok."
"So come to Saigon, brother."
"By bus? I'm staying here. You're missing out."

"And you're messing up. Oh, man. This is one sexy *pho* soup."

I put the phone down. Leave Hank to his *pho* sex. Me, I'm sticking with the Bangkok BBQ, here on Third, just off Broadway downtown in the old Spreckels Building. Just feel like Thai. I walk past the sidewalk seating and in through the door. They've done a good job with

the high ceilings and walls. Lots of colors: cream, terra-cotta, yellow, black. Hanging blue cone lights. But nothing particularly Thai, except the motto around a chicken logo: "Thai Food with Attitude."

"What would you like?" says this Anglo gal, Tammy, at the order counter.

The thing it takes a moment to figure out is that the chicken logo isn't there for nothing. Chicken is the meat. No other. None of the usual beef, pork, shrimp, fish on the menu. Colonel Sanders crosses the Pacific? But no, the chicken is given the Thai treatment, "marinated overnight in coconut milk and white wine." Chicken with rice goes for \$5.50 (leg) or \$6.50 (whole breast). Chicken *mussamun* — the traditional curry dish from Thailand's Muslim south — is "slowly cooked"

in curry coconut sauce," with peanuts, onions, and potatoes, served with jasmine rice, \$6.75. *Pad seaew* (flat rice noodles stir-fried with chicken breast) comes with a "thick sweet soy sauce," egg, and broccoli, \$6.95. Chicken *satay* (two sticks of skewered chicken chunks served with "spicy peanut

fusion sauce") costs \$4.95. And the San Diego Wrap (chicken *satay* with avocado and other veggies wrapped in a "translucent flour skin" and served with peanut sauce) looks like the ultimate crossover.

"I'm trying to change attitudes," says Noi. He's the owner.

He's from — aha! — New York. The home of attitude. "It's difficult. People come in and say, 'Your food is not true Thai.' Not the Thai food they know. But for 30 years Thai restaurants here in San Diego have set the standards for 'Thai' food. Some cut corners. For a dish like pad thai, they use ketchup, they use vinegar instead of tamarind, they use peanut butter. These are not Thai things. But that is the taste they have educated San Diegans to expect from Thai food."

Noi says he's going back to the future here. "I am very traditional. I was brought up in Bangkok. I insist on cooking the proper way. Everything fresh. Making everything here. For pad thai we get tamarind paste, brew it, squeeze the juice out — it's a long process. And we make our own bean curd."

He says he cut the choices down so people in a hurry don't have to look through a menu "as thick as a Sunday paper."

"We're the revolutionaries, taking Thai food back to its true tastes. It's a tough fight."

But it's a family fight. His wife Bea, who's a published, award-winning fiction writer, cooks. His brother Nivat, an aerospace engineer, is taking time off to help get things going (the restaurant is only seven months old). Tammy, Nivat's wife, is here too. She's usually a merchandising manager.

So, ah yes. Deciding. D'uh. Guess now Noi's got me interested in tasting tamarind sauce and also the coconut-milk-and-wine marinade in the chicken. So I go for number 12, small pad thai and chicken *satay* (\$7.95).

I sit at one of the comfortable tall black tables by the window. I'm interested in the bits and pieces that make up the pad thai package. "Diced bean curds, eggs, scallions, minced pickled turnips, fresh-ground peanuts."

Tammy brings the tray out. The black plastic plates make the pad thai colors come alive: the snake-pit of noodles, the peanut sprinkling, the large bean sprouts. They have a separate plastic pot of "spicy peanut fusion sauce" to dip the chicken into. I add some pickled cucumber from a sideboard for the two big *satay* sticks and start dipping.

Man, that combo of the pickled cucumber and the peanuts. And I'm sure I can detect a sweet, winey, coconutty flavor to the chicken on its own. I can see the meal's just going to demand a beer. I break down and pay out \$3.00 for a Singha.

And the pad thai? I'm getting tamarind, that tart, semi-sweet flavor that stops the noodles from being bland. But it's not till a German couple who've been noshing away farther inside come out that I nail what's really so good about the whole thing. "Fresh, fresh, fresh! This was as good as in Munich," says the guy, Émile. "And we have very good Thai restaurants in Munich. This was the best Asian food we've had in America."

Whoa. Plus they have been eating a special I hadn't noticed. *Pad prew won*. Stir-fried shrimp — shrimp! — along with chicken, onion, cucumber, tomato, bell pepper, green onion, and pineapple, plus "Bangkok-style" sweet-and-sour sauce and jasmine rice (\$7.45).

Noi, who's also a graphic designer, says he was the youngest of five brothers. "So I was always around my mom when she was cooking. That's how I learned."

Well, sure hope Hank is enjoying his *pho*, because there's nothing faux here. In fact, I'll be back for the San Diego Wrap. Could send shivers down my sacroiliac. ■

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Type of Food: Thai

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salute one happy soul who has made "a substantial contribution to the literature of wine in the English language." I'm looking forward to attending, even if the term "wine writer" always carries with it the self-lacerating sting of The Oxford Companion to Wine's entry on wine writing: "a parasit-

ical activity enabled by vine-growing and wine-making, but more usually associated with wine tasting, and even wine drinking, than with either of the former."

Looking over the list of past winners, I was struck by how many were or are connected with the business side of the industry. Gerald Asher, wine editor for Gourmet, began his career as a wine merchant in London, then moved to San Francisco to direct the Mosswood Wine Company. Robert Parker, author of revered tomes on Bordeaux and the Rhone, rose to prominence via a tasting newsletter that serves as a buying guide. English giants Michael Broadbent and Harry Waugh both started in the trade, making Hugh Johnson, "the world's best-selling wine writer' and a scribbler from day one, a notable exception.

The transition from the market to more rar-

efied climes (often without leaving the market behind) puts Dick Colangelo in good company. He began his own self-education in wine in 1963, reading everything he could find to help him in his work as a wine salesman for the San Diego-

based Simon Levi Company. That led to a job with Seagram's, which sent him and his fellow salesmen on a tasting tour of Europe under the tutelage of such luminaries as the University of Bordeaux's Emile Peynaud. By 1969 he was back with the locals, managing a wine sales staff for the Alfred Hart

company. His position inspired him to further erudition — he needed it to help him teach his staff about the product they were selling.

That same year, he began his foray into formal teaching — not through wine writing but an actual academic course. (It wasn't the sort of thing that could sit on a shelf, but the benefits to its students were arguably greater since you can't taste what's on a page.) "A restaurateur named Burt Howard came to me and said, 'UCSD has asked about doing a wine class for them. What do you think we ought to be teaching in an eightweek class?' "Colangelo laid out the basics, and Howard asked him to come aboard as a lecturer. "We did seminars in the Hilton Inn on Interstate 5, opposite Morena Boulevard. Nobody wanted to taste wine on campus because they were afraid of repercussions from the commu-

nity." Today, he says, we think of wine as a beverage you drink as a part of a meal, but in 1969 wine was alcohol — "a rose by any other name would yield a similar

By the end of the course, the special projects director for UCSD asked him if he would like to teach in their extension program. Colangelo demurred on the grounds that he didn't want to take anything away from Howard, so UCSD offered him a spot in the Imperial Valley extension. In 1973 he met Bill Cheeseman, who was seeking an instructor to run an on-campus

wine course for the food service management program at Grossmont College. "People coming out of food service management were going to be either managers or owners of restaurants, and Bill felt that wine was a very important part of a restaurant. Those people needed to know about wines; wine was a great source of income for them." The program took off. "I can remember all the retailers sending their employees. Barons and Liquor Barn and Beverages & More and other retailers that had good wine departments. People who worked in restaurants." Meanwhile, he kept on at UCSD through '81. "Ultimately, UCSD saw what we were doing at Grossmont and decided they could sample wines on campus, too. We used to do it in the cafeteria area of the med school; we called it Club Med.'

The budget cuts forced by Prop 13 drove Colangelo's class out of the regular curriculum and into Grossmont's own extension program. But he soldiered on, and the Wednesday night wine class has continued to flourish. In 1997 he



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joined the faculty of MiraCosta College as an associate professor in the horticulture department. By the time of last year's Wine Appreciation Guild dinner honoring Bill Cheeseman on the 30th anniversary of the Grossmont wine class, Colangelo was being billed as "the dean of Southern California wine educators.'

The dinner was grand, even for a stranger like me — lots of food and wine (including a powerful Syrah from Grossmont alum Doug Braun of Presidio Winery), lots of old friends, lots of nostalgia. Colangelo collected memories, walking from table to table with a microphone and letting people reminisce. And he read from his book of toasts — toasts written by graduates of his class as part of their course requirement. They may not have been the sort of thing you'd normally hear at a wine literary award banquet, but they worked to great effect that evening. One or two went for some sincere expression of sentiment — "May you find good in all you perceive to be bad" — but the great majority went for the fun-

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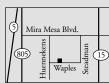
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I thought of toasting freedom, I thought of toasting life, / I thought of toasting to my friends or maybe to my wife. / I thought of toasting to family, or perhaps I should toast the Corps. / I'm sure I'll find a winner after I drink a little more. / Maybe I should toast to happy times, maybe I'll toast this class. / Maybe I'll find the answer at the bottom of this glass. / I could always toast the future, in hopes that it will be bright, / but I've decided to keep it simple, so here's to drinking wine on Wednesday night. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available $online\ at\ {\bf San Diego Reader.com}.$ Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10: moderate: \$10 to \$19: expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

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of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabamastyle mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Cafe 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Cafe Sevilla Carlsbad 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

The Encinitas Cafe 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch—some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistable lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del

Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. Top Gun, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who stil trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The cafe's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunchwiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get two orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

NORTH INLAND

Dicrescenzo's 11625 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-ordernumber kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, hon-

est-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a DiCrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco's Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic es-tablishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, in-cluding several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

Ming Court 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. —

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 South Escondido Boulevard (at Felicita), Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and

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GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily tight in for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. NW (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Parioli Italian Bistro 647 South Coast Highway 101 (at Via De La Valle), Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

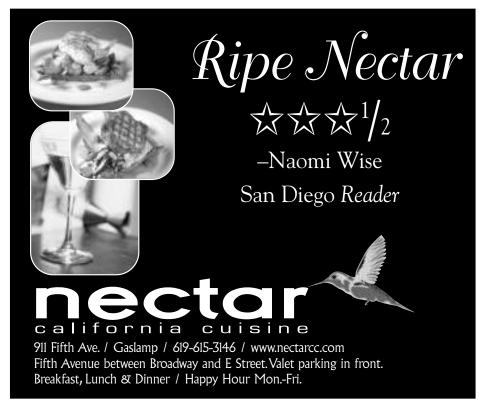
808 Restaurant The Aventine, 8980 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-552-1048. Chef-owner Jean-Marie Josselin brings his Hawaiian-French fusion food from Kauai to The Aventine and it's a delight. The restaurant's ever-changing seasonal menu reads like a Frencham's dream of happy tropics, and the decor looks the part — part glitz, part grass shack. The kitchen emphasizes superb fresh seafood, cooked up with tropical inspirations and rigorous Gallic technique. It's always an adventure. Try the lobster tempura, slow-roasted butterfish, or the scallop-crusted salmon when they're available. Full bar, heated patio. Dressy-casual; reservations strongly advised; reasonable valet parking. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — NW (7(3))



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Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

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 of-fers 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)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ciling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazel-nut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world - influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (harira), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry

fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

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 um-brella 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)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster.

Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage

leaves). Open daily. In expensive to moderate. — M.N.~(9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero

Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch

(mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/02)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a reallife reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki

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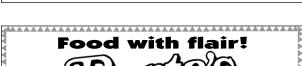
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Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251, A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes - and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778, Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a hand-some, view-endowed dining room dec-orated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with mar-inated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on ciabatta crostini is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated veg-etables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

Cucina Fresca 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9470. OK, it's a cliché, but "bring your appetite," really applies here. We're talking northern Italian food, with southern Italian generosity. The family-run place has been open since 1990, but it feels more like 1890. Italian flags and murals, varnished wood, banknote collections, terra cotta floor tile, and very traditional dishes. All the usual suspects are here, like chicken Parmigiana, chicken marsala, veal florentine. But who cares? It's their old-fashioned size you'll love. Order, say, the "sausage and peppers" pasta. You'll be half-full from the delicious minestrone soup they toss in first. Then your pasta arrives — woah! A Sargasso Sea of linguini capped by large quantities of sliced, herby Italian sausage. But hey, this is OB. What's your hurry? Attack this thing slowly,

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man, one whip-lashing linguini at a time. Lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this cafe/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the reezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Qwiigs Bar & Grill 5091 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. That name, Qwiigs? "Queeners Who Indulge In Great Sports' refers to a bunch of surfers who surfed a Hawaiian spot named Queen's. And they could get away with culinary murder here if they wanted to - the beach, surf, pier, horizon, and sunset are such eye-candy you tend to auto-feed your mouth. But this brassrail and varnished-wood upstairs eatery produces interesting food, featuring seafood from seared ahi to grilled mahi mahi to a substantial sushi bar. Some of their nicest surprises are in their simple plates, like a field greens salad scrumptious with candied walnuts and chèvre cheese; or farfalle pasta with rock shrimp, goat cheese, roasted gar-lic, spinach, and cream; or a cheeky smoked turkey-brie-pepperoni sand-wich. Also a good deal: pungent BBQ prime rib served on the bone on Mondays (other days as a sandwich). Freshest aperitif? Blackberry lemonade. Lunch and dinner daily, breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Moderate. -E.B. (11/03)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a

piece of performance art. Other specials include yaki soba (stir-fried

sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noo-

dles) and Champon noodle soup (udon

noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl—a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous Larb-Kai (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: Bamee (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and Lard Nar (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro, this loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn: if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu is mainly ordinary pub-grub (the fine crabcakes or red pepper hummus stand out from the pack); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf with rather sweet BBQ sauce. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service, right down to the bussers. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday, bar menu weekends until midnight. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphisstyle barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian newimmigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crèpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and din-

ner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Rodeo Bar and Grill 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bar-gain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list.











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The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean pastel de choclo (a casse-

role of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Cable Car Cafe 1945 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast includes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" three-egg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in — the own-ers roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Ca ble Car cheese steak (sliced beef, grilled onions, and cheese on a hoagie roll). Or try the BBQ pork sandwich (with coleslaw, potato, or pasta salad). Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Cafe Caspian Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most

Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabouli salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. Ghourmeh sabzi is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenji is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through earlyish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the souks of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekaly breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through

Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — N.W. (5/02)

Fifth And Hawthorne 515
Hawthorne Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner—on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wind dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine—a great bar-

gain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the palapa bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inchhigh double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of nabeyaki udon (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With

just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (7/98)

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny pinxos of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chickenstuffed empanadillas, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday







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through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta: Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scram-bled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at Villa La Iolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexperimental moderate. — M.N. (4/99) Inexpensive

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice - and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe

beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket - voi name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub - and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs.
Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu
platter and risky daily fish special and
go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours vali-dated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. N.W. (7/03)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar

802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive.

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surpisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip smart, and kind. Best dining nights disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday;

What the Chef Eats

100-PERCENT ORGANIC WHOLE-GRAIN BREAD

BY FREDERICK HOLMSHAW

Owner/Baker, San Diego Artisan Bakers, Escondido

After a few hours of earlymorning work, my stomach cries out for something solid and soothing. I usually reach for a loaf of one of our whole-grain breads. I like traditional, no-frills breads. I guess I'm just a sucker for anything rustic and uncomplicated. I make some toast in the oven and wolf it down with sweet butter and maple syrup. This bread is also great for sandwiches. I eat lighter breads with dinner.

The following recipe

can be made with yeast or with a sourdough starter. The sourdough version will be chewier, with a nice tanginess. It also may take an extra hour to rise before baking, depending on how vigorous your starter is. Either way, this is hearty bread with a nutty, rich taste, even though there's no fat added. And if you're watching your carbs, it's a good choice (lots of fiber).

HOW TO DO IT Proof yeast in a little of the water, following the

instructions on the package.

Combine ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix until flour is absorbed. Set aside for 30 minutes and then knead the dough until it is smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. The dough should be moist and a little sticky. Resist adding additional flour; use a little water instead. Don't worry if the dough tears easily at this point; it will acquire strength as you turn and fold it later. (Note: Final



dough temperature should be in the mid-70degrees temperature range. Avoid the use of excessively warm or cold water. The dough will warm up a few degrees as vou knead it.)

Cover the dough for 30 minutes and then give the dough four folds. Do this three more times,

dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking - with successes. Try the lovely herbrich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Harbor House 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken,

pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholes but not original. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Moderate to expensive. -E.W

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine

breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispycreamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate prepara-tions. Best dishes include "BBQ

Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though



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every 15 minutes. Let dough ferment for 30 more minutes. Divide the dough in half and form into loaves, then let them rest for 15 minutes. Lightly coat the insides of two bread pans with olive oil or butter. Reshape the loaves into tight loaves, place in pans, and place the pans in a large plastic trash bag. Inflate the bag so it isn't touching the loaves, and allow them to rise at room temperature for 11/2 to 2 hours. Place a skillet or broiler pan in

your oven on the lowest shelf. Position the other shelf in the middle of the oven. Preheat the oven to 475 degrees.

Loaves are ready to bake when a gentle press with your fingertip on the top of the loaf leaves an indentation. Slash the top of each loaf with a razor blade or sharp knife. Place loaves on center oven rack, then carefully pour a cup or so of scalding-hot water into the skillet. CAUTION: The scalding water hitting the skillet

will create a blast of steam — wear an oven mitt! Shut the oven door immediately and leave it shut. After 15 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 425 and bake for an additional 45 minutes. Remove the loaves from the oven, take them out of the pans, and let them cool on a wire rack for at least 1 hour.

This recipe makes two loaves.

INGREDIENTS

1 teaspoon active dry yeast (or 2

cups ripe sourdough starter if you have it) 2 pounds (4 cups) of water 2 pounds (6 to 7 cups) organic, freshly ground, mediumcoarse whole-wheat flour (or whole-kamut flour). *Just be sure to use good*quality whole-wheat flour. You can substitute 1 cup of cracked wheat, ground flax seed, shelled hemp seed, millet, steelcut oats, hulled sunflower seeds, or any combination of these or other grains for

one cup of the flour

he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken faji-tas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

Rice Hotel W, 421 B Street (at State), downtown, 619-398-3082. The W's several amusing bars and lounges serve as a weekend amusement park for a spiffy singles crowd. Rice is there to feed them on Fusion-lite nibbles created by corporate chefs far away, emphasizing appetizers and desserts over entrées, as you'd expect. Cool, witty decor and a loud, nonstop pop soundtrack drive home the point: This is a scene. Reservations usually necessary for lunch or dinner. Pricey valet parking, but easy street parking weeknights. Three meals daily to 10:45 p.m. Upper moderate to very expensive. N.W. (7/03)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry.

Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

Shiraz 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0203. Owned by the admirable Persian restaurant Bandar a couple of doors down, this restaurant offers nothing exotic - just steaks, , seafood, and roast chicken. Go for the steak — it's USDA Prime, juicy

and flavorful and reasonably priced Creamy mashed potatoes and veggies come at no extra charge. Fish quality isn't great; lobster tails (frozen from Australia) are safer. The nightly soup is where the Persian chef shines; don't let the clueless waiter's shrug dissuade you An appetizer of creamed mushrooms makes a tasty side for meat, better than the "official" sauces. Other starters are mainly steakhouse standards, with airy mainly steaknouse standards, with airy fried calamari worth a try. California supermarket wines at ruthless markups; steep, skimpy beer list. Dinner nightly from 5 to 11 p.m. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider) The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and yeal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate.

— N.W. (8/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's get-away for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the

appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on halfbottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It's a rambling building over-looking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretendluau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch. Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. - N.W. (7/03)

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, do, 619-437-1134. Rick Chap

man has created a French café atmos phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/01)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the break-fast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken adobo, or longaniza sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. Karekare (vam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is dinuguan, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's monggo (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — daing na bangus, vinegarsoaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Zorbas Family Restaurant $100\,$ Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the zembekikos, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the spanakopita (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), dolmathes, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabouli, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

BAJA

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Antojitos Del Pais 9750 Fraccionamente America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 wait-resses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include bistek ahumada (smoked beef) or costilla de res (beef ribs), pollo en mole, lengua de res (ox tongue), and carne de cerdo (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

El Rincon Del Oso Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an ac-quired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's sur prisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey after-taste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/01)

Fonda Roberto's La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday; open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to



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Loncheria La Poca Lucha $\mathrm{Mu} ext{-}$ nicipal Market, 105 Avenida Niños Héroes, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's Mercado Municipal is like entering a scene from The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the mercado, ladies bounce up, enticing

you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Loncheria La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bisteck ranchero*, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), milanesa cor papas (veal with fries), pollo frito (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Mr. Fish 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Con-tinue past the twin high-rise towers.



Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Juarez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with gringo, gringo-Mex, real Mexican (menudo), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. - N.W. (4/03)

Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 665-685-5070. Sr.

Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chan-deliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole poblano, includes two eggs, en-chilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the pastes — pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind gorditas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/20)

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Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated eggplant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian car-pets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake - a foot-wide,

batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith ap-ples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere un-der a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped goldand-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road. 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable pakora — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

















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spoofs: Starsky and Hutch in the mainstream and The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra in the backwater. And nothing for me to do but hold my nose

until the appearance on Friday of David Mamet's *Spartan* and David Koepp's *Secret Window*.

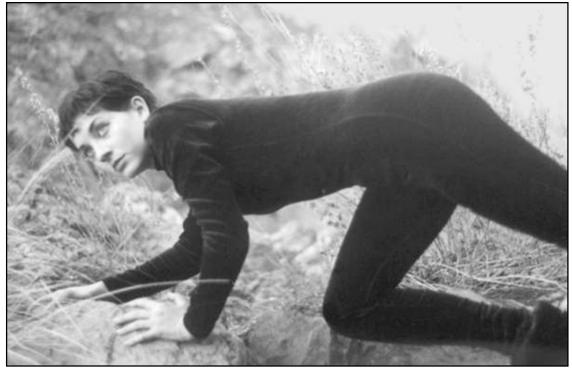
The first of the spoofs, directed by Todd (Old School) Phillips, gets zero points for originality of concept or strategy of execution: another vintage TV show transferred to the big screen, and, after the fashion of The Brady Bunch of similar vintage, held up to ridicule for its datedness (its tight pants, its wide collars, its perms), among other things. The results are innocuous at worst and ingratiating at best, although maybe it helps if, like me, you have never seen the TV show and have no proprietary interest in it. Many a cliché the helicopter-over-water opening shot, the car stunts, the foot chases, the period pop songs on the soundtrack — will naturally be covered by the protections of parody. To have to sit through two Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson

films, however, before a year is three months old — *Along Came Polly* and *The Big Bounce*, respectively, and then this collaboration — borders on cruel and unusual punishment. Stiller, always

a willing horse's ass, comes off the better of the two as a by-the-book undercover cop who ac-

knowledges no such thing as petty crime, while Wilson, a too-cool-for-school detective unaverse to a bit of criminal activity of his own, makes no modifications to his normal persona such as might be construed as characterization. It says something, no doubt, that I laughed out loud at Stiller's disguise as a bossy helmethaired loudmouth — or at least I laughed out loud at his repeated reading of the line "Do it!" — considering that this came at the climax when I was cold as an icicle. It says something else, of course, that I could find no occasion to laugh till then.

Spoof two, wherein an altruistic scientist, a megalomaniacal scientist, a pair of stranded space aliens, and a dormant mind-controlling skeleton squabble over a radioactive element

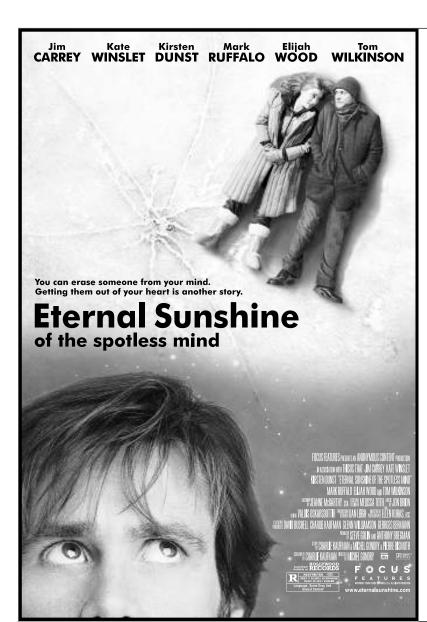


The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra

called Atmospherium, is a well-informed, soft-hearted send-up (as opposed to a peremptory putdown) of the grade-Z science fiction of the Fifties, here again set in its proper period. Its blatant shortcomings — the uncharismatic cast, the inane dialogue, the clunky direction (Larry Blamire, who doubles as the good scientist:

"Too *much* science? Is that possible?"), the threadbare production, the hand-crafted special effects, the canned music — come under the protections of parody, too. But the black-and-white DV image, or rather the dishwater-gray DV image or the cataract-cloudy DV image, falls outside those protections. Rather than looking like a

grade-Z film of the Fifties, which at least would have been shot on 35mm celluloid, it looks more like a third-generation video dupe of a 16mm TV print of one. Amusing notions pop up throughout. One of the most amusing of them, an amalgam of four forest creatures transmuted into human form and christened Animala (slinkily



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interpreted by Jennifer Blaire in a black body stocking) pops up quite late. Still, parodies are notorious for wearing out their welcome, every bit as fast as, if not faster than, campy offerings of All-Time Worst Films. Only a person who can sit contentedly through an entire Ed Wood film could count this one a profitable investment (of time or ticket price). The classic Ub Iwerks cartoon that precedes it on the Ken program, *Skeleton Frolic*, will get such a person off on a good foot.

The eleventh annual San Diego Latino Film Festival arrives (none too soon) today at Madstone Hazard Center, and will not leave for another ten days. It tries something new this year (something new to San Diego, that is; not new to, say, Toronto), designating a Guest Director — the tactfully perverse and subversive Mexican maestro. Arturo Ripstein — who will exhibit his own most recent work, La Virgen de la Luiuria (translation: The Virgin of Lust), as well as select three personal favorites for presentation, Luis Buñuel's Nazarin and, perhaps surprisingly for this filmmaker, and certainly for a Latino film festival, Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita and Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai. It is good to have all three of them back on a big

screen (Madstone's initial commitment to revivals has become pretty spotty), whatever may be the reasoning behind the selections. In order to comment on the filmmaker's own work, I was going to relax my rule against screening films on video, but the provided copy was of such poor quality that I could not even make out whether the film continues the director's digitalvideo phase, which in honesty I can't help but feel is in a minor league in relation to such polished gems as Deep Crimson and, a past presentation at the festival, No One Writes to the Colonel. Sort of like TV in relation to movies. I look forward to seeing how it looks on the big screen.

Speaking of TV in relation to movies: did anyone catch Peter Bogdanovich's The Mystery of Natalie Wood on ABC last week? There is something horribly depressing, yet hideously fascinating, about seeing one of the nation's leading disseminators of auteurism (back when it mattered) now reduced in his own directing career to the stature of an abject hack. A blink-of-an-eye clip from John Ford's The Searchers and jaundiced portraits of Nicholas Ray and Elia Kazan cannot confer any credentials. And by the way, Justine Waddell, whom TV Guide trumpeted for her "eerie resemblance" to the title figure, looks much closer, especially around the pinched mouth, to another Nicholas Ray protégée, Gloria Grahame. There'd be a TV movie in that story, too: the actress who married her own stepson.

Deep into festival season, we might find ourselves wondering once again about the prognosis for the San Diego International Film Festival, as we were forced to wonder last summer upon the death of its long-time director, Ruth Baily. It was in early April of last year, I remind myself, that the festival showed Arturo Ripstein's La Perdición de los Hombres, the last time I attended. Already we are into the middle of March, and I haven't heard a word. Were I to go out of my way to visit the website of the UCSD University Events Office, I would get conflicting information. The 2004 festival is said to be scheduled either for April 16 through 30 or for April 23 through 25. A big difference. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London — Frankie Muniz returns as the teen superspy, directed by Kevin Allen. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/12)

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 quisine on

Irritable Bowel Syndrome, the guest's afterdinner pit stop in his hostess's bathroom, the turning-on of the shower to cover up the brass-band noises, the mere scrap of tissue on the roll of toilet paper, the use of Grandma's embroidered handtowel instead, the plugged-up and overflowing toilet bowl, the use of the hostess's brand-new loofah as a plunger — well, you could just about die, although not from laughing. Hank Azaria contributes a funny French accent as a nudist scuba instructor on St. Barts, but funny French accents are a dime a dozen. And climactic crosstown dashes to prevent departures of loved ones on airplanes are a dime a gross. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Debra Messing, Alec Baldwin

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Barbarian Invasions — Writerdirector 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, Ir. — 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, Dorothée Berryman, Marina Hands.

★ (LA JOLLA 12)

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; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: VOGUE)

Big Fish — Big bore. Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his "fan base," needed to bounce back in a big way from the commercial conservatism of Planet of the Apes, and in Daniel Wallace's slender novel he has found a fund of peculiarity: the sententious and sentimental memoirs of an Alabama fabulist, none of whose tall tales and fish stories - literally tall in the case of a twelve-foot giant, literally fishy in the case of a freshwater Moby Dick known as The Beast — explains how the moles on his cheek and forehead vanished between the time he was Ewan McGregor and the time he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narrationheavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in Planet. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Butterfly Effect — Co-writers and co-directors Eric Bress and I. Mackve Gruber offer utterly unrationalized science fiction in the time-travel and alternateuniverse subdivisions. It concerns a college student (Ashton Kutcher, with scholarly beard) who had suffered from memory blackouts as a child, and who now discovers that by rereading his diaries he can return to the lost moments and rewrite the outcome, emerging from the experience with nothing worse than a bloody nose. But every time he changes one thing, it changes the entire future. This might sound as though it ought to be more interesting than it is. (Or else it 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.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

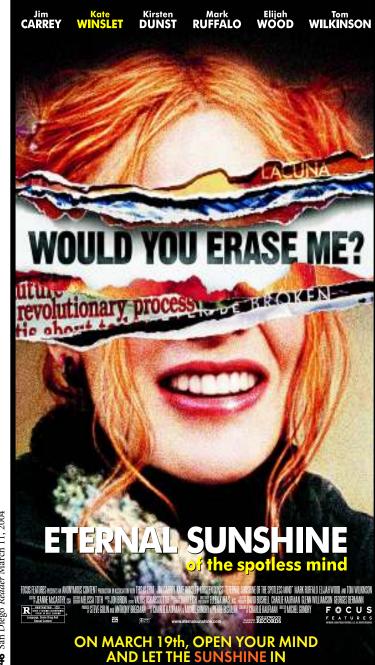
Cheaper by the Dozen –

Unrecognizable update of the 1950 film (and 1949 book) of the same name, set originally around the turn of the century, now a sort of Fox-TV sitcom quadrupled. The messiness of the family life (in a family of fourteen) is neither adequate camouflage nor alibi for the messiness of the filmmaking. With Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, Hilary Duff, Piper Perabo, and (uncredited) Ashton Kutcher; directed by Shawn Levy. 2003.

● (VOGUE)

City of God — A slice of "kinetic" cinema (or what would be called "hyperactive" if it were a child) that grabs you by the shirt collar and shakes the living daylights out of you: an antsy camera, fast-motion, splitscreen, yellow flashbacks, a loop-the-loop storyline that keeps circling back on itself, a tangential digression, a yackety-yak-yak wiseguy narration, chapter headings, the kitchen sink. The subject of gun-crazy youth gangs in the slums of Rio de Janeiro is of course a real one, and indeed the budding photographer hero is based upon a real person, with a paraded portfolio of real photos to prove it. But while the violence is unglamorous, the voguish, flashy, anything-David-O.-Russell-or-Roger-Avary-can-do-Ican-do-better visual style tends to trivialize everything. And monotonize it. With Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus Nachtergaele, Seu Jorge; written and directed by Fernando Meirelles, 2002. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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"





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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 eneral cause, and the lover over the fighter. The large cast has plenty of interest of its own. Renée Zellweger, as an Erskine Caldwell — or even Al Capp — poor white trashy Southerner (strike up the fiddle and banjo), runs rings around Kidman's wellbred belle once she is let loose almost an hour into the film; and there are strong contributions from Eileen Atkins (a backwoods goatherd meticulously realized down to the dirt beneath her fingernails). Kathy Baker, James Gammon, Ray Winstone, Brendan Gleeson, Donald Sutherland, and Natalie Portman, But then again, the cast also has Philip Seymour Hoffman and Giovanni Ribisi in it. 2003. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY

Confessions of a Teenage Drama

Queen — Her Highness is exiled from the island of Manhattan to the cultural wilderness of Dellwood, New Jersey, a new world to conquer. The adult perspective (i.e., sardonic condescension, campy ornamentation) doesn't broaden the appeal beyond girls only — little ones. With Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia, Glenne Headly, Alison Pill, and Carol Kane: directed by Sara Sugarman. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;

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Crimson Gold — It 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

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 stakeout, 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

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excitements of awareness and aliveness; a sort of cinematic Cartesianism: I see, therefore I am. With Hussein Emadeddin, Kamyar Sheissi, Azita Rayeji. 2003.

★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/11)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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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

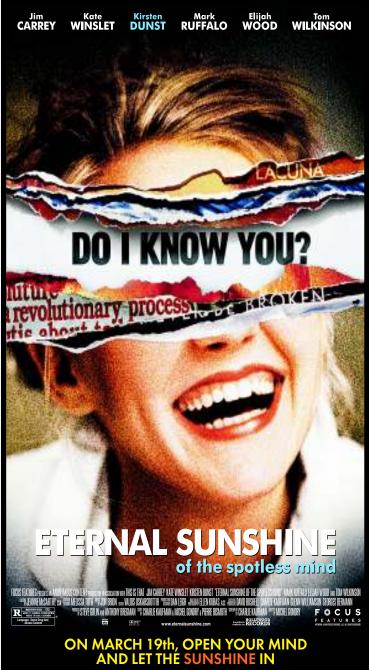
several show-offy and superficial discussions on the topic, together with some pretentious theorizing by the first-person narrator. All of this no doubt has a certain prelapsarian nostalgia about it (do young people today still debate Chaplin vs. Keaton?), but it would be largely embarrassing even witho the auxiliary sexual gamesmanship of a ménage-à-trois composed of incestuous French twins of opposite sexes and an American naif from San Diego. (Surely his origins cannot account for his habit of peeing in the sink.) The sex comes into it only because the protests over the ouster of Henri Langlois from the Cinémathèque Française — not an issue apt to galvanize the modern-day moviegoer — has closed the place down, and left our cinephiles with a lot of time on their hands ("I've seen you around. You come to all the Nicholas Rays") and a lot of unchanneled passion. Hence, film buffs in the buff. The political mobilization at the end, the least of the ingredients in the soup, seems to come out of nowhere, or perhaps out of the flagwaving finale of Bertolucci's 1900. Michael Pitt, Eva Green, Louis Garrel. 2003.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/11)

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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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



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blonde who can retain no short-term memories since her year-ago car accident and who is doomed every day to relive the day of the accident with no knowledge of intervening days: a scoop of Groundhog Day, a dash of Memento. It showcases the unique comic gifts of Adam Sandler, namely the ability to be funny only when attempting to be tender, touching, heart-tugging, etc. (With that in view, don't leave your seat, if you insist on taking one in the first place, until the long-winded "dedication" to his late father in the closing credits.) He gets little help from Drew Barrymore's selfinfantilization. Rob Schneider's two-toned eyes, Sean Astin's lisp, or running gags to do with walrus genitals and the androgyny of a braided German *fräulein*. Blake Clark, as the heroine's guilt-ridden father, doesn't even try to be funny and comes off, by comparison, looking like John Wayne Directed by Peter Segal. 2004.

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The Fog of War — Errol Morris documentary, subtitled "Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara." It amounts to a sort of anti-war seminar chaired, hosted, conducted by the eightyfive-year-old former Secretary of Defense (a/k/a "Mac the Knife") throughout the first phase of the Vietnam War (a/k/a "McNamara's War"). What you think of it 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

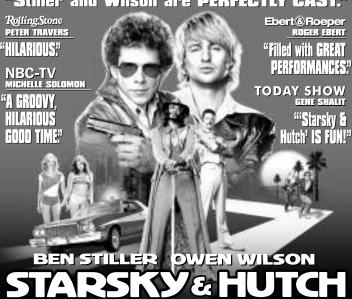


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movie compels your interest. But it might be better to say that the man compels your interest: an imposing man, and in the eyes of history an important man, by all accounts a brilliant man, seemingly, at this stage, selfassessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. But the movie can't, or anyway doesn't, supply sufficient information to sort out his motives or his truthfulness in here reshaping his legend and his legacy. It is no small thing for a man in his position to confess that his understanding of the essential nature of the conflict in Vietnam was incorrect - and no small "scoop" for a documentary. But although he, together with the handholding filmmaker, cultivates assent on that and many other points — and although the ticking-bomb background music of the ever-monotonous Philip Glass insists on the urgency and the magnitude of the business at hand — these are social and political and historical rather than artistic issues. The artistry is little more than functional. 2003. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; 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, Xrays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted over a chair in Woman with a Water Jug, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterwork. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way the maid's breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing.

And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow — in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the locker-room jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist Tracy Chevalier, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the first-time director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy. There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland, although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market

Tom Wilkinson, 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS

Good Bye. Lenin — Wolfgang Becker's political comedy on the fall of Communism in East Germany. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/12)

with facsimiles. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt,

Hidalgo — One of the legion of Disney sports films — the allegedly factual story of a long-distance Bedouin horse race across the Ocean of Fire to Damascus - feeds the current hunger (to put it as crudely as it merits) to kick some Arab butt. The titular mustang, the lone American entry in the field, 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



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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? With Omar Sharif and Zuleikha Robinson; directed by Joe Johnston, 2004.

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In America — The immigrant experience in Manhattan, more precisely the Sheridan Family experience, as revised and related by Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan (My Left Foot, In the Name of the Father, etc.). Never a dull moment, it would seem; or anyway never a relaxed, a calm, a common, a mundane, a prosaic one; instead a gaudy parade of overheated vignettes such as would make late-period Fellini look like a strict neorealist. (E.g., the family's first look at the lights of Times Square, to the nudging accompaniment of the Lovin' Spoonful's "Do You Believe in Magic?," is more an effect of camera acrobatics than of carefully aimed shots.) The real-life sisters Sarah and Emma Bolger are delightful as the little girls of the family ("Don't 'little girl' me! I've been carrying this family on my back for over a year!"). But Paddy Considine, the Jim figure, seems several storeys over the top as the unemployed head of the family, an aspiring stage actor. His diagnosed "problem" is that he shut down emotionally after the death of his son — "That's why ya can't get a job acting, Johnny, because ya can't *feel* anything!" — and yet he acts offstage like an amalgam of Tim Roth and Gary Oldman: not bits and pieces of each of them, but the totality of *both*. He may not be able to feel, but man, can he ever express! The elder daughter, who believes she has inherited three wishes from her departed brother, addresses the problem touchingly with her third and final one. Samantha Morton, Diimon Hounsou. 2003. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Jet Lag — Gracefully paced romantic comedy about a couple of wayfaring strangers who meet-cute in a French airport shut down by an air-controllers' strike. It is good to see Juliette Binoche's relentless intensity turned against her for the purposes of comedy - in the role of a high-strung beautician for whom her daily parfait of makeup is "like clothing" — and it is good to see Jean Reno for once being human and vulnerable - a bundle of ailments, allergies, and neuroses in the part of a gourmet chef on the verge of unveiling a line of frozen dinners — instead of being an implacable killing machine. And it is good, lastly, to watch these two dissimilar people passing continual judgment upon one another: there is patently so much to judge, in both cases, and yet so much to learn, too. The film starts out with the heroine's wish, in voice-over, for one day in her life that would be like an old Hollywood movie, and the wish really does come true, no thanks at all to the Sappy Ending, but many thanks to the solidness of construction and the smoothness of finish. Writer and director Danièle Thompson (daughter of the featherweight French filmmaker Gérard Oury) was responsible as well for the underappreciated Christmas comedy, La Bûche. And like that one, this one marries the suavity of old Hollywood to the stickiness of real life. 2002.

★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/14, 2 P.M.)

Latter Days — Homosexual romance with Wesley Ramsey, Steve Sandvoss, Jacqueline Bisset, and Mary Kay Place, written and directed by C. Jay Cox. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/12)

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

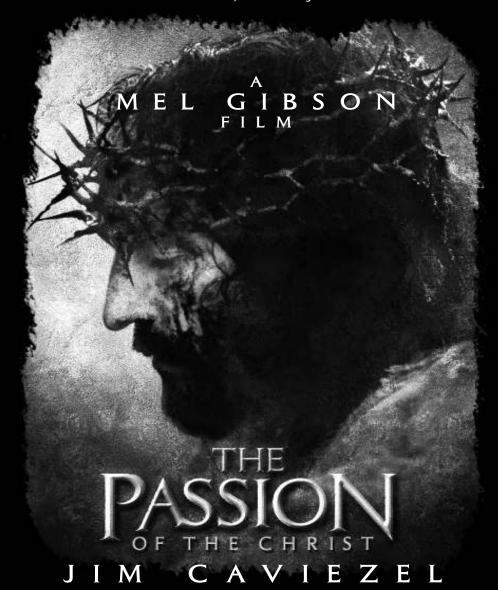
Three certainly has its moments: the relay of the signal fires ("Hope is kindled") across the mountain peaks is really quite thrilling ("And Rohan will answer"); and the giant spider Shelob is a skin-crawling special effect, though not more tingling, in another way, than fat Sam to the rescue. (With 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. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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



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an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The "satirical" touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn't a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled "the Johnny Carson of Japan," the S&M call girl ("Lip my stocking!"), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as "Sausalito." Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign ("For relaxing times, make it Suntori time"), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to SNL form for his soupladle renditions of Elvis Costello's "Peace, Love, and Understanding" and Roxy Music's "More Than This"). And the

touristing in and around Tokyo is pleasantly relaxed. Coppola's uncertain visual style, vacillating between a fussy precision and a fumbling offhandedness, could never be mistaken for her father's. Which, for purposes of independence and the establishment of a separate identity, would be a good thing if only the style could be recognized as distinctively anybody's. 2003.

The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra -

Reviewed this issue. With Larry Blamire, Fay Masterson, Andrew Parks, Susan McConnell, and Jennifer Blaire; written and directed by Blamire.

● (KEN, 3/12 THROUGH 18)

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the oeuvre of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of The Mosquito Coast.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copperskinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger - gateway to another



The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

and robotic (see Rocky 4), and forget about

world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon,

Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violinand-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20)

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,

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. ★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; POWAY 10; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

Monsieur Ibrahim — French coming-ofage trifle, set in the Sixties, with a rock-androll 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.





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behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty cause célèbre, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as per the first-person voice-over at the outset, "be in the movies." (Well, one out of three, at least.) The title, you will gather, is ironic. Already a sometime hooker but not a killer when she discovers her inner lesbian with a broken-winged college girl, she goes back on the streets only to fund her budding relationship, to buy a little privacy. As depicted, the first killing is unambiguously an act of kill-or-be-killed self-defense, to cap off a graphic bout of torture at the hands of a misogynistic john. In truth, the killing is far more understandable than the relationship. What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timorous slummer? A falling-in-love montage to the accompaniment of the goopy old Tommy James & The Shondells tune, "Crimson and Clover," will not help to clear this up; and it is particularly hard to swallow the notion that a novice lesbian would be quite so open, so confident, so defiant about it in public. Her concurrent murder spree has been carefully calibrated to distance her, a step at a time, from sympathy. She lets one john off the hook, early on, because he has never done this sort of thing before and she takes pity on him. She kills another who turns out, through a photo in his wallet, to have a wife in a wheelchair and thus a good excuse. And she kills one who is not a john at all — the final straw — but a Good Samaritan who offers her money for nothing and a warm bed at home with his wife. With that, all bases are covered, as well as the ass of the writer and director Patty Jenkins: plenty of wiggle room whether accused of playing softball or hardball. Quite apart from any bestowal and withdrawal of sympathy, the protagonist emerges as nothing so much as a cat's-paw for Charlize Theron, a stepping-stone to one of those total-transformation performances — one of those big bold bravura jobs — that maintain maximum separation between the player and the role, and are commonly mistaken for the farthest reaches of the art of acting. Perhaps in a sense they truly are, but in reaching so far they irretrievably throw off the balance. Porked up for the part, not nearly to the dimensions of De Niro in Raging Bull but easily to those of Zellweger in Bridget Jones's Diary, wearing a denture as obtrusive as a prizefighter's mouthpiece, sporting a galaxy of freckles suggestive of an accident under the sunlamp, shifting her weight in perpetual motion, compulsively smoking, swigging, gesticulating, and generally carrying on like a junkie overdue for a fix, Theron creates a problem of scale, such that her ostensible partner, poor little wastedaway Christina Ricci, has roughly the

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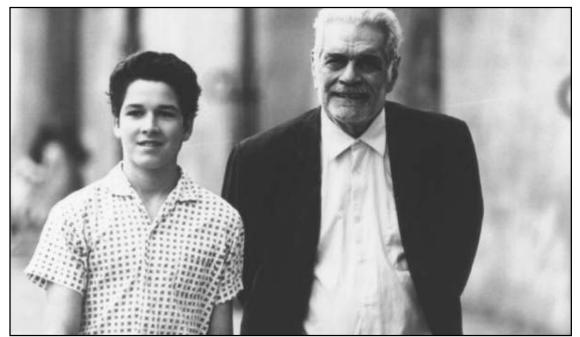
My Architect — About as "personal" as a documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twenty-five years after his father's death, when the filmmaker had been but a boy of eleven, to disentangle the strands of his father's private life — there is yet a third offspring, Alexandra, by yet a third mother — and to visit all of his father's major edifices, of which, owing to the man's lifelong contentiousness, there are not a lot. ("Three or four masterpieces," opines I.M. Pei, "[are] more important than fifty, sixty buildings.") The film offers a good overview of the works themselves: the Salk Institute in La Jolla comes off well on screen (or as well as anything can in the pallid and fuzzy DV image), with the son roller-skating around the courtyard to Neil Young's "Long May You Run," and the capitol of Bangladesh makes a fitting climax both emotionally and artistically. We might have hoped for more out of the arranged meeting between the three half-siblings, and many questions remain unanswered or unasked. But one way or another the filmmaker completes his mission and has something to

presence of a pet parrot. 2003.

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Mystic River — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as Unforgiven was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (High Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Pale Rider), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or

less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricksy, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and "gotcha." The honest — the aggrieved — the penitent emotionalism of the film makes up for

either the fortuitousness or the obviousness as necessary, Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003.

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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 wetdream ablutions), and suffused with a respect for life and an interest in the real world such as somehow elude our Hollywood studios. Marina Golbahari, Khwaja Nader, Arif Herati. 2003. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

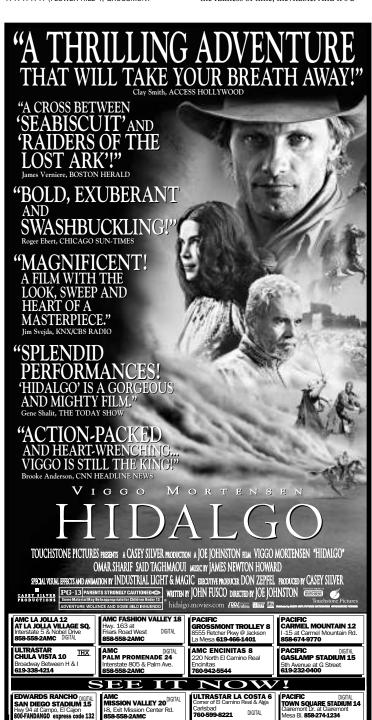
The Passion of the Christ — A work of devotion, and a big gamble, for Mel Gibson, financed out of his own pocket, boasting no big-name stars (Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci, the biggest), not to mention English subtitles for ancient languages. graphic gore, and a firestorm of pre-release publicity on its latent anti-Semitism. A version of this story that would bear down on the bodily punishment absorbed during Christ's last day on Earth was probably, in the fullness of time, inevitable. And it's a





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short step from saying that such a version was inevitable to saying that it's a particularly appropriate one for its time: a Passion, if you will, for the new millennium. More specifically, bereft of the spiritual and obsessed with the physical. 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-rounder); 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. 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. And 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 its time. 2004.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; 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)

Ride the Pink Horse — Atmospheric crime drama, from a Dorothy Hughes novel, set in the multicultural Southwest and discreetly sensitive to the social status of Mexicans and Indians. Remarkable singletake opening shot, into and around a bus depot. Robert Montgomery is somewhat less persuasive as the hardcase hero than as the

director of the film. With Wanda Hendrix, Fred Clark, Thomas Gomez. 1947. ★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/11, 9 P.M., AND 3/12, 7 P.M.)

Secret Window — Fright film from a Stephen King book, with Johnny Depp and John Turturro, directed by David Koepp (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12;

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 1:25, 2:55) 4:30, 5:25, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 2:55, 4:30, 5:25) 7:15, 9:40; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 1:10, 3:30) 4:25, 6:50, 7:30, 9:50, 10:35; Sun, (12:30, 1:10, 3:30) 4:25, 6:50, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 4:25) 6:50, 7:30, 9:50; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 5:05, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 5:05) 9:10; Monster (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:45, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. 7:45, 10:15; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 1:30) 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40; Sun. (12:20, 1:30) 4:15, 5:00, 7:05, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15, 5:00) 7:05, 7:50, 9:55; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 1:15, 2:25) 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:35, 10:45; Sun. (12:05, 1:15, 2:25) 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 4:20, 5:30) 7:00, 8:15, 9:35; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:15; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20) 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:40) 7:10, 8:00, 9:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 5:10)

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:15, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (12:15, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30) 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:55, 5:55) 7:30, 8:15, 9:50; **Against the Ropes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20) 5:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 10:15; **The Butterfly Effect** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:20, 10:25; Sun. 4:20, 10:05 Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 10:05; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, (12:55, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05 3:10, 5:15) 7:20, 9:25; **The Cooler** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:50) 7:55; **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:50) 8:10, 10:15; **The Fog of War** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 1:15, 3:45) 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:40; Sun. (12:50, 1:15, 3:45) 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 1:15, 3:45, 4:30) 7:00, 7:45, 9:55; House of Sand and Fog (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:25; Lost In Translation (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10; **Master** and **Commander:** The Far Side of the **World** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:10; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 5:40 8:20, 10:45; Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 5:40, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:15, 5:40) 7:50, 10:20; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00) 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00) 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45; **Welcome To Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:40

Fri.-Thu. (12:55) 7:00; Big Fish (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 3:05) 6:35, 9:45; Broken **Lizard's Club Dread** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 10:05; Mon. (3:45); Tue.-Thu. (3:45) 10:05; City of God (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50) 7:05; Mon. (11:50); Tue.-Thu. (11:50) 7:05; Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:10) 9:50; Dirty Dancing Havana Nights (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 4:10) 6:50, 9:20; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:40) 8:50; Miracle (PG) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 9:35; Mystic River (R) Fri. (11:55, 3:20) 6:25, 9:30; Sat. (11:55, 3:20) 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (11:55, 3:20) 6:25, 9:30; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:40, 3:00, 3:35) 6:40, 7:15, 9:25, 10:00; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:00, 2:55, 3:40) 6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:55) 6:55, 9:55; **Taking Lives** (R) Sat. 7:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:30) 7:00,

LA JOLLA

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Barbarian Invasions; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Cold Mountain; 50 First Dates; Monster

La Jolla Village

R879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
The Passion of the Christ; Touching the Void; My Architect; The Fog of War

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; 50 First Dates; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Mystic River; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Miracle;

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Miracle; Along Came Polly: Cold Mountain

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) In America (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 7:10; Osama (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Spartan (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; The Triplets of Belleville (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:30; San Diego Latino Film Festival, 3/11 through

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; Barbershop 2: Back in Business: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World; Mystic River; Cold Mountain; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Sat. (11.20, 1.35, 3.45) 5.55, 8.05, 10.15; Sun (11:20, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:50; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30; 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:00) 7:20; The Pas**sion 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; **Secret** Window (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; Sat. (11:25, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; Sun (11:25, 1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10; Mon -Thu (3:20, 5:50) 8:00; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sat. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:40) 7:50; You Got Served (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:45, 9:45; Sat. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:45, Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 7:40

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Crimson Gold** (Not Rated) Thu. 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; **The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra** (PG) Fri. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Latter Days; Girl with a Pearl Earring; Good Bye, Lenin; Monsieur Ibrahim; Mo

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) The Thirteenth Letter, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 4:40 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.; Ride the Pink Horse, Thursday, 9 p.m., and Friday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Fri. 8:30; Sat.-Thu. 5:00; Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00; Sat.-Mon. 12:00, 2:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00; **Coral Reef** Adventure (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 4:00; Sat.-Mon. 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00; **Everest** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00; **Journey Into** Amazing Caves (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:00: Space Station (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 6:00 To Worlds Beyond Sat. 10:00; Top Speed (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:30; Sat. 11:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00; Yellowstone (Not Rated)

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 11:40, 1.55, 2.15, 4.30, 4.50) 7.05, 7.25, 9.40, 10.00; Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 4:55) 10:50; The Butterfly Effect (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:50; Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:30; 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. (2:20) 7:05; Eurotrip (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 4:40) 9:25; 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; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 10:15, 10:30; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 11:50, 2:00, 2:20, 4:30, 4:50) 7:00, 7:20, 9:30, 9:50; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:20, 10:00; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 11:40, 1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 7:25, 9:45, 10:05; Sat. (11:20, 11:40, 1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 9:45, 10:05; Sun.-Thu. (11:20, 11:40, 1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:05, 7:25, 9:45, 10:05; **Taking** Lives (R) Sat. 7:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:35; **Welcome To Mooseport** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 5:05)

Grossmont Center

5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 9:50; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:50, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:50) 7:20, 9:45; **Con**fessions 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; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:20, 7:35, 10:35; Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:35, 10:20; The Passion of the **Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 1:50, 3:45) 4:55, 7:15, 7:55, 10:15, 10:45; Sun. (1:05, 1:50, 3:45) 4:55, 7:15, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 1:50, 3:45, 4:55) 7:15, 7:55, 9:55; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; **Spar**tan (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:50, 10:05; **Starsky &** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 8:00, 10:10; Twisted (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 8:10, 10:15

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway. (619-466-1401) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 1:55) 4:20, 6:45, 9:15; Sun. (11:35, 1:55) 4:20, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 1:55, 4:20) 6:45; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:40) 6:35, 9:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 6:35; **The Lord of the Rings:** The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 3:30) 7:30; 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. (12:10, 2:25, 4:50) 7:20; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30) 4:45, 10:00; Sun. (11:30) 4:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 4:45); The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat.(11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:10; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:05) 4:10, 6:30, 9:00; Sun. (11:40, 2:05) 4:10, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:10) 6:30; **Something's Gotta Give** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:15) 7:25; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:20) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:30) 7:00

SANTEE

Santee Drive In10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:20; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:10; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:10; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:20

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:00, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55; Agent Cody Banks 2: Desti-nation London (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10) 7:10, 9:50; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:50) 7:05, 9:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 1:00, 3:30, 4:10) 6:45, 7:25, $10{:}00,\,10{:}35;$ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:15, 10:30; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **Starsky &** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:10, 2:05, 2:45, 4:35, 5:20) 7:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:25; Twisted (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35,

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

555 Broadway (619-338-4214) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Wed. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Thu, 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 10:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; **The Passion of** $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{the Christ} \ (R) \ Fri.-Thu. \ 10:00, \ 11:00, \ 1:00, \\ 2:00, \ 4:00, 5:00, \ 7:00, \ 8:00, \ 10:00, \ 10:45; \textbf{Secret} \\ \textbf{Window} \ (PG-13) \ Fri.-Thu. \ 10:00, \ 12:15, \ 2:45, \\ \end{array}$ 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri -Thu 10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; Eurotrip; 50 First Dates; You Got Served; The Butterfly Effect; Along Came Polly; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Rancho Del Rey 16 1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:40, 10:10; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 11:50, 2:10, 2:30, 4:45, 5:05) 7:25, 7:45, 10:05; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **Crying Ladies** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 9:50; **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. (11:45, 4:50); **Monster** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:40) 7:10, 10:25; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:20; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45) 6:30, 7:00, 9:35, 10:15; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 12:05, 2:05, 3:25, 4:40) 7:00. Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 12:05, 2:05, 3:25, 4:40) 7:00, 7:20, 9:40, 10:00; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:30) 7:50, 10:30; **Starsky & 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. (11:25, 2:20, 5:05) 7:55, 10:30

Vogue 226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:30; **Cheaper by the Dozen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; 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; **Monster** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. $\begin{array}{l} 11:15,\,2:00,\,4:45,\,7:15,\,9:45;\,Sun.\,11:15,\,2:00,\\ 4:45,\,7:15;\,Mon.-Thu.\,2:00,\,4:45,\,7:15;\,\textbf{The}\\ \textbf{Passion of the Christ}\,\,(R)\,\,Fri.\,1:00,\,4:00,\,7:00,\\ \end{array}$ 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; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Starsky &

Came Polly (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10) 7:25;
Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13)

Horton Plaza 14

475 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London

(PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:50) 6:35, 9:10; Along

MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/12)

Something's Gotta Give — Wrinklyromance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be "almost" twenty years older than an

explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The selfcaricaturing stylization of the stars' mannerisms, the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as "the most successful female playwright since — who? Lillian Hellman?" and his as the head of the second largest hiphop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to

which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (What Women Want, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-youngerwoman can of worms, giving the man a boudoir heart attack for starters (before he can consummate relations with his current companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton's daughter: consummation would have been altogether too wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hospital dressing gown, giving the woman a

tit-for-tat — or perhaps that ought to be tatfor-tit — younger suitor in the bargain (Nicholson's cardiologist, Keanu Reeves, fudging a bit himself as the aforementioned thirty-six-year-old), giving the man an earful to think about (a dinner-table diatribe by Keaton's sister, the anomalous Frances McDormand as a Columbia professor of Women's Studies), filling his eyes with nearly as many tears as the woman's. The sexual politicking and posturing do tend to get in the way of the comedy. But with that said, let it also be said that this is at all levels a polished and professional piece of work,

and pleasant enough to sit through for the starry-eyed or the brown-nosed. 2003. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Snartan — David Mamet thriller starring Val Kilmer, Derek Luke, William H. Macy,

and Ed O'Neill. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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;

Hutch (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30,

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mt. Road (858-674-9770) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:10, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (11:20, 1:45, 3:50) 7:05, 9:15; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:10) 4:30, 7:05, 9:50; Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:30) 7:05, 9:40; 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; **Hi**dalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00) 4:40, 5:55, 7:40, 8:45, 10:25; Sun. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00) 5:00, 5:55, 7:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00, 5:00, 5:55) 7:45, 9:35; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 12:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:35, 5:45, 7:30, 8:40, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 12:00, 1:50, 2:50, 4:35, 5:45, 7:20, 8:40, 9:55; **Secret Win**dow (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:20, 3:40, 5:45) 7:50, 10:00; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 2:00) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 10:00; Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 5:00) 7:20, 9:50; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:10, 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:55, 4.55, 7.10, 8.00, 9.40, 10.20; Sun -Thu 11.10, 12:15, 1:30, 2:35, 3:55, 4:55, 7:10, 8:30, 9:30

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information.

POWAY

Poway 1013475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Miracle** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 5:45, 8:15; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri, 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, $3:00,\,4:30,\,5:30,\,7:00,\,8:00;\,\textbf{Taking Lives}\;(R)$ Sat. 8:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

6 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information.

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard (760-471-3711)

50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Des**tination London (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:50, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 4:55) 7:25, 10:05; Cold Mountain (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:25) 6:55, 10:05; Confessions 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. (11:50, 2:15, 4:55) 7:15, 9:45; **Hi-dalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:25, 11:55, 2:55, 3·30) 7·00, 7·35, 10·10, 10·40; Tue -Wed (11:25, 11:55, 3:30) 7:00, 7:35, 10:10, 10:40; Thu, (11:25, 11:55, 2:55, 3:30) 7:00, 7:35 10:10, 10:40; 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,

5:10) 8:00, 10:35; **Mystic River** (R) Fri. 7:30, 10:40; Sat. 10:40; Sun.-Mon. 7:30, 10:40; Tue.-Wed. 2:55, 7:30, 10:40; Thu. 7:30, 10:40; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 12:50, 3:45, 4:05) 7:00, 7:20, 10:15, 10:35; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:00, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:10, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00); **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30, 5:15) 8:00, 10:45; **Starsky &** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 11:55, 1:45 2:40, 4:50, 5:15) 7:30, 8:05, 10:25, 10:45; **Taking Lives** (R) Sat. 7:30; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu.

VISTA

Vista Village 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody

(12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:55, 10:30

Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted: Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights: Welcome to Mooseport; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; 50 First Dates; Miracle: Mystic River: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

NORTH COASTAL

CARL SRAD

Plaza Camino Real

385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) Call theater for program information

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)

50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri -Sat 10:00, 12:45. 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; Agent Cody Banks 2: Desti**nation London** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; Confessions of a Teenage **Drama Queen** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Dirty Dancing Havana Nights** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30; **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; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Spartan** (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: Twisted (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen; 50 First

La Paloma 471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW

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LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 E.l Camino Real (760-599-8221) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) 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. 10:15, 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, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun,-Thu, 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; 10:00, Stin:-Thit. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 431 College Boulevard (760-806-1790) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 11:35, 1.40, 2.10, 4.15, 4.45, 6.50, 7.20, 9.20, 9.50; Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu, 11:15, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55, 7:05, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:10, 9:15, 9:45; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Spartan; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London: Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King; Twisted; Monster; 50 First Dates; Eurotrip; Barbershop 2: Back in Business; Mystic River

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PACIFIC THEATRES CINERAMA 6

S A N D I E G O R E A D E R . C O M alendar MOVIES

RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/12)

Starsky and Hutch — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, and Snoop Dogg; directed by Todd

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 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; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: PLAZA CAMINO; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Touching the Void — Kevin Macdonald's documentary cliffhanger — in the most literal sense possible $\stackrel{\smile}{-}$ on the amazing-buttrue story of Joe Simpson (based on his memoir), a British mountaineer who breaks his leg on the descent from a Peruvian peak in 1985, slips over a precipice at the end of a rope a hundred feet above a bottomless crevasse, is cut loose by his climbing partner, Simon Yates, and left for dead, yet lives to tell the tale. We know the outcome from the outset, though not the ghastly details. Dramatic re-enactments and high-grade nature footage illustrate the talking-head



and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect, 2004. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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The Triplets of Belleville — A French cartoon by Sylvain Chomet, a bande dessinée in motion, a genuine novelty. The detachable introduction presents a retro Thirties black-and-white musical pastiche (complete with scratches on the emulsion for wear and tear), faux-Fleischer and semisurrealist, spotlighting a big-butted Josephine Baker in a bikini bottom of bananas and a big-headed Fred Astaire getting devoured by his own tap shoes. Then comes a simulated break in the film, and we realize we have been watching television in a full-color animated world in a more up to-date graphic style - in the home of a dumpling-shaped grandma, her bicycleenthusiast adopted child, and their dog Bruno. The first half-hour is unflaggingly glorious, attaining a perfect tension between the routine of their daily life and the marvelousness of it in our eyes. Which is to say the marvelousness of it in the

heightening, the distortion, the grotesquerie, the bizarrerie of the visual detail: e. g., the stomach-dragging Bruno dutifully waddling his way up a twisting staircase, right on schedule, to bark at every passing elevated train outside the bedroom window. And yet when three competitors in the Tour de France, including the now grown-up adopted child (calves the size of Popeye's forearms), are abducted in mid-race for unknown reasons by a pair of black rectangular gangsters and shipped across the Atlantic (beautifully drawn vessel, an axe blade balanced on its cutting edge) with grandma and dog in hot pursuit on a hydrocycle — when, in short, the routine is forsaken in favor of a fantastical adventure — the movie loses its moorings. All that heightening, that distortion, etc., piled atop a spongy base of whimsy, seem somehow less marvelous. One kind of marvel takes away from the other. And the bullets-flying climactic car chase is tiresome. Still, the wit and imagination never relent (Bruno finds new trains to bark at in the New World), and the whole of it is communicated with a clarity that renders words unnecessary. Or at any rate, unused. An unobtrusive poster of Jacques Tati's



21 Grams — The first English-language feature from Mexican filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu brings together disparate characters by the same matchmaking method of his Amores Perros: by car accident. Benicio Del Toro, a born-again excon, runs over the husband and two daughters of Naomi Watts, and the husband's heart is transplanted anonymously into Sean Penn, a teacher of mathematics and probability, and therefore a deep appreciator of his good fortune, who tracks down and begins to court the widow without, so to speak, baring his chest. (The widow's reaction, when finally told, will echo that of the crap-detecting spectator: "How dare you!") It takes a while for all of this to come clear, inasmuch as the information is doled out in nonsequential fragments that leave it to the audience to arrange in order: a participatory form of storytelling. You eventually get your bearings, and the jumps between lifelines and time zones seem to diminish in distance, closing in toward a climax. Out of the jumble, a unifying point can be perceived: a shattered narrative for shattered lives, a kind of cinematic cubism which enables us to see the before and the after, side by side. To put every puzzle-piece into its proper place is not the principal task. Simply to observe that they belong to the same picture will suffice. The total experience might have been more satisfying if the picture *per se* were better to look at. Great pains have been taken to achieve a feeling of reality in the people and the places, yet the bloodless, bleached-out color and the shaky, earthquaky camera are but fashionable affectations. Charlotte Gainsbourg, Melissa Leo, Clea DuVall. 2003.

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★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Twisted — If Philip Kaufman has long been overrated (trace the blame to the identically initialed Pauline Kael), this cheesy feminist thriller, fully worthy of the Lifetime Channel, might remedy the problem all by itself. Though intriguing in its initial set-up and directed with care throughout, it takes a suicidal high dive from the lofty pomposities of *Quills*, Kaufman's preceding one. Our ballsy 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. Samuel L. Jackson, Andy Garcia, David Strathairn. 2004.

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Welcome to Mooseport — Timid political comedy in which the ex-President — "the most popular in history," despite being the first to be divorced in office — faces off against a hardware-store owner over the mayoralty of a Maine small town. But the real bone of contention is the hardware man's dangling girlfriend. The big-screen splash of Ray (Everybody Loves Raymond) Romano is small-screen in conception (notwithstanding the prune cheeked nudist jogger), and the upstart is badly outplayed by Gene Hackman as Mr. President. Or to put it the other way around, Hackman plays far beneath himself. With Maura Tierney, Marcia Gay Harden, Rip Torn, and Christine Baranski; directed by Donald Petrie. 2004.

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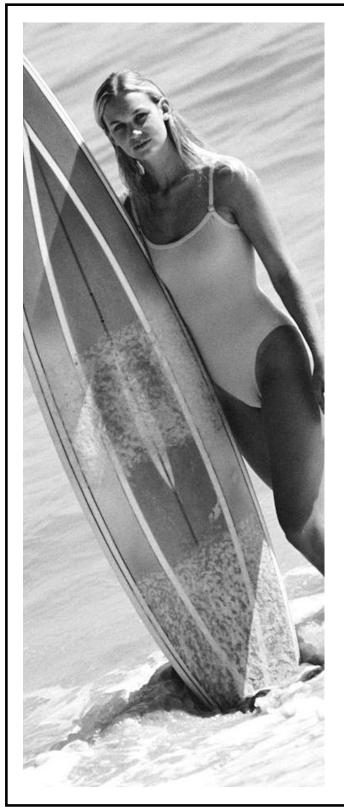
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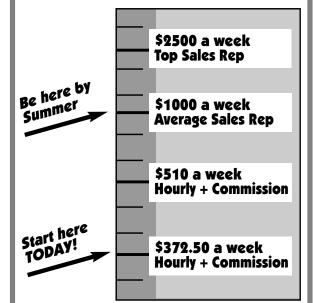
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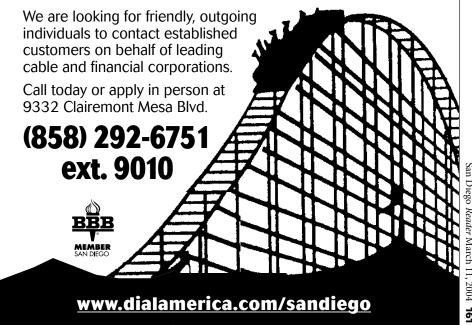
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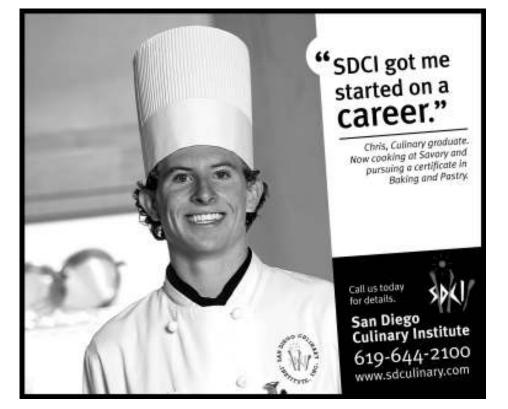
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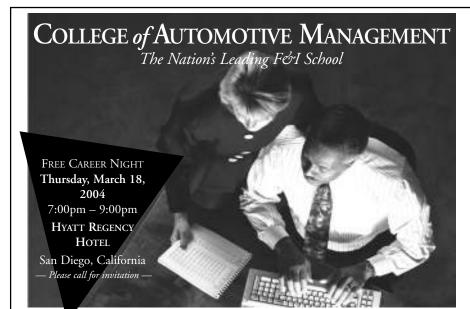
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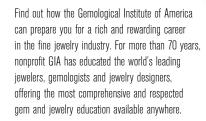
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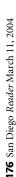
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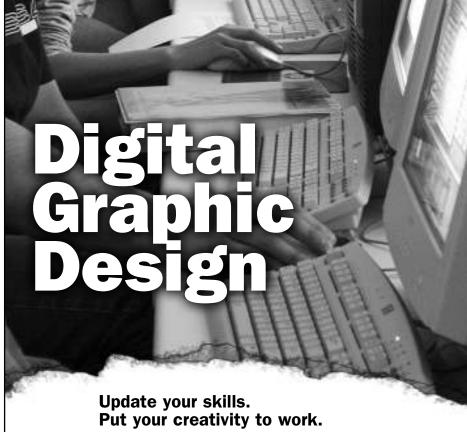
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- 16. Philbin's co-host
- 17. Add "centripetal" and "task" and "strike" together?

 19. Part of N.R.A.: Abbr.
- 20. Genesis gentleman
- 21. Summers abroad
- 23. 104, to Caesar 24. English king succeeded by
- William of Orange
- 27. Seminole War leader
- 29. Enthusiastic
- 30. Greeting for a mate
- 32. Montreal team
- 33. Pale
- 34. Director Schumacher
- 35. Chekhov and others
- 36. Add "suggestion" and "boom" and "jury" together?
- 38. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 41. Sch. of The Runnin' Rebels
- 42. Station launched in 1986
- 45. City NW of Orlando
- 46. Archer of myth
- 47. "____ my day!"
 48. Resembling opal or quartz
- 50. It may have your number 52. Navy bigwig: Abbr.
- 53. Depardieu work
- 55. Fair to middling
- 56. One in an express checkout count
- 58. Add "Nathan" and "Diane" and "Penny" together? 62. He ordered Seneca's death
- 63. Tie up
- 64. Top of a form to be filled out
- 65. How the Lincoln Memorial faces
- 66. Sidewalk stand libations 67. Overcharge, informally

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- 1. Erving, in headlines
- 2. Outback hopper 3. 1970s Ugandan despot
- 4. Awaited action 5. TV room features
- 6. Part of E.T.A.: Abbr.
- 7. Humans, e.g. 8. 1982 Richard Pryor movie
- 9. They mark the beginning of
- spring and summer
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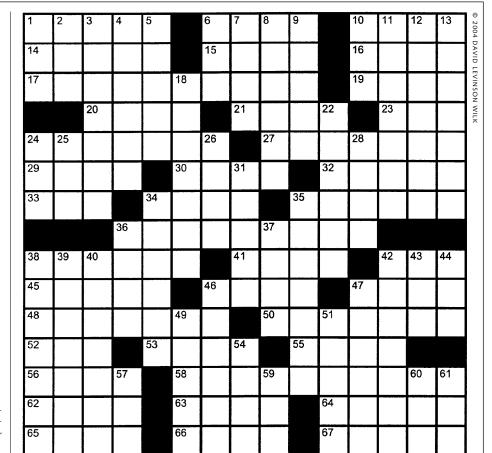
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- 13. Solicit votes
- 18. "Holy moly!"
- 22. Moment in Act I when Hamlet first speaks to his father's ghost
- 24. Word with bone or breaker
- 25. Ex of Mickey, Artie and Frank
- 26. Pierre's thought
- 28. Office phone nos.
- 31. "Ray of Light," e.g.
- 34. Kind of studies35. "Paradise City" rocker
- 36. Genesis event, with "the" 37. "____ off?"
- 38. Hair-raising product?
- 39. Brewer's product
- 40. Talks loudly and persistently
- 42. "Ray of Light" singer
- 43. Prez after Harry
- 44. King: Lat.
- 46. Virgil epic
- 47. Fancy floor, maybe
- 49. Nannygate's ____ Wood 51. Does nothing
- 54. White-tailed eagle
- 57. Bon ____ (witticism) 59. Dept. store stuff
- 60. Cave-dwelling fish
- 61. Tree juice

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader
- Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.

 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
 5. In the event of disputes or ties
- decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners,
- we'll have a lottery.
 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 3/4/04

Of the 77 entrants, 72 were correct.

- 1. Thomas M. Hogan, Temecula
- 2. Charmi Collie, San Diego3. Cora McPherson, Chula Vista
- 4. Deena Rae Banks, La Mesa 5. Bernard Biritz, San Diego

OPEN HOUSE. Newschool of Architecture & Design, Wednesday, March 10, 6pm. Located in San Diego's East Village. Evening classes, open 24 hours. Small/personal environment, individual studio space. NAAB Accredited BArch & MArch Programs. Enroll now for spring. Quarter starts Monday, April 5. 1249 F Street, San Diego, CA 92101, www.newschoolarch. edu. Call 619-235-4100.

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OVERWEIGHT men, ages 25-55, needed by UCSD School of Medicine for nutrition and physical activity health promotion research study. Participants will be paid. 858-457-7282.

PARENTS, FAMILIES and Friends of Les-bians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, sup-port, and understanding. Meetings: Hill-crest and Carlsbad. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

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PATHWORK PRESENTATION and discussion: "Perfectionism-A Roadblock to Joy." March 11, 7-9pm, 1228 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 92014. Open meeting, free. Information, 858-259-1880.

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PMS SUFFERERS. Nonsmoking women, ages 20-45, not on medication or birth control pills, with regular menstrual cycles needed for UCSD study using Sleep and Light Treatment. 8 overnight hospital stays required. Pament up to \$500. 619-543-7393. PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM women

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RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/codependency. Fridays, 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444. Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

SALK INSTITUTE researchers looking for volunteers, ages 18-40, good health, English first language, to participate in ongoing studies on cognition. Compensation provided. Call Nasim, 800-434-1038.

SEEKING male freshman, sophomore college students experiencing difficulties (depression, anxiety, substance issues etc.) for psychology dissertation study. Contact John, 619-962-7436, Jacobetts@

aol.com. SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You're not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163. 619-685-7211.

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WERE YOU BORN 11/1/24, 4/23/21, 5/12/28, 5/13/28, or 5/11/28? We are soul-mates. Also, 10/31/24, 11/2/24, 4/22/21, 4/24/21. From the marriage manual. Don, 760-743-3111. WRITER'S WORKSHOP. No charge.

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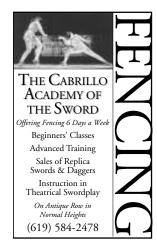
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The neighbors bought new rims and stereos plus garden hose.

MISSING THE GOOD and the bad times. Kenny kickrocks, Randy R., Chupa, more names you know who you are. Remem-ber? Maggie May.

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UNDER THE STARS, walking in the pouring rain, prints in the sand, under the trees, rocking chair. Three more months? I still love you Daddy.

will be overcome. George Hamilton. Peace now!

MATCHES

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ATTRACTIVE WIDOW, 57, alive, spunky enjoy theatre, dancing, music, outings, dress for occasion. Nonsmoking, no drugs. Seeking singles, 50-65, for friendship and fun excursions. Nonsmokers. (3/17) \$\frac{12}{20716}\$

EUROPEAN FEMALE, 34 year old, new to area. Looking for females for friendship, area. Looking for females for friendship, walks, museums. Platonic. North Park, Downtown. (3/24)

FEMALE, 51, CARLSBAD, looking for best friend, male/female, who needs a true friend. I'm easygoing, understanding, active, love life, likes traveling, outdoors, caring. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20741

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

54, PETITE, PLEASANT, honest, warm, seeking my best friend, 50+, fun loving,

ATTRACTIVE, WARM, sensitive lady, 51, interested in kind gentleman, age open, enjoy dancing, dining out, movies, home

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life, leading to one-on-one relationship. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{20035}\$

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ONLY THE LONELY. 30, full figured, outgoing white woman seeks white male, 21-60. Must be loving, caring and like having fun. Serious minded a plus. (3/17)

CHARISMATIC, ATTRACTIVE, sensuous spiritual, energetic, easygoing, passionate, romantic, fun loving, adventurous, classy, successful, positive, artistic, empathetic, European lady. Seeking accomplished, tall, dashing soul mate, 43-55. (3/24) \$\mathbf{m}\$20059

ROMEO, RETIRED, over 60 man eating out alone. Why? Woman seeking like-minded soulful partner, living life to the fullest. Healthy mind and body. (3/24) \$\infty\$20042

HAVING FUN YET? Black female seeks white male who likes to have a great time. (3/24) 🕿 20058

HONEST, CARING, LOVES animals Christian, with no game playing, likes the beach, movies, 4x4ing, kids, dogs, cats, others, sense of humor a must, men age 30-39. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20032\$ HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN. Integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, loves mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You: never married, handsome, integrity, quality, 40-59, military experience a plus. (3/24) \$\mathbf{x}\$20061

TALL, PLAYFUL, AUBURN, 44, 5'8", seek ing nonsmoking professional, 38+, 6'+ TALL, PLATFUS, ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT ACCUMENT AND ACCUMENT ACCU

auracuve piack male, 40-55. I'm a sensuous, voluptuous, Italian/Puerto Rican, who enjoys laughter, dining, dancing and delicious, passionate nights. Are you my dream man? (3/24) \$\infty\$20034

INTO PERSONAL GROWTH, spirituality Tony Robbins? Degreed, extroverted, never want kids? Me too! Pretty, 34, trim blonde. You: homeowner, muscular, 30great Italian/Latino looking. (3/24) 20062

AUSTRALIAN/AMERICAN, 5'10", grace elegance, culture taste, blue/blonde, forelegance, culture taste, blue/blonde, for-mer swimming/skating professional, seeking tall, health conscious, spiritual match, 60+, fine dining, dancing, theatre, baseball. (3/24) ☎20043

TAKE A CHANCE! Professional, 32, 5'4", curvy, sweet, happy, active, humorous, affectionate. Seeking nice guy, 29-40, educated, nonsmoker, caring, honest, fun, romantic, for sincere relationship. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20031\$

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ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, KIND, loving, easygoing, love nature, fun, enjoy traveling, cooking. Want to meet a gentleman who wants a real relationship. Nonsmoking/drugs. Age unimportant. (3/24) ☆20057

TRUSTING, LASTING FRIEND wanted. Someone to count on, build relationship with, caring, thought, authentic communication, patience. 5'7" attractive, 45, curvaceous, enthusiastic, fun loving, healthy, youthful. (3/24) \$\mathbf{2}\$20052

ATHLETIC, PROFESSIONAL, 36 5'3" 109lbs., goal oriented, adventurous, honest, great attitude, Christian. Seeking fit, college graduate, nonsmoker, no kids, 30-37, 511"-6'3", with similar interests. (3/24) \$\mathbf{2}\$20046

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TIRED OF THE GAME and disappointment? Energetic, spirited, compassionate woman, seeking sensitive, honest man. Share commitment, laughter, excitement and dreams. Let's embrace the journey "together". (3/17) \$\infty\$20020

ASIAN, SWEET, SEXY, great smile, nice legs/figure, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, real estate investor, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, financially stable, 35+, Caucasian gentle-

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, beach area, slender, sweet, 5'6", 135lbs., nonsmokin; teacher, midwest values. Seeking attractive, white, Christian nonsmoker, kind, ecucated, dancer, dog lover, 50-65, dating commitment. (3/17) \$\infty\$20022

at heart, you would like to know me. I'm vivacious, adventurous, spiffy, honest. Life is really great. Chance it! (3/24) 20044

I COULD BE YOUR HAPPY ingredient. Attractive, European blonde, 58, glamorous, radiant, compassionate, intelligent, creative cook, music, concerts, picnics. You: 58-62, attractive, romantic, great values. (3/24) 720037 3/24) **2**20037

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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 se-

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) \$\mathbf{2}\$ 20023

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) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$20000

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous (com)passionate, no baggage, no mous (com)passionate, no baggage, no previous kids, friendship, sportive, spiritual, non-religious man, 38-49, 5'9"+. (3/17) ☎20007

HUSBAND WANTED BY 50's professional woman into photography, architecture, hiking, biking, cooking, museums, sunsets, dancing, stargazing, snorkeling, 5'4", 112lbs., cute, sexy, full of life! (3/24)

SEXY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN cutie, 5'4" 130lbs., 40, seeking enlightened, self-aware naturalists, beach lover, sky watcher, eclectic thinker, who's affection-ate, confident, fit, intelligent, active, lover. (3/17) ☎20006

I KNOW MY MISTER WONDERFUL is out THE MONDERFUL is out there waiting for only me. 47, black female. You are 32-55, white male. Long term, please, no games. (3/17) ☎20002

YOU FIREMAN. In North County, under 43, loves surfing, deep powder, healthy living and having fun. Me: Bright, bold, beautiful, brunette, 36, tall, lean, adventure machine, looking for the same. (3/7) ☎20033

SEXY, BLUE-EYED, Italian, young 49, herpes (asymptomatic). Seeking attractions to share reherpes (asymptomatic). Seeking attractive, successful gentleman to share romantic escapades. Long-term relationship goal. (3/24) \$\alpha\$ 20047

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing adventurous. Let's share movies, uning great conversation. Seeking outgoing professional romantic, intelligent man for professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter, and exploring the city. (3/17) ☎20029

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NGLE FEMALE, 33, in San Diego area, slender, nice body, loves casinos and ving a good massage and hanging with e right, kind man. (3/24) ☎20051

ASIAN-AMERICAN, PETITE, attractive, degreed, professional, 46, articulate, jazz degreed, professional, 46, articulate, jazz lover, liberal, spiritual. financially/emotionally secure, seeking Caucasian male, tall, fit, with same qualities, committed relationship. (3/17) \$\infty\$20004

LONGHAIRED ENCHANTED BEAUTY generous and beautiful spini. Do activities generous, spiritual, well educated, open minded and open hearted. (3/24) ıs and beautiful spirit. Be adver

SEEKING VEGETARIAN, prefer Leo, gorgeous, healthy, wealthy, wise, brilliant, adventurous, free-spirited, loving, unique, exciting, cosmic, extraordinary for love, friendship, travel, communication, play, growth, life. (3/17) \$\mathbb{\figates} 20030 \]

SPRINGTIME IS COMING! East County gal, 47, seeks active, fit guy who enjoys laughs, hugs, closeness and adventures, back country hikes, and horse rides. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 20056

RIGES: (3/24) ★2/20050

ASIAN-AMERICAN, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, degreed, professional, 56°, 115lbs. Seeking successful Caucasian, positive, fun, good conversationalist, outgoing, 35-45, 510°+, for adventures in San Diego and beyond. (3/17) ★20025

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) \$\infty\$20028

52 YEARS OLD, TALL, SECURE, inde-

pendent woman looking to meet nice guy. North county, kids, movies, dogs, spirited, liberal and progressive only. Let's have fun! (3/17) ☎20018

EBONY LADY, full figured, exotic and sexy, need white male for passion, romance, hugs, and kisses, age 49-60, must be relationship minded. Let's do it. (3/24) ☎20049

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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)

SEXY, MODEL-SLIM, very pretty, passionate, loving, enchanting brunette, seeking very affluent, handsome gentleman over 5'11", muscular, classy, sincere, for serious relationship, leading to marriage. (3/24) \$\Pi\$20054

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP. Prefer kind Christian, unencumbered caucasian, 41-57, tall, proportionate, nonbalding, non-smoker. Movies, theater, travel, Dutch treat OK. I'm 5'9", proportionate, fun loving, loyal companion. (3/24) ☎20060

nug, ioyai companion. (3/24) ☎20060

PLUS SIZE DR. LAURA FAN seeks potential husband to properly care and feed.
Me: 37, white, single, kidless, long hair, old fashion values. Picture online. (3/24) ☎20045

FUN TO BE WITH. Nice lady seeks 56+ loving, sensitive, easily consoled, honest, tactful, hard working gentleman, who likes to dance, movies, and traveling. (3/17) \$\infty\$20024

Diego, relocating to Vegas, 7/4/04, seeking attractive, white male, 29-40. Will give more information. (3/17) ☎20009

BLACK, ATTRACTIVE, polished "lady, enjoys the finest things, and smallest treasures, 50's, Seeking "gentleman" who pampers, likes to be pampered by that special someone. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20027\$

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for older, 65+, white male who is giving and financially secure, for fun times. Possible long-term relationship. (3/24)

LOVE ANIMALS AND BLONDES? Be helpmate. Long-term relationship for slim blonde with sanctuary, have time to de-vote, be stable. No drinking/drugs. (3/17)

SLIM, 42, BLACK LADY, dreadlocks, seeking friendship first. Conversation on the phone, networking. Friendly, down to earth, deeply spiritual, not religious, lov-ing man, any color. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$2041

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) 220017

BEAUTIFUL, CLASSY, INTELLIGENT, funny, passionate, romantic, 54, 136lbs., 5'5", traditional, wants gentleman, non-smoker, 5'9"+, educated, generous, funny, 48+, white/Hispanic, successful. (3/17) ☎20005

ful. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20005\$

FRIENDS FIRST, then all the good stuff will come, walking our dogs at the beach, sunsets, travel. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}20039\$

youthful, tall/slim, love physical activities. Seeking a loving, independent, honest man. Let's establish friendship if compatible; a romantic healthy relationble; a romantic healthy relationship. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}20053\$

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monoga-

REALLY HANDY MAN, technical mind, romantic heart, easygoing, like skiing, sailing, fixing, building, motorcycling. 43, 6'1", 190lbs., green eyes, enjoy life! Care to join me? (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}20775\$

To join mer (3/24) \$20775

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

FUNNY, FUN LOVING, told I'm good looking, 42, 6'3", 190lbs., hazel eyes, blond. Love sports, beach sunsets. Seeking attractive, sensual woman. Let's get crazy together! (3/24) \$\mathbf{T}\$20745

together! (3/24) \$\infty\$ 20745

HANDSOME MOCHA COLORED Puerto Rican, 38, fit, seeking attractive, fit, fun, mentally stable, good sense of humor, female between 24-31, friendship/romance. Let's have fun! (3/17) \$\infty\$ 20705

IF YOU LOVE TRAVEL, trips, cruises, are rips, cruises, are retired, 70s-80s, this nonsmoker widower, 80s, seeks compatible, counterpart to see rest of the world together; long-term. (3/17) \$\infty\$20721

Why Not Me?

Spontaneous, considerate, physically, emotionally and financially fit, 40-year old male. Seeking active, witty, balanced, available, outdoorsy type female for fun and adventure. (3/17) \$\infty\$20731

245lbs., nice shape, seeks attractive lady, height/weight proportionate, 35-45. Who enjoys simple yet romantic times. Someone down to earth. (3/17) \$20704

ASIAN CHRISTIAN WOMAN 28-38. I'm nice, caring, and cute. Looking for my soulmate. I love exercising, gardening, cooking, Padre games, and church. Please call me! (3/24) \$\mathbf{2}\$20756

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL VALUES, lasting relationship, professional, 50's. Seeking nonsmoking, down-to-earth woman to enjoy Weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good friends, my cooking/life. (3/24) \$\mathbf{x}\$20778

I AM VERY ATTRACTIVE, 43, tall, sleek, athletic build, intelligent, wealthy, with innm vent attractive, 43, tall, sleek, athletic build, intelligent, wealthy, with integrity, character and humor. Seeking pretty, financially stable, woman professional, Yoga, travel, workouts. (3/24)
☎20763

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. Man in wheelchair seeks woman who is open, honest and willing to take a ride. Me: 40ish, humorous, educated, artistic, dog lover. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20714\$

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN, teacher/per-former, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 52 former, handsome, 6'1", 170lbs., 52.
Red/blue, swing dancer, actor, bicycle racer, artist, nonsmoker/drinker/drugs, child-free. Seeking right chemistry/connection. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}20761\$

neculon. (3/24) \$\overline{\textit{T}}\) 20761 **SINGLE BLACK MALE**, 30-something, 6'3", handsome, degreed seeks white or Latina female, shapely, attractive, must love to dance, friends first. (3/24) \$\overline{\textit{T}}\)20753

52, TALL, SLENDER, caucasian, non smoker, single, sane, early sleeper, early riser, baggage free. Seeking slenderish, catless woman. (3/17) \$\infty\$20737

INQUISITIVE, PRINCIPLED, polite, attrac tive, artistic, entrepreneurial, sensual, funny, accomplished, well read, 53, desires an equal, complementary counterpart to share and enhance one another's lives (3/21) \$20759 TALL, CATHOLIC, conservative single

male seeks single female, 25-35 years old, no children, nonsmoker, no drugs, no alcohol. Yes! Padres, Chargers, Disney and SeaWorld. (3/24) 2746

EAST COUNTY RETIRED single white male, 70. Like travel, movies, am healthy, active, financially secure. Looking for a nice lady. (3/17) \$\infty\$20707 FUN. ENTHUSIASTIC. HEALTHY, honest

FUN, ENTHUSIASTIC, HEALTHY, honest, communicative, educated, fit, successful, humorous, nonsmoker/drinker. Seeking female companion under 40, commitment. Loves travel, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, beach walks. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20772

REFORMED BAD BOY, looking for reason to settle down. 50, educated, secure, irto settle down. 50, educated, secure, irreverent rebel, likes rock'n'roll, excitement, and convertibles. Let's cruise, top down. (3/24) \$\mathbb{\pi}\$20779

down. (3/24) ☎20779

BEAST SEEKS BEAUTY. Charming, frisky, lovable, mature, passionate, white gentleman, pursuing adventurous, enchanting, insatiable, open-minded, uninhibited Belle, 21-35 Fun, friendship, candlelight

delight delights/romance!
Lakeside. (3/17) ☎20732

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33, HANDSOME, BLACK MALE. Looking for fit, sexy, fun, white female. Enjoy music, dancing, intimate evening for magic, passion, and romance. Nonsmoker, no games. (3/24) ☎20777

GORGEOUS LATINO MALE, fit, slim, 5'8" educated, homeowner. Seeking woman with sweet personality, 23-43, 5'3"+. (3/24) \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$20773

Attention

I'm on a journey from Canada to search for honest, open, sexy, white lady. Would like to be friends, maybe a relationship. It's not fair to play games if you don't go out with me. So let's share the romance/happiness together. Please, take a chance. (3/17) \$\mathbf{T}\$20701

FINE GENTLEMAN, good natured, outgoing, slim, 5'8", seeks mature senior woman, 69 plus, joyful in spirit, aging gracefully. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{20710}\$

INTUITIVE GUY NEXT DOOR, 39, seeks mature lady next door to go drink coffee, and become friends, have fun, and maybe start something serious. (3/24) \$\infty\$20780

MOVIES ANYONE? Divorced, white, 65, 59", average build would like to meet nice caucasian lady for movies, dining, theater or nice evening on the town. (3/24) \$\Pi\$20754

MUSCULAR, HEALTHY, TALL, 40, looks 35. Seeking fun, fit, loving extrovert, non-smoker, under 41, for ball games, biking, workouts, concerts, romance, Las Vegas, sans kids. (3/24) \$\mathbf{2}\$20748

Lover/Girlfriend

Wanted
Easygoing male, 57, 5'6", 145lbs., black hair, hazel eyes, olive complexion, seeks long-term relationship. RV camping, hiking, desert, mountains, ocean, movies, theater, family, quiet evenings at home. Must be financially stable. (3/24) \$\times 20747\$

COLORFUL. GREEN-BLUE EYES. Ger man-Irish Catholic, attractive, unencumbered, professional, 40, 6'1", 215lbs, clean cut, conservative appearance, seeks intelligent, warmhearted, unencumbered white female, 22-34, possessing inner and outer beauty. (3/17) LET'S GROW TOGETHER. Tall, 6'4", 52,

handsome, fun loving professional. Well educated, open minded, spiritual, roman-tic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for growth partnership. (3/24) 20751

HANDSOME DOCTOR, 39, quiet, sensitive, humorous, tall, blue eyes, slim, fit, plays electric guitar, loves music, creative accomplishments. Seeking sensitive, in-









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March 16

Gulls players will still date, but the event is now open to all men and women, athletic or not.

New Age Groups: 24-32, 33-39, 40-48

March 24



Reverie wine will be available for those who wish to drink for an additional \$20 per person. Nondrinkers will pay regular price.

New Age Groups: 24-32, 33-39, 40-48

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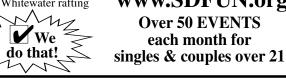
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Reader March 11, 2004 San Diego



William Evans Student San Diego

Ionce woke up in my friend's shower. It had been a heavy night of drinking, and I don't remember what happened. I think I just passed out there because I tend to shower after I've been drinking. Smelling like booze in the morning bothers me. It was out of the ordinary for me to wake up in the shower because I tend to pass out on my buddy's floor or couch, and sometimes I wake up in their stairwell. The strangest part was that there was a hurdle from a nearby track sitting in the bathroom with me.



Heather Larribe Student La Jolla

Tt's not that strange, but I once woke up in my friend's bed and I didn't know how I ended up there. I don't remember walking up the stairs or how I got there. When I woke up, I was scared because I didn't know where I was. I later found out that I was refusing to go to bed and yelling at my friends before they made me go to bed. I don't remember, and I feel really bad about it. I guess I was passing out and my friends wanted me to go to bed and then I lost a shoe and I was angry about that. The shoe turned up later in the bathroom.



Crystal Smith Student La Jolla

hotel in Tijuana has to be the Ahotel in Tijudila IIII. Strangest place that I've ever woken up. I had been at a club and I drank way too much and my friends didn't want to go back across the border because there's a drunk tank at the border where they keep people to sober up. I woke up around seven the next morning, and I thought, "There's no way that I'm going back to sleep here." It was a good thing that my friends didn't just leave me there to wake up by myself. No one had any money when we looked for a taxi. We found a taxi, and we told the driver that we didn't have much money. The taxi driver still cursed at us once we got to the border because he wanted twice the amount that we had. It was a disaster.



Kariann Goldschmitt Grad Student

Sorrento Valley

Ionce woke up on the border of Israel and Jordan. I was staying at a communal farming community there in Israel. I fell asleep outside on the grass. Two days later, I woke up in the city of Galilee, and I had no idea who was lying next to me.... At the time, I was on a free trip partially funded by a crazy Zionist group. I pretended to be that way to go on the free trip back in '96. The tour guides had Uzis on them at all times, even though Israel was less tense back then.



Ernesto Marquez HMO Employee Mission Valley

olding tank in the county jail. Holding tank in the county jan.
My buddy got into a fight and I backed him up. The cops took us both. We had been drinking, and when the fight happened, some-thing hit me from behind. I don't know if it was a fist or a bottle, but whatever it was, it knocked me out. Luckily, I wasn't bleeding when I woke up in the holding tank because my buddy wasn't there. I was in a different holding cell than my buddy, so we weren't able to piece back together what happened until we were released. After we made a couple calls, we understood what went



David Ngyuen Cell Phone Field Engineer Dallas, Texas

In a park, duct-taped to a tree. It was a part of fraternity hazing. I got drunk with a few of my pledge brothers, we passed out, and some older members drove us an hour and a half from our college in Texas to the park, which was in Oklahoma. When we woke up, we realized that we were dressed only in our boxers with quarters taped to our backs so that we could make phone calls. A pledge brother came and picked us up in his SUV, and we never talked about it again. We were so pissed that we tried to kidnap one of the actives and tape him to a tree in Oklahoma. It almost happened too, but the active jumped out of my pledge brother's car while he was going 40 miles an hour down the freeway We couldn't find him after he jumped out of the car because he ran and hid

telligent, loyal, honest, compassionate fe-male. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20730

LOOKING FOR LOVE. I'm 56, 5'3", good looking. I love music, nature, home life. Please be near downtown San Diego. (3/24) \$\infty\$20762

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confi

CHARMING, TALL, HANDSOME, attrac tive, widower, retired, business owner, fi-nancially secure, trustworthy, outgoing, genuine. Seeking attractive, vivacious, shapely, affectionate, outgoing lady, 50-65, dates, fun, romance, getaways. (3/24)

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, fit, 50, wity, run, sense of humor, loves dinner, walks, movies, holding hands, kisses, hugs. Seeking an attractive woman for a relationship. (3/17) 20735

LOVABLE, CUTE, FINANCIALLY secure 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (3/17) 220724

SEEKING VERY ATTRACTIVE, 28-46 nonsmoker, with personality, sensuality, monogamy, sweet, fashionable-miniskity a plus, who enjoys life, love, friendship with good looking, 53, successful, tall, great dresser, comical, scholarly, sexy, kind, caring, romantic. You'll love me, and my message! I'm too good to be truehurry up! (3/24) 220781

STOP. Single male, handsome, romantic seeks nice lady, 50+, homeowner, have tools, good job, serious minded, tired of eating alone. Me: 58. (3/24) 220764

FUN LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, educated 5'8", athletic gentleman seeking non-smoker/drinker, slim, medium, build cud-dly, 50s, 5'-5'6" female for conversation, outings, beaches, music, movies, home, love? (3/17) ☎20733

CHRISTIAN, LOVES: Jesus, animals, people. Likes: to partyl Concerts, danding, travel, sports, outdoors, movies, open. Looking: attractive, positive attitude, "Sweetheart Lady," Friendship/first. . (3/17) **2**20711

Nonsmoker. (3/17) \$\tilde{2}\) 20711 **LOTS TO OFFER;** professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 53, homeowner, spontaneous, midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned outgoing woman. (3/17) \$\tilde{2}\) 20708

TEDDY BEAR SEEKS HONEY. Lovable

hearted, movies, dancing, cuddling. kissing, exercise. (3/17) \$\infty\$20729

HANDSOME, TALL, GOOD LOOKING, af fectionate, fun loving, humorous man. Seeking adventuresome, spontaneous, romantic, friendly, proportioned woman to share good times with me, Mister Enthusi-

asm. (3/24) \$\Pi\$20749

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. (3/24) \$\Pi\$20759

ATHLETIC, EDUCATED, HONEST and sincere, 33, professional. Looking for good looking, healthy, fun loving lady. Adventures await our articulate twosome! Love of music a plus! (3/17) \$\infty\$20722

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. (3/24) 22°20750

DOWN-TO-EARTH MAMA desired. Decent looking Caucasian, 5'11", 47, with extra pounds, for frolicsome friendship, romance. Open to unencumbered, ageless soul who's articulate, cerebral. (3/17)

TALL, GOOD LOOKING, architect, 43, Jack Nicholson type, healthy, toned body, intelligent, humorous. Seeking slender, very curry, caucasian woman, 21-38, for friendship, romance, and more. (3/17) ☎20740

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

AWESOME GUY. Ladies, you want a man to tell you you're beautiful everyday? Your destiny awaits you. Jewish male, 34, seeks honest, sincere woman. (3/24) ₹20767

ATTRACTIVE, ATHLETIC, adventurous, fit, 40s gentleman, loves travel, sports, dancing. Seeking attractive, pretty female, physically and emotionally fit, good sense of humor, for relationship. (3/24)

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) \$\mathref{\textit{T}}20713

plus! (3/17) \$\infty\$20713

LATINA OR CAUCASIAN lady, 35-45, sought by 40-year old employed, kind, nonjudgmental, witty, sweet, white male. Oceanside/Carlsbad area only. Thank you. (3/24) \$\infty\$20765

SINGLE, WHITE MALE, 34, tattoos and a love for punk. Looking for a like-minded girl, 18-40. Only sincere need apply. (3/17) ☎20766

ATTRACTIVE. 28. 6'1". 185lbs.. white Asian, full-time student, healthy non-smoker, romantic, adventurous, enjoys dancing and the outdoors. Seeking 18-33. No smoke or kids. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{22}\$ 20752 SEEKING MONOGAMOUS, HONEST,

quiet type, slender, relationship. I'm same, not into bars or nightclubs. Homebody, mid-40s, no kids, environmentally conscious, Democrat, nature adventures, sports, TV. (3/17) ☎ 20738

GARDEN GIRL WANTED. Share in fun and games at 10-acre ranch in Bonita. Exotic games at 10-acre ranch in Bonita. Exotic plant and animal preserve. 40's, cats, caring, weeding, mulching, eating. (3/24)

PROFESSIONAL WINDOW CLEANER, handsome black male, 6'1", 215lbs., with brown, pretty eyes, seeking female, 39-49, that's very attractive with all of that and some more. (3/24) \$\overline{\alpha}\$20742

Republican Reptile

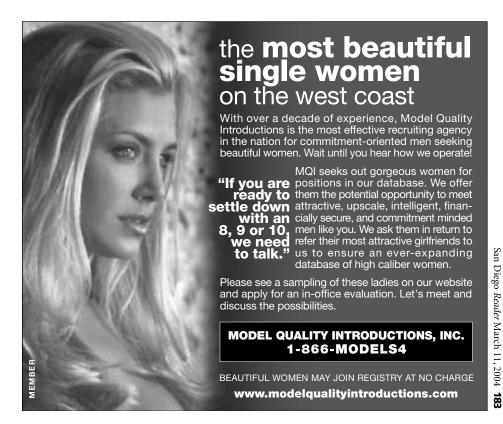
Republican Reptile
Can I please find just one right wing
female in San Diego who uses personals
but is not Christian? See online profile
under "trucaliber" for detailed look. Kind
and generous, science guy, former
doctor, businessman, dilettante author,
inventor. Are you a nice girl, 24-32,
looking for love, good times, comfortable
living, and some adventure? 36-year old
runner, cyclist, looking for athletic partner
who digs coffee, the war, red meat,
debate with like-minded folks. Science,
medicine, business or law graduates
have a good shot at some chemistry.
Prefer a reasoned, conservative or
libertarian world view that has rejected
spirituality entirely. Please be nulliparous.
Thanks! (3/24) \$\frac{20757}{20757}\$

BLESSED, ATTRACTIVE, hugaholic,

BLESSED, ATTRACTIVE, hugaholic, black gentleman, 41, 5'7", healthy, fit, enjoys music of all types, going to the movies, spontaneous chess player. Seekniuvies, 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

BE THE STAR IN MY SHOW. Professional man, trim and intelligent, 53, 6'2", 200lbs., man, trim and intelligent, 53, 6'2", 200lbs., seeks trim, healthy, happy woman for relationship, listening, fun and warmth. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20776





EAST COUNTY, GOOD LOOKING, good guy, 55, slender, healthy, 6', nonsmoker seeks female, any race, for dining, danc-ing, movies, outdoor adventure and ro-mance. (3/24) ☎20770

LONELY MALE FROG, 73, waiting to be kissed by a beautiful princess. Tired of having to survive on mosquitos and bugs. Save me, please. Ribit, Ribit. (3/17)

↑20712

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

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

NORTH COUNTY, HISPANIC, 61 years old. Would like to meet nonsmoking, at-

NORTH COUNTY, HISPANIC, 61 years old. Would like to meet nonsmoking, attractive, petite lady who likes dancing, conversations, barbecues and sports. Between 50-55. (3/17) ☎20726

ENGLISH/AMERICAN 36, retired, seeks long-term companion, blonde, height/ weight symmetry, nonsmoker, North County area, for living life to the fullest together. (3/17) ☎20727

HISPANIC. COLLEGE GRADUATE. busi ness owner, 5'11", seeking north coast, slender, blonde lady under 40 for magic, passion and romance. (3/17) \$\infty\$20717

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE, 36, 5'10" college educated looking to meet a single African-American or Hispanic female 30-45 years old. Be outgoing and goal oriented. (3/17) \$\frac{1}{2}20703\$

I'M 32, 5'10'', 200LBS., teacher, I coach football. I love the beach, soccer and Pacific Beach. I would like to meet a nice Asian lady. (3/17) ☎20718

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, STABLE, SUCcessful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 46. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 35-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (3/17) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$20709

PASSPORT READY? Let's travel to gether. 57-year old, 5'9" nonsmoker. ungether. 57-year old, 5'9" nonsmoker, un-encumbered, semi-retired professional, Pacific Beach view condo owner, likes sports and theater. (3/24) \$\frac{1}{2}\$20769

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)

ATTRACTIVE, 5'8", ADVANCED degrees

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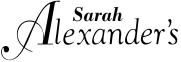
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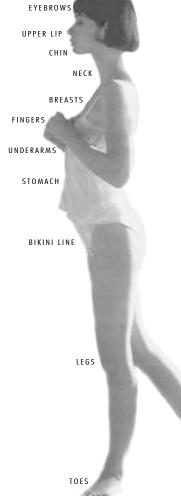
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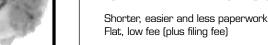
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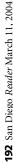
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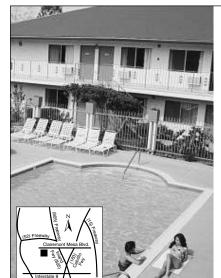
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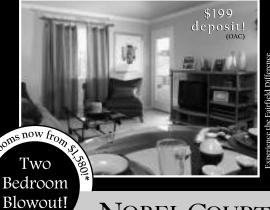
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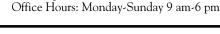
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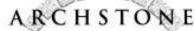
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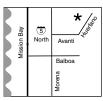
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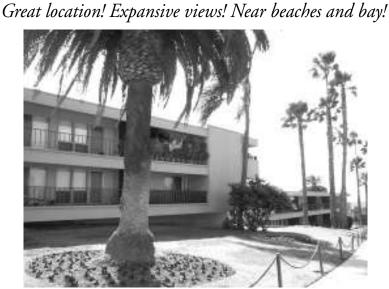
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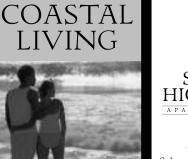
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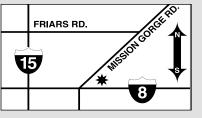
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SEWING MACHINE, antique Singer treadle, 1886, fiddle base, beautiful box top cabinet, \$500/best or trade for Featherweight. 760-754-0654.

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SIDEBOARD, mahogany veneer, \$100. Queen Anne chair, needs recovering, \$25. Mahogany drop leaf secretary, \$100. Small rocker, decorative woodwork, \$100. 619-298-7406.

Sult OF ARMOR, full-size replica of 14th century knight on stand with sword, embossed with gold highlights, made in Toleda, Spain, a startling conversation piece, \$4000. 619-226-6746.

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BANKER'S HILL. Cellar sale. 10am, Sat-urday, 3/13. Moving, must sell appli-ances, electronics, sports, toys, clothes.

2220 Front Street (between Juniper and

CARDIFF. Garage sale. 8-11am, 3/6. Couches, armoire, desk, clothes, bicycle,

decorations, toys, large mirror, more 2053 Cambridge Avenue. 858-277-4075.

CARDIFF. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/13. Surfboards, tools, clothing, furniture, kitchen and household stuff, arrints and cards. 2353 Newport Avenue.

CARLSBAD, yard sale. Saturday 3/13, 7am-1pm. Clothes, books, furniture, toys, games, electronics, household goods, lots of cool stuff! 5430 Los Robles.

CARLSBAD. Garage sale. Saturday, 3/20 Baby products: Cribs, strollers, changing Baby products: Cribs, strollers, changing table. Beautiful stuff from Indonesia, phones, computer, microwave. 6661 Corte Maria

CITY HEIGHTS. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/13. Lots of clothes, books, tools. Good prices! 4346 47th Street.

CLAIREMONT, gigantic yard sale. Friday and Saturday 3/19-3/20. 9am-2pm. St. Mark's United Methodist Church. 3502 Clairemont Drive.

Clairemont Drive.

CLAIREMONT. Estate sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday. Skilsaw, roto-hammer, vintage furniture, 10-speed bikes, iron gates, new window, garden pots. 4626 Boxwood Drive. 858-277-3053.

Boxwood Drive. 858-2//-3053.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 7am-1pm, 3/13-3/14. Women's plus size clothes, shoes, books, dolls, CD player, computer screen, speakers. Low prices. 4019 Armstrong Street (off Ashford/Balboa). 619-

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/13. Bunk beds, bottom full, top twin, chest, dresser, other furniture, toys, clothes. 4311 Gila, off Clairemont Drive.

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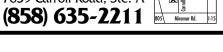


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DEL MAR. Estate sale. 7am, Saturday 3/13. Tools, furniture, clothes, kitchenware, etc. See you there! 1404 Mira Montage.

tana.

DOWNTOWN. Neighborhood garage sale. 8am, 3/13. 1139 19th Street (between B and C Street near City College).

EL CAJON. RVMHOA rummage/garage sale fundraiser. 9am-2pm. Friday, 3/12; Saturday, 3/13. Electronics, furniture, crafts. Bake sale, more! 12970 Highway 8 ss #29 (at clubhouse).

GOLDEN HILL. Garage sale. 9am-1pm, Saturday, 3/13. Check it out! CDs, books, clothes, furniture, more. Remember, the early bird gets the worm! 2662 E Street. HILLCREST, garage sale. Saturday 3/13, morning. Table, house/kitchen stuff, tent, vacuum cleaner, etc. Everything must go. 619-220-0806. 4096 Front Street.

HILLCREST. Huge multifamily yard sale. 9am-2pm, Saturday, 3/13. Furniture, electronics, clothing, miscellaneous household items. Too good to miss. 3645 7th Ave.

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A JOLLA. The Bargain Bash. 8:30am-3pm, Friday, 3/12 and 8:30am-noon, Saturday, 3/13. Furniture, clothes, jewelry. Food available. Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North.

LA JOLLA. Moving sale. 7am-noon, Saturday 3/13. Women's clothes, furniture day 37.6. Washington and the state of the st

LA MESA. Garage sale. 3/13-3/14. Tools, fishing gear, leather sofa, queen bed, kitchen microwave, TV, DVD, more. 6081 Severin Drive. 619-697-1860.

LA MESA. Moving sale. 6am-noon, Satur-day/Sunday, 3/13-3/14. Furniture, radio equipment, crafts, clothes, household items. 4478 Date Avenue. 619-443-7961.

LEUCADIA. Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/13. Books, clothes, framed prints, Webber gas grill, lamps, home accessories, etc. 464 Hillcrest Drive.

MISSION VALLEY. Giant garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/13. Friars Mission Complex (corner of Friars Road and Rancho Mission Road).

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NORTH PARK. Big garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 3/13. Household items, lamps, clothing, miscellaneous, and lots more! 4425 Kansas Street (in alley). NORTH PARK. Yard sale. 8am-1pm, Sat-urday, 3/13. Women's size 14 suits, jew-elry, amethyst and quartz crystals, Xena collection, desk, bookcases, wall units. 3315 Felton Street.

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OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 3/13. Great stuff, large variety, low prices. 1626 Ebers Street. 619-977-0508.

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POINT LOMA. Yard sale. 9am, Saturday, 3/13. Furniture, kitchen, household, tools, VCR, stereo, sporting goods, holsters, collectibles, jewelry. 3021 Quimby Street (off Resecrans)

POINT LOMA. Garage sale. 8am-noon Saturday, 3/13. Glassware, furniture desk, 2-piece corner shelf dresser, nice sacrifice. Clothes, bike, toys, mugs, more 1565 Evergreen Street. 619-224-1922.

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SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 7am-3pm,
Sunday, 3/14. Books, poster art,
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SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 7:30am12:30pm. Queen-size mattress, coffee table, punching bag stand, tools, framed posters, books, clothes, computer monitor, more. 2106 L Street (92102).

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Dave, 858-213-5322.

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TALMADGE. Moving sale. 8am-noon, Sat-urday, 3/13. Custom sofa bed, \$325 Cherrywood dining set, \$300. Newr sofa, \$300. Appliances, furnishings, household goods. 4526 Estrella. 619-507-0917.

TIERRASANTA. Garage/moving sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/13. Electronics, furniture office music TV VCR. kitchen. furniture, office, music, TV, VCR, kitchen. No junk. 5873 Portobelo Court. 858-279-

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Yard sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 3/6. 1000s of comic noon, Saturday, 3/6. 1000s of comic books, vacuum cleaner, table, clothes, videos, CDs, DVDs, etc. 4568 Maryland Street 619-865-9520

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LEAD STORY

 Among the anticipated products at the February American International Toy Fair in New York City (according to the New York Post) were a gun that shoots boogers, a squeezable doll that smells like rotten eggs, a flea (based on a pro wrestling character) that emits rank body odors after warning "I'm gonna blow," and a dissectible brain that oozes slime. Also at the show, St. Petersburg, Fla., inventor Tim Engler was pushing his pump-operated heavy squirt-gun artillery that mounts on bicycles. (Not at the fair but currently a hot Internet pass-around ad is a color poster for Japan's Kaba-Kick, a pink toy gun shaped like a hippo that appears designed for children to play Russian roulette but with the loser kicked in the head by the hippo. The Kaba-Kick was discontinued by Takura Toys in 1992.)

Bright Ideas

 Albuquerque emergency-room physician Sam Slishman is working to launch his Endorphin Power Co., which is a homeless shelter providing drug rehabilitation based on vigorous exercise at on-premises workout stations. However, Slishman also wants his center to help pay for itself by selling the electric power that could be harnessed by his down-and-out population's daily workouts (pedaling, lifting, working the treadmills). Endorphin Power, Slishman says, will be the city's inspirational flagship for "social rehabilitation and renewable energy.

Dental Follies

- Dentist Mohamedraza Huss Bhimani (Orland Park, Ill.), whom police say fondled three female patients, was arrested in his office while he happened to be working on another patient. The patient had to rush to another dentist to get the

job finished (October). ... Dr. Leon Gombis (Oak Lawn, Ill.) had battery charges filed against him after he, wielding pliers, ripped a cap out of the mouth of a 58-year-old patient, believing (mistakenly) that she was behind on her payments (January).

Compelling Explanations

At press time, U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacqueline Chester was scheduled for court martial in Dover, Del., for having tested positive for cocaine. In her defense, her now-ex-husband said that during their marriage, he had occasionally rubbed cocaine on his genitals for pleasure-enhancement and that the otherwise drug-free Jacqueline might have absorbed it through her genital walls.

- From a Jan. 1 police report in Florida's Gainesville Sun: A motorist who was clocked at 15 mph over the speed limit in Waldo, Fla., claimed that since state-trooper policy is to give a 5 mph leeway before ticketing, and since Waldo police often claim to give a 10 mph leeway, he thought the two leeway speeds could be combined to allow him to drive 15 mph over the limit. - Lame Excuses: According to a police report in January on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. website, a driver in the Newfoundland district of Bonavista-Clarenville denied that he had an illegal radar detector, claiming that the black box on his dashboard was a "moose detector" that indeed had so far kept him safe from moose. ... Joseph Hubbert, 34, explained to Minneapolis police on Christmas morning that the reason he got stuck in the chimney of Uncle Hugo's Mystery Bookstore was not because he was up to no good, but because he had accidentally dropped his keys down the chimney and had to crawl down to get them.

In January, the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council turned down the complaint of a radio listener in Calgary, Alberta, ruling that a song by the a cappella group Da Vinci's Notebook was not necessarily obscene in that it could also be about self-esteem. The song, "Enormous Penis," included the lyrics "I've got the cure for all my blues/ I take a look at my enormous penis/ And my troubles start a-meltin' away" and "I gotta sing and I gotta dance/ When I glance in my pants.'

- Author Irwin Schiff, at war with the IRS for years over his aggressive claims that paying federal income tax is voluntary, may finally have turned defensive. In a back-tax-collection case in Las Vegas in January, Schiff told the court in a filing that he suffers from delusions, including a fantasy that he is the only person qualified to interpret federal income tax law. Schiff's psychiatrist said Schiff has been paranoid for years, stemming from his having lost heavily in a tax shelter that turned out to be a Ponzi scheme.

Least Competent Criminals

In Tarpon Springs, Fla., William Ray Hunter, 41, was arrested and charged with defrauding a series of at least 19 Northerners who had paid him a total of \$33,000 in advance to rent his mobile home for the winter starting Jan. 1. Hunter apparently had made no effort to move out by the time the tenants started arriving. Said sheriff Bob Hart, "I don't think he thought too much about what would happen when everybody showed up. Most people have a plan. [Hunter] had the first part, but he didn't have the second part."

Update on Racist Dogs

· The owner of the German shepherd crossbreed who made the news last year for having trained "Adolf" to raise his right paw upon hearing the command "Sieg Heil," was found guilty in Berlin of displaying Nazi symbols, and he told the court

that Adolf had since injured his paw and could no longer salute (February). ... The McKees Rock, Pa., police dog Dolpho, which was sent for reeducation in 2002 after having attacked a black child, attacked a black teenager (February).

Thinning the Herd

- A 46-year-old motorcyclist, speeding, yelling obscenities, and shaking his fist alongside an 18wheeler that had made a left turn of questionable etiquette on a Corpus Christi, Texas, street, lost control of the cycle, fell off, and was fatally dragged underneath the truck (October). ... In Tampa, Fla., a 20-year-old man chased down another driver (both in pickups) and jumped onto the first driver's door so he could punch him through the window. The distracted driver continued for two blocks before hitting a tree, which caused the truck to roll over onto the man that clung to the door. He died at the scene (October).

More Things to Worry About

- The owners of FM 106.7 in York, Pa., having ended the station's country-music format but not yet having introduced a new one, played "Pop Goes the Weasel" 24 hours a day during the interim (February). ... A recently active methamphetamine lab (fuel, tubing, foil, coffee filters, and a liquid compound) was discovered in a search of cells in the Pikeville, Tenn., county jail (December). ... A Pacifica, Calif., father filed a \$15,000 claim against the school district, saying officials have not stopped students from taunting his 12year-old son, who is an internationally acclaimed ballroom dancer (September).

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It's a CRIME

RATTERY

Location: 5028 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach Time/Date: 12:10 a.m. on 2/29/04

Officer's Investigation: I was dispatched to a call of a person down in the back lot of the Sunshine Company on 5028 Newport. I arrived and met with Jonathan D. I saw a heavy-set white male, later identified as Randy R., laying on the ground in a pool of blood. He was being treated for



a head injury by PMU 15. I talked to Sebastian R., Randy's son. Randy was transported to UCSD for evalu-

ation and treatment of lacerations to the head. Officer Zdunich #5006 and I went to UCSD to check on [Randy R.'s] injuries. [He] was vomiting and incoherent while we were there. I was told by the staff of the Sunshine Company there was a video camera monitoring the incident at the time, but they didn't have access to it for review.

Victim's Statement: I was working security here a little while ago when that quy (pointing to Sebastian R.) was arguing with his girlfriend. I told him that he needed to leave, we told his dad (pointing to Randy R.) that we were escorting him out, he said OK. As [we] walked him out back, he [Sebastian R.] was trying to get back inside and wanted to fight with us. We started to restrain Sebastian to stop him fighting with us. I felt a heavy blow and realized I had been hit in the back of the head. I saw his dad roll over the top of me and hit the ground. He was mumbling and bleeding.

Sebastian's Statement: My dad came over to my house tonight, he was drunk and wanted to go out. We went [here] and started drinking for a while. Security wanted me to leave because me and my girlfriend were arguing. I was trying to get back in and they wouldn't let me. I guess my stupid dad came out and hit one of the

guards, he's really drunk. I think he fell and hit his head. I'm so sorry about all this.

CARJACKING

Location: 3343 Adams Avenue.

Normal Heights

Time/Date: 3:25 p.m. on 2/27/04



Officer's Investigation: Upon arrival, I met Sergeant Servin #4886 who was already on the scene. We determined from listening to the victim and witnesses that a carjacking and a kidnapping had taken place. The witnesses gave the 911 dispatcher the license plate of the vehicle the suspects fled in. The vehicle was a red 1990 Honda Accord and was stolen on 2-27-04.

I spoke with victim, Krista H., and...asked her if she was injured during the incident. She complained of pain to her neck.

Victim's Statement: Heft the coffee house and went to my car that was parked in the alley. I entered my Jeep Cherokee and began to back up. I saw a red vehicle pull in behind me. The vehicle backed up and pulled next to me. I saw a black female exit the vehicle and run towards me. My door was unlocked and the female opened my door. She started to hit me with her fists, scratch me and told me to get out

of the car. I put my hands up to protect myself. She pulled off my glasses that were on my face. She was calling me a "crazy white bitch."

The female then entered my car. She was sitting on my lap and still trying to hit me. She was trying to put the car in gear. She said: "How are you going to like this?" She then put the vehicle in reverse and pushed on the accelerator. The Jeep went backwards. We were going fast. We then hit a wall. The female acted like she panicked. She left [my] car and ran over to the red Honda. She was crouching down as if she was hiding. She acted like she was on drugs.

BATTERY

Location: [3300] India Street, Middletown Time/Date: 9:10 a.m. on 3/1/04



Officer's Investigation: Upon arrival I contacted the victim Maria L. and her sister Josefina V. I saw that L. had scratches on her face. She declined medical attention. After obtaining statements from both, we went across the walkway where we contacted the suspect Maria M. M. admitted to doing the battery...while she was talking, M. was crying and holding her stomach. She told us she was four months pregnant and having stomach pain. SDFD Medic 20 responded and transported M.

to Sharp's Mercy for evalution. M. was cited for battery and released on her written promise to appear in court.

Victim's Statement: Maria L. told us she had just come home and was unlocking her front door when Maria M. came up from behind. M. grabbed L. by the hair and turned her around. M. asked L., "What are you doing going out with my husband?" M. then hit L. in the face twice and scratched her face. L. said she did not fight back.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Location: 1350 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 3:45 p.m. on 3/1/04



Officer's Investigation: An

unknown male followed Jennifer G. while she ran along Sunset Cliffs. He stopped at three locations and watched her as she ran by. The third time he stopped he lifted his pelvis up...and she saw he was masturbating. G. ran to the closest alley and hid until she saw the car drive by. She described [him] as a very clean-cut white male in his early twenties wearing a baseball cap. She ran home and called the police. G. said she could possibly identify the suspect if she were to see him again.

— Michael Hemminason

lon electric, \$25. Fireplace gas log, \$15. 760-746-2047

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MISCELLANEOUS. Piano, Yamaha console, gloss white, 42"H, includes bench, metronome, music, \$1995. Couch lamp, white, \$20. Sevylor 1-person inflatable boat, never used, \$35. 858-487-1533.

Doat, never used, \$35. 885-487-1533.

MISCELANEOUS. Fluorescent desk lamp. Hand-carved totem poles. Magnificent art collection. Humidfiler, \$5. Augnificent pants, gallon pots 4/\$10. Books. Suitcases. Toys. Basketball, \$5.

MISCELLANEOUS. Men's coats, \$5. Man-ual typewriter, Brother, \$25. Men's shoes, brown, size 9-1/2 to 10, \$5. Black bow ties, \$1. Plastic pots, 12", with trays, \$5.

MISCELLANEOUS. Antique oak rocking chair, \$50. Overstuffed swivel rocker, \$40. Medium large wet suit, excellent condition, \$25. 619-464-4423.

MISCELLANEOUS. Umbrella, 7', angles, like new, \$65. Plants: laurel bay shrub 6', evergreen, edible leaves, \$25. Sun or-chids, tropical cactus, bilbergia bromeliads, succulents, cacti. 619-589-9071.

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chest, \$300. 760-643-1945.

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Marilee Hong is smart. As a young woman, she wanted a nice car, but she and her husband decided they should buy a house first, which they did. Then she saved and paid cash for a rust-colored Datsun 280Z, 1977 model.

A dilemma arose when she got pregnant and learned she would have twins, as the Z has twin bucket seats and none in back. "My dad built a special platform," she says, "with brackets to hold the car seats. But they grew out of the car seats, and I had to get another car. I made the Z my car to drive to my Chinese brush-painting class near the 52, so the drive was all freeway. And I used it for trips up the coast. It's good on freeways. Once I looked down and found I was going 100. I had no idea."

Because I'm a man, I ask, "Does it

have a V-8?"

"I don't know," she confesses. "I've only had the car 26 years. But it's fast, and it hugs the road. It doesn't have power steering though, and so when I back up and then go forward, I'm thinking, 'This is a lot of work.' "

For everyday use, she wore out two Honda Accords, but she didn't want to give up the Z until she found a car she liked as well. "And that's hard to find," she says. "I thought about a Jaguar, but they've changed the styling since the ones I liked. And the newer cars don't have the chrome bumpers and trim like my Z. I test drove the new Z, but it wasn't comfortable like mine, and the radio didn't have turn dials. It had the push buttons, and the gearshift sits right up against the radio. Last year I bought the BMW, and I like it, but everybody tells me, 'You're not getting rid of the Z. It's too good of a car.'

"People try to get me to join the

Z club, because mine looks so original. I'm not trying to keep the car nice to impress people: that's just how I like to treat things. I try not to drive it in inclement weather."

"You keep it in the garage, right?" "Uh-huh, right beside my BMW.

My husband and daughters' cars have to go outside. But when anybody comments on how nice the body and the paint job still look on the Z, my husband gets the credit. He did all the waxing. And I was thinking about getting these wire wheels, which would make it look really flashy, but my husband said, 'No, don't, they're so hard to clean.' And then he bought them for me for my birthday.

"I try to drive it every Sunday. It's like a dog; you have to run the car. In fact, a guy who fixed it yelled at me; he thought I didn't drive it enough. But it runs pretty hot, so I try to nurse it. I'm finding they don't make parts



OWNER: MARILEE HONG

CAR: 1977 DATSUN 280Z

BOUGHT FROM: TERRY ALLEN DATSUN IN EL CAJON, 1977

=== MILEAGE: 81,500

for these cars anymore, so if it needs a part, people tell me I'll have to go to a junkyard."

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I can see them muttering about hell and handbaskets.

<u>Bv Iohn Brizzolara</u>

It was in the bar business I first heard the phrase "This is my Friday night" as in Tuesday night is my Friday night." I have put more effort into avoiding regular work hours, regimen, and routine experience in general than most people of a comparable life span. In other words, one of the ironies in which my life is so rich is my longstanding ambition to experience the whole of life as, if not Christmas morning, at least Friday night. I have expended most of a liver in this

A usually safe bet for an enjoyable morsel of the week, nearly as dependable as Friday afternoon/evening/night, is Sunday morning. Not early Sunday morning because, unless you're just one of those barking lunatics (thank you, Nick Hornby) who actually enjoys the dawn and its ensuing few hours, your Sunday morning is shot anyway. I am, of course, assuming a civilized rising hour like 10 or so.

At one time I would have included the newspaper as de rigueur Sunday a.m. equipment, immediately after coffee. For geographical (and humane) reasons, unless we're talking an out-of-town Sunday edition. I have been forced to find some substitute for this activity, sedentary as it may be. I will explain why I select the word "humane." If you are at all like me when it comes to decently done prose — as opposed to desultory $typing, with \, nothing \, up \, the \, typist \'s \, sleeve$ but a progression of clichés, like polyester handkerchiefs of a third-rate birthdayparty clown — you'll agree. Reading bad prose is not as bad as bamboo under the fingernails. No need to get ridiculous. But it might be along an order of inhumanity akin to buying a pack of gum and, with one piece after another, discovering that you have bitten into aluminum foil alone. With a few blessed exceptions, sitting down for a Sunday morning read with San Diego's Union-Tribune is like fixing yourself a meatless barbecue plate piled high with deliciously chewy Reynolds

But moving on from gratuitous insults, I'll say that my substitute for the Sunday paper is various collected essays. A logical progression, if you think about it. My current volume, a gift from my oft-times partner, is The Norton Book of Personal Essays. It is edited by Joseph Epstein and contains Mark Twain and Max Beerbohm, Bertrand Russell, Willa Cather, Winston Churchill, Virginia Woolf, Rebecca West, V.S. Naipaul, and — moment of silence, please, no sarcasm — John Gregory Dunne. More than a dozen others are here at the business of literature's nearly orphaned offspring (like her brother, the short story, who is probably not quite as bad off within some genres, but pale, and very thin, have you noticed?).

Editor Epstein, in the introduction to the 1997 book, calls the phenomenon of the essay "a happy accident of literature...because it seems to have come into the world without anything like a clear line of descent." He goes on to cite Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592) as the essay's "first great practitioner, the first man to make plain that he did not intend to be either exhaustive or definitive in his writing and to use the first person singular in a fairly regular way. Montaigne once referred to himself, in fact, as 'an accidental philosopher.' "

I've got to love this guy already, whoever he was. I'd seen references to him somewhere but decided that if he ever came up in conversation I would just say something like, "Ah, Montaigne. Now there was a Frenchman," then change the

While living in Brooklyn and working in Manhattan in the late 1970s, I had developed the habit and then the need to read three newspapers a day. Sunday morning it would be just the Times and I would begin with the book-review section. Once while reading a Wilfrid Sheed review of someone or other, I was struck by how good Sheed was at the form of reviewing or criticism. Though I'd read a couple of his novels, I wondered if he had ever collected his reviews and found that he had under the title Essays in Disguise.

Perfect. And before I even tracked down the book, I realized that was what

he was up to, and so were Anthony Burgess and Pete Hamill, Paul Theroux, and others. It was the essay form I was attracted to; the fact that most of them I'd been reading were about books was another happy accident. At the time I was writing short stories for genre markets, and I had an even more unfortunate desire to write book reviews. The only market available to me was a science fiction retail trade paper that paid \$25 for 500 words. To realize that what I really wanted to do was write essays was like realizing, in this day and age, that my true vocational calling was to develop better forms of sealing wax.



"Ah, Montaigne. Now there was a Frenchman.

So, if you don't tell anyone, I will on occasion continue to write essays of a kind, hardly formal, but there is exactly nothing about me that is in the first place. I can visualize certain purists, you know the ones, who believe in their heart of hearts that writers who insist on emerging from that lumpen proletariat mob sometimes referred to as "the living" are, at best, vulgar gate crashers. Little better is their core opinion of, say, L. Rust Hills than a graffiti artist in a museum. I can see them muttering about hell and handbaskets and that it's all been downhill since the letters of Seneca and would consider Dorothy Parker, in her essay "The Middle or Blue Period" as, in fact, "working blue" if for no other reason than the word "bastard" appears in the second paragraph. I know exactly what they would say at my public declaration to enlist in the ranks of Joan Didion, Richard Rodriguez, Truman Capote, M.F.K. Fisher, and the like. They might toss it off flippantly at a cocktail party at the New York Public Library with Salman Rushdie as guest of honor, cover their mouths with a cocktail napkin, and a polite cough as though illustrating their dry wit. But deep down, deep down they would mean it when they said, "John who?"

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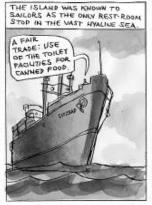
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Johnny's playing T-ball. For the past couple of years, my fourth child has watched his three older sisters play ball. Two years ago, Angela played T-ball. Last year, all three girls played T-ball or softball. Jack and I spent the months of March, April, and May ferrying Angela, Rebecca, and Lucy to practices and games. Many spring Saturdays, we spent the entire day at Bradley Park in San Marcos watching first one girl and then another and then the third take the field. Johnny and Ben came along. Sometimes they paid attention to the games. Mostly, my two boys played on the play structure with a group of other little brothers or hounded me for treats from the snack bar.

Every now and then as we drove home from the field, Johnny would ask, "When do I get to

play baseball?"

"It won't be baseball," one of his sisters would remind him. "You have to start with T-

"I know," Johnny would reply. "Mom, when do I get to play?"

"You can play next year, I think," I would tell him.

"That's too long."

Too long finally arrived. In January when we signed Angela up for another softball sea-son, Johnny asked, "Can I play this year?" A quick check of the San Marcos Youth Base-

ball website revealed that the boys' sign-ups had happened in October.

"October?" I asked Jack. "You've got to be kidding. The season doesn't start until next month.'

"That's what it says," Jack told me. "I'll try to e-mail the contact and see if there are late sign-ups.'

Lucky for Johnny, there were so many loser parents who missed the deadline as we did that the league added two more teams. "We're team number 18." Iack told me after he took Johnny to sign up.

That's a lot of teams," I said.

'You're telling me," Jack answered. "Practices start in two weeks. The coach will hand out uniforms before the games start in March. We've got to get Johnny a cup."

"What's a cup?" Johnny asked. "You mean like a Sippy cup?"

"No," Jack answered. "It's a piece of plastic that fits inside your pants and protects your privates from getting hit by the ball."

"Oh," Johnny said.

The girls snickered.

Jack took Johnny to his first practice. On a chilly Saturday morning at 9:00, Johnny and Jack rode away from the house on their bikes. The practice field is at a school just a few blocks from where we live. They came home a little after 10:00, red-faced from the cold but smiling. "How did it go?" I asked.

"Great," Jack said. "Did you like it, John?"
"It was really fun," Johnny answered.
"What did you do?" I asked.

'Caught the ball. Ran around," Johnny said. "I'm going to go play Bionicles."

Johnny disappeared into the family room. 'How was it?" I asked Iack.

"It was fine. They ran around the field a little bit, and we tossed them some grounders. And they chose a team name. They're going to be the Rockies."

After Jack took Johnny to the next few Saturday practices, coach Carlos announced a Thursday-afternoon practice. The first Thursday, Jack couldn't get home from work in time, so I packed up the kids and took everyone with me. Rebecca and Angela glided around the school's blacktop on their Rollerblades. Lucy played with Ben on the playground. Johnny lined up with his teammates and tried to grab ground balls tossed by one of the dads. He glanced over at me shyly every now and then to make sure I hadn't left.

A few minutes into the practice, a coach from another T-ball team who happened to be practicing on the school's other field walked over to coach Carlos. After a quick discussion, the other coach waved his team onto Johnny's field. "Since we don't have any practice games

scheduled," coach Carlos told the parents, "we're going to have a little scrimmage now with this other team."

Jack arrived halfway through the scrimmage. "You've got to watch this," I told him. "Johnny's doing great. He's chased down a few balls, and he hits really well off the T."

Jack shouted, "Hey, Johnny," and gave him the thumbs up. Johnny waved back.

Every time someone on the other team hit the ball, everyone on Johnny's team ran toward it like a rugby scrum. Whoever got the ball stood up and looked around while the coaches yelled, "Throw to first! Throw to first!" Every now and then, one of the boys actually did throw the ball to first base. Everyone cheered.

At the end of the scrimmage, Johnny ran to Jack. "You did great, John," Jack told him. "You were one of the only guys who knew what to do when you got the ball."

Johnny smiled proudly. "I threw it to first," he said.

"That's right."

The next Thursday, Carlos brought the team uniforms to practice. When we got home, Johnny disappeared into the bathroom with Lucy. "I'm going to help him," Lucy explained.

When Johnny emerged ten minutes later, he looked like a miniature Colorado Rockies baseball player — black socks, white athletic pants, black and white undershirt, black overshirt with the official MLB Rockies' logo, and a CR baseball cap.

"You look sharp, Johnny," Jack exclaimed. "You sure do," I agreed.

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