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FACULTY ROW TAXPAYERS FUND MILLION-DOLLAR HOME LOANS FOR UCSD PROFS

San Diego is one of the most expensive places in America to buy a house. But thanks to funds provided by state taxpayers, academics at the University of California are able to dip into a \$6.8 billion pool of cash to finance their home purchases on terms more favorable than those available to the average Joe. Since the year 2000, according to county records, nearly a hundred professors at UCSD have taken advantage of the program, which a spokeswoman says currently offers a variable interest rate of 3.8 percent on a 30-year mortgage.

Prices of the houses purchased in the San Diego area with the taxpayer-sponsored mortgages have ranged from a high of \$1,930,000

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Daughters See Spirits

I enjoyed your article "A Vehicle Between Two Worlds" (March 18). For a long time I have had an intuitive belief in everything the Reverend Chris Meredith talked about in the article. Making this article even more timely for me is the fact that both of my daughters see and hear "spirits." My youngest daughter only recently discovered this ability. Mind-boggling for me, to say the least! I would like to know how to contact the Reverend Meredith (email would be best) for his input on what these spirits want from my daughters, if anything. As well, the best way for them to handle these encounters.

Misty via e-mail

Cold Scam

If Mr. Deegan ("A Vehicle Between Two Worlds," March 18) had critiqued a book on the art of cold reading simultaneously, he could have demonstrated the scam techniques being utilized by the subjects of his article.

> G. M. Cagni via e-mail

Does Enemy Read The <u>Reader?</u>

Re "Nothing Like the Movies" ("City Lights," March 18) by Chris Schnaubelt. Informative article. I hope the enemy does not subscribe to the *Reader*.

> Rick Vattuone Major, Infantry via e-mail

P-A-D-D-Y

I'm a longtime reader of the *Reader*, ever since it's been in the market here. I've been in San Diego 42 years. I'm just making a comment about the St. Patrick's Day

ads that your advertisers are placing in the *Reader*. They're calling St. Patrick's Day ---or St. Paddy's Day — "St. Patty's Day." There's no such day. It's spelled P-a-dd-y, which is what the Irish call Patrick. "Patty" is a woman's name. That probably differentiates the business owners without a drop of Irish blood from the others, when they say "St. Patty's Day." Anyways, it's a small point. Keep up the good work.

Bob Andrews La Jolla

Bible Problem

It's almost laughable to see the few hysterical outcries against The Passion of the Christ. Thus far, they seem to come from people who haven't seen the movie, and I'd be willing to bet Mary Tarantino (Letters, March 18) didn't either, as it's virtually impossible to do so and still call it anti-Semitic. Neither the head of the JDL nor the Institute for Jewish and Community Research have called this movie anti-Semitic, vet Tarantino would have us believe that Jews are being slaughtered in the streets.

She said that "The film is highly unrealistic according to any biblical scripture or any written records of the event in question." Not according to my Bible. Isaiah 52:14,15 says, "Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond any human likeness." If anything, the reality was even more brutal. I've seen the movie twice, and while Gibson takes some artistic liberties, it's pretty close to the scriptural account. Much closer than, say, Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian, or pretty much any other movie ever made.

It's also funny to see people decrying the violence. Were these same people appalled at *Pulp Fiction, Natural Born Killers*, or pretty much any R movie ever made? No doubt these same critics are lining up to see *Cold Mountain, Monster, Taking Lives*, and *Twisted*. Reading

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The comments about Gibson's father are truly reaching at straws. As if every one of us is responsible for our father's beliefs and *continued on page 82* Reader

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Kerry's crest Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, fresh from



his snowboarding getaway in ritzy Ketchum, Idaho, is heading for the warmer clime of La Jolla Farms. This coming Tuesday he's set to have a fundraising luncheon in the lavish home of supermarket magnate Ron Burkle,

John Kerry friend and contributor to

both ex-governor Gray Davis and former president Bill Clinton. Listed among the "honorary hosts" are Assemblyman Juan Vargas, San Diego city councilwoman Toni Atkins, and Davis ex-chief of staff Lynne Schenk. "Chairs" include ex-UC president

Richard Atkinson and wife Rita, Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs, and lawyer Wade Sanders, who's lately been getting plenty of new mileage out of his old war stories about skippering a swift boat in Vietnam, as did Kerry. Yet further down, listed as "hosts," are the likes of school-district chief Alan Bersin, labor honcho Jerry Butkiewicz, and lobbyist Bernie Rhinerson. Billionaire Burkle, who also has a big house in L.A. as well as other places, was featured in

a New York Times story last week describing how Clinton gets a fee for pitching Burkle's Yucaipa Company to pension funds as an investment. In the case of California's state pension fund, the paper said, the Yucaipa investments "have so far not produced returns." ... San Francisco financier Warren Hellman, father-in-law of UC president Robert Dynes and sometime business partner of Padres owner John Moores, has pulled his annual bluegrass festival out of Golden Gate Park and taken it to Oakland in a fit of pique over a judge's order blocking construction of a parking garage he favors in the park. "I am just humiliated to be in Golden Gate Park right now," Hellman told the San Francisco Chronicle this week. "I don't feel like being a half mile from something that I've worked so hard on to create, and now these people are in the process of destroying." Meanwhile, Hellman and son-in-law Dynes, ex-chancellor of UCSD, will serve together on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's new "California Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth."The privately funded group has already drawn fire from the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a liberal-leaning advocacy group, for including some of the governor's richest campaign contributors, most of whom are seeking to undo state regulation of their businesses. Dynes's wife Frances Hellman has been a physics professor at UCSD. Other San Diegans on the group include Poway builder Douglas Barnhart and Alliance Pharmaceutical's Duane Roth.

Into the fire Ex–San Diego Unified School District public relations man John **Spelich** got plenty of practice under fire two years ago while defending his boss Alan Bersin against the slings and arrows of irate parents dissatisfied with Bersin's education-reform ef-

forts. Now Spelich is working for the Walt Disney Company, defending boss Michael Eisner from shareholders mad at low earnings and anti-sweatshop groups who claim that Disney obtained some of its branded clothing from sweatshops in Bangladesh. Spelich, who now lives near a Del Mar golf course, said, "The company did not make any garments directly," the New York Times recently reported.

Legacy Every day on its front page, the Union-Tribune now features a small box with a color aerial photo of the new downtown baseball stadium, accompanied by the number of days left until the structure's grand opening next month. It will be a day of great joy for the managers of the paper, who pulled just about every journalistic string imaginable to convince city



From the San Diego Union-Tribune, 3/22/04

taxpayers to fork over a big chunk of the \$300 million or so the elaborate complex cost to build. U-T executives are said to be preparing to chow down on a scrumptious spread in one of the stadium's well-appointed skyboxes. But another calendar count of sorts going on at the U-T is not being carried on the front page, or, for that matter, anywhere else in the paper. It's the number of days that publisher David Copley, said to be suffering from a chronic heart condition of an undisclosed nature, has not returned to the office after reportedly having undergone major surgery at a local hospital. As of this week, Copley had been out for most of the year, and his lengthening absence is stirring new rumor and speculation by the day. Though nobody in the newsroom will talk for the record, the latest word has it that the 52-year-old publisher may have undergone a procedure at Sharp Hospital to implant a "ventricular assist device," developed by fabled Houston heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey. According to the website of the VAD's manufacturer, "The device, designed for end-stage heart failure patients who can no longer provide necessary blood flow with their native heart, is the size of a 'C' cell battery, is silent, weighs less than four ounces, and was designed by NASA for long-term use." In most cases, according to the literature, the patient must ultimately have a heart transplant or die. A Sharp spokeswoman said she would look into the situation but by press time hadn't called

- Matt Potter

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Uberuaga Was Not the **Problem**

By Don Bauder

n late 1992, San Diego mayor Susan Golding proclaimed in her inaugural address that San Diego would be "the most business-friendly city in the books — and not only to

cover up the pension mess

currently being investigated

by federal authorities. In

striving to be business-

friendly, city government

broke and bent laws to ac-

san Golding

Jack McGrory

America," as well as "the first great city of the 21st Century."

We're barely into the 21st Century, and San Diego is flat broke. It is so business-



Michael Uberuaga

friendly that it has adopted the accounting techniques and moral standards of todav's best-known businesses: Enron, Tyco, World-Com, and San Diego's Peregrine Systems.

For more than a decade, the city shamelessly cooked

handouts for pols casting aye votes. The result is traffic jams, a culture of deceit, looming cuts in government services, and a long-neglected infrastructure.

commodate any project that

a developer proposed —

sweetened, of course, with

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Environmentalists wanting to preserve green space are routinely hoodwinked by politicians and bureaucrats wallowing in cash. Now, to get out of pension purgatory, the city will sell or encumber land even more rapidly. This almost certainly means that already-dwindling open space will be replaced by tract homes and industrial parks, as traffic, infrastructure, and government service woes intensify.

This was the city that boasted of its astute management, completely dup-







John Moores

Scott Barnett

ing Wall Street. Last fall's fires proved that the city wasn't efficient: it was continued on page 4

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Motorcycles For Everyone

By Ernie Grimm

n Boulevard Agua Caliente — "El Boulevard," as tijuanenses call it a block west of the downtown bullring,

stands the first and only Shineray motorcycle dealership in the Americas. Eight models of the Chinese-made motorcycles shine their factory newness through the ten-foot-tall windows of the showroom, turning the heads of pedestrians hustling down the sidewalk. Inside, just behind the showroom, Carlos Severiano Flores sits in his office, which barely accommodates him, a metal desk, and a couple of visitors. A soft-spoken man in his 30s, with close-cropped hair and light-brown eyes, he's dressed in brown corduroys and a snug gray sweater.

The thought of importing motorcycles — Chinese or otherwise — to resell in Northern Baja California came to him almost two years ago. "The idea," Severiano says, "was to bring something that was viable economically in Tijuana, transportation-wise. People here spend \$60 to \$100 a month just on cabs. So transportation costs are very high. We think we can reduce costs for people who can't afford a car or another brand of motorcycle. Other motorcycle brands here are very expensive. But at the price I'm asking, people can afford them."

Another reason Severiano settled on motorcycles over cars was the difference in shipping and tariff costs. "Imported motorcycles don't have very high importation fees," he explains, "because not many people manufacture motorcycles in Mexico. I think there's one brand, Carabela, but it's been a long time since they marketed them. And they're very expensive, about the same prices as a Honda. We do manufacture cars in Mexico, so the tax on imported cars goes up very high. I've seen taxes around 300 to 350 percent. It's the same with clothes. If you want to buy clothes in China and import them into Mexico, you've got to pay 300 to 350 percent of what you paid in China because clothes are also manufactured in Mexico." After looking at "over

100" motorcycle manufacturers in China, India, Italy, Spain, and Canada, he settled on Shineray, a motorcycle company with its research and development operation in England and its factory in Chonquing, China. Asked why he settled on Shineray, he answers, Very good prices. Very good after-sale service. And they have been awarded a manufacturing quality certificate."

The certificate, hanging in poster form in the showroom, was awarded to Shineray in February 2003 by the Quality Certification Centre, a Chinese organization that rates manufacturing quality in large factories in China and abroad. The certification convinced Severiano of Shineray's quality. And he believes it will also convince some of the customer base he hopes to secure, maquiladora workers. "Because this is a maquiladora city," he says, "people here, when they see the certificate on the wall, they know it's a quality product."

Before motorcycles, Sev-



eriano's company, Mercan-

til Cospac, a family business

he runs with his father, im-

ported other items from

China, "things," he says,

"such as saladitos — salted

prunes — and orange juice

machines, which we sell di-

rectly to supermarkets

here." Because of this pre-

Shineray showroom

vious importation experience, Severiano knew where to start the cycle search. "The Chinese consulate here," he explains, "was very helpful. They put me in touch with a kind of business bureau over there. I told the bureau what kind of product we would like, and they gave us a lot of help."

After purchasing the motorcycles from the factory for a price he won't disclose, Severiano pays \$5500 to have an ocean shipping container full of bikes and parts shipped from the port of Shanghai to the port of Ensenada. "At first we started importing through Long Beach," he explains. "The cost is about the same, but, with Long Beach, you have to have a broker here, a broker in Long Beach, and a broker in San Diego. It's a lot of paperwork. Coming through Ensenada, it's just one guy I deal with."

One container, Severiano says, carries 25 to 50 motorcycles, depending on the model. The bikes come only partly assembled ---because "it's a lot cheaper to ship them knocked down than fully assembled because of the space a fully assembled bike takes up in 💆 the container."

"The frame," he stands $\frac{R}{2}$ up to pour coffee from a side table near his desk, are "comes with the fully assembled engine already mounted in it. We put in



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cheap, as well as corrupt ----neglecting safety and infrastructural needs while handing huge subsidies to corporate welfare queens.

All this time, San Diego was said to be under the weak-mayor/strong-manager system. Make that despotic-mayor/connivingmanager, during most of the post-1992 era, and

weak-mayor/weaker-man-

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ager in recent times. Last week, the pitiable city manager, Michael Uberuaga, resigned, branded as the villain. But in 1998, Uberuaga, trying to avoid a Chargerslike fleecing, was trying to come up with a respectable

deal with the Padres. He hired negotiators. But Larry Lucchino and John Moores wanted the negotiators booted out. Golding and the council agreed. They went into closed sessions; the Padres got a ballpark and 26

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city blocks. Taxpayers got lynched.

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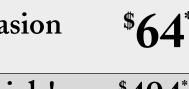
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woefully inadequate fire equipment. But city hall was a sea of mendacity long before Uberuaga arrived. Scott Barnett, former head of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, now a consultant, is the expert on San Diego's phony accounting.

For years, San Diego has been selling off land to balance its budgets. It has diverted funds from the sewer and water systems to the general fund and then instituted sewer and water fees. It has used onetime revenues to fund ongoing expenditures.

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"In the 1998 budget year, Uberuaga, brand-new as city manager, did a remarkable thing, extraordinary in the annals of San Diego budgeting. He told the truth. The draft budget showed the use of onetime revenues, talked about land sales, talked about low emergency reserves," recalls Barnett. "This was the spring before the ballpark vote. The story is that the mayor went ballistic." In the final budget, "the charts and graphs and statements about the problems were miraculously excised, pulled

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out."

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While the city was claiming it didn't have a deficit, in fact the structural deficit — the realistic one - was \$40 million then. Barnett told Uberuaga that the city could eliminate that structural deficit by instituting a one-year spending freeze. The taxpayers association publicly advocated it. "The city council ignored it, increased salaries and benefits and hired more employees, launched programs, continued on the fantasy budgeting" that Barnett says had been "perfected" under former manager Jack McGrory.

In 1996, when McGrory was manager, Barnett was poring over the budget. Puzzled, he went to Patricia Frazier, now deputy city manager. "I said I was looking for the Republican convention in the budget, and she said it was not there. She said that, 'They told us not to keep track,' " recalls Barnett. "I was astounded. My God. She was telling me the truth. The [expenditure] number for the Republican convention was \$23 million to \$26 million. It was not in the budget."

Not long after that came the controversy over the Chargers' 60,000-seat guarantee. "Frazier put together honest cash-flow assessments," recalls Barnett. "She had items projecting the cost of the ticket guarantee. When it came to the council approving, the line on the ticket guarantee was excised. Jack [McGrory] said Susan [Golding] didn't want it in there."

The problem with the budget is that "hardly anybody on the council reads it," says Barnett. Hence, bureaucrats sneak in spending, switch money from one account to another, and the like. The council finally approves the deceit-filled document retroactively. "If they did that on Wall Street, they would be in jail, or at least audited," says Barnett.

He considers the pension scandal "a self-made comet that could destroy San Diego," but he never followed the pension accounting fraud. Diann Shipione, a member of the pension board, has done so. Last September, she challenged *continued on page 14*

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But the city was back to its

old tricks, says Shipione.

There were multiple ruses.

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projections, certain debt

was to have been paid off in

2021. "They re-amortized it

for a new 30-year period,"

thus shoving the payment

even further into the future.

Using another bizarre

amortization schedule, "the

debt is never paid off. The

deficits grow," she says.

"People in office want to re-

tire and get out before the

consequences have to be

sion liability, the city may

have to sell even more real

estate. It posted \$500 mil-

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the pension lawsuit agree-

ment. The big question is:

what real estate goes? "A lot

of environmentally oriented

people such as myself are

concerned that they might

well sell off open space ----

parks, preserves," says Tom

Leech, co-author of an up-

coming book, Outdoors San

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land. "Open space is abso-

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councilmember Donna

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Frye.

Open space is either des-

takes," she says.

Kathryn Burton is also

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an active opponent of the recent council decision to suspend open-space policy so land in La Jolla could be used for Hillel of San Diego. Late last year, two people were outside her house, looking for the potential Hillel site. "They were appraisers from the Real Estate Assets Department, and they had to rush off because they had a list of 100 properties" to appraise, she says. Later, the department denied that any appraisers had been sent out.

Joanne Pearson, a Sierra Club activist, relates the story of a 104.2-acre parcel in Mira Mesa. In 1996, a plot of 47 acres was to be dedicated in perpetuity as open space, and the rest was to be developed. "The city approved it but to this day has never submitted it to the coastal commission," probably because it wants to develop the dedicated space, she suspects. Meanwhile, grading has been done, in violation of statutes. The council has dealt with the matter in closed session. Frye got 36 acres dedicated as public park land, "but that hasn't gone through the coastal commission," and Pearson is worried about what the city will do in secret. "This project is a poster child for everything that is wrong with city government," says Pearson.

And there is much wrong. Business interests are once again lobbying for a strong-mayor system. But both mayoral candidates are Golding clones — beholden to fat-cat donors, not the people.

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wheels, sprockets, chains, handlebars, all of the electrical system. It's better to assemble them here because we don't want anyone coming back saying it's factorybad. If something doesn't work, I change it before I sell it."

Gesturing for his guests to follow, Severiano walks into the showroom and stops at a small red-andblack model with chrome fenders. It looks like a Tri-

umph bike from the mid-1960s. As a couple of men on the sidewalk peer through the glass wall and carry on a conversation about the motorcycles, Severiano says, "This is the size motorcycle that pizza places and restaurants all over Tijuana use for deliveries. There goes one there." He points to a motorcycle buzzing west down the boulevard. "It's a 125 cubiccentimeter, one-cylinder engine. This is \$1200. The cheapest Honda or Suzuki of this size is about \$2400. The large pizza chains have contracts directly with Honda or Suzuki. They've told me, 'Let's wait until the contract runs out, then we can talk about your bikes and see

how well they work." Next to the 125 is a purple-and-white motorcycle with a road-racing body. "This is a sports bike," Severiano says, "but it has a small engine, 150 cubic centimeters. Since we don't have freeways, we don't need all the power. Plus, we bought only this model right now to sensitize the market, see what people need and want to buy. We don't want to bring in something with a big engine because it's expensive, and it might not sell.

"This scooter," he says, moving next to a metallic black number, "has been our biggest seller. It has an alarm, and you can operate the starter by remote control. It also has the 125 cubic-centimeter engine, and it's automatic. A lot of my customers have said they like it because it gets them across the border quicker when they just want to go to the bank or to pick up some mail in San Ysidro."

The scooter sells for \$1525. Along with a couple more 150 cubic-centimeter motorcycles — a dirt bike and a street bike - Severiano sells a four-wheel, allterrain vehicle and a silverand-black cruising bike with a reclined seating position and a 250-cubic-centimeter, V-twin engine, the largest engine Shineray produces. "They have no freeways [in China] except in some cities, so they don't really need a lot of speed there. Plus, most people can't afford one this big."

The 250 is Severiano's

most expensive bike at \$3475, though he sells trikes at about the same price. Powered by 150-cubic-centimeter engines, the threewheelers come in delivery van, open-bed, rickshaw, and passenger-van configurations. "Napa Auto Parts is using [the delivery van] model," Severiano says. "They wanted something cheaper to operate than a truck that could still carry larger parts, like a differential or a transmission. We've sold some of the passenger type to Hotel Corona down in Ensenada. They rent them to the people that come on the cruise ships."

Severiano says he spent \$60,000 to start up the dealership. From the time he opened his showroom in the last week of November through February of this year, he says he sold about 60 motorcycles, a sales figure he calls good, though "a little lower than I was expecting." He finds hope for the future in the possibility of competing for delivery contracts now held by Honda and Suzuki. "Our prices are 40 to 50 percent lower than Honda and Suzuki," he says.

A challenge facing Severiano is the way Mexicans view motorcycles. "We don't have the culture of motorcycles in Mexico," Severiano says. "People associate them with wealthy people and businesses."

Tijuanenses, Severiano says, also worry that motorcyles wouldn't be safe in the city's frenzied traffic. "Drivers are very aggressive," he explains, "and there are a lot of accidents. But we tell people that they can control how safe the motorcycle is by riding safely. We warn them not to let the adrenaline get hold of them. Because when you are on your motorcycle and you're going fast, it's easy to feel like nothing can stop you."

A source of optimism for Severiano are the credit programs offered by many of Tijuana's maquiladoras through which the factories buy vehicles for their workers to commute in or on. "We're trying to build up the idea of motorcycles for everyone. We're selling it as cheap transportation for factory workers and commuters."



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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Matt:

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What is it with those bizarre hairs that sometimes seem to grow overnight on weird places of our body? They just appear as if they were fed Miracle-Gro. They're two or three times longer than other body hair. It's wacky.

— Perplexed Paul, the net

Dear Matt:

Why, when a man gets older, does he lose hair from his head and gain it in his nose and ears? – Marie, the net

Matt:

As people get older, their hormone balance changes. Women lose some female hormones and begin to grow hair in odd places. Men lose male hormones and lose muscle mass, aggressiveness, etc. Men move toward the feminine and women grow toward the masculine. So why do men grow more body hair and lose their head hair as they get older? Why don't we have smooth, soft skin and luxuriant tresses on our heads?

— Hairy Harry in Bonita

Yeah, Harry, I know what you mean. Pa Alice's bra size is now bigger than Ma's. But that's more Krispy Kremes than hormones, I'm pretty sure. This hair freakout is something else, though. And I guess it would be cool if "male" and "female" hormones behaved as Harry imagines gradually Mom turns into Dad and Dad turns into Mom, and everybody ends up with a grandpa named Edna and a grandma named Chuck. As usual, life and hormones and follicles are much more complicated than that.

First of all, we never grow "new" hair. We're born with all the follicles we'll ever have. Some produce so-called vellus hair (soft, short, pale, hardly visible) and some produce terminal hair, the darker, more obvious stuff. We couldn't get staff quack Dr. Doctor to swear to this, since no research has definitely confirmed it, but the best guess at the moment is that as we age, certain follicles become more sensitive to testosterone and stop producing vellus hairs and start sprouting terminal hairs. In women this usually happens in the so-called "sexual" hair distribution areas (beard, moustache, abdomen, thighs); in men it's more often the ears and nose. Strangely, it's a form of testosterone, DHT, that causes hair loss.

As for "wild" hairs, they're more follicular delinquents than victims of hormone changes. Each of our 100,000 or so body hairs has at its base a bulb of cells that controls potential length, color, thickness, growth rate, and other qualities. As hairs grow, rest, and shed, the bulbs are replicated and keep things predictable. But each follicle acts more or less independently of the others, so there's always a potential for a screw-up of some sort. A wild hair grows from a follicle that has lost its original master plan, so the hair can bust out and follow its own demented path.

There are still plenty of hair questions to be answered, and since every new research finding produces a ton of fuzz-growing and fuzz-squelching products for the boomers, we certainly can expect our hairy body of knowledge to grow exponentially.

Hev. Matt:

What's the story on the bright yellow and orange flowers that always bloom along the freeways right about now? Someone told me that they are a result of truckers scattering flower seeds from their trucks. Is this true?

— Marilyn, the net

Why, sure, Marilyn. A project of the TBC, the Truckers Beautification Committee, a group from the Teamsters Union that's tired of staring at concrete all day. They have a deal with the Hell's Angels to do the watering and weeding. In Iowa they plant corn. In Maine there are lots of potatoes. And Marilyn, you may hear people say my story is crazy, that the flowers actually are planted and maintained by Caltrans, the state department of transportation — but that's so boring. Even if it's true, you'll be happier believing in Johnny Deiselseed. Your friends may not know much, but they sound like fun to me.

Heymatt:

Why do we call urination pee and defecation poop?

— Too embarrassed to sign his name

Okay, I swear this is the last poop question we'll handle until, well, until we get another one. We get pee from the French. Well, we get the word pee from the French. Via the British, if the word-history guys can be believed. Pissier is the French verb. Which became "piss" in English, shortened to "pee" (the first letter) late in the 1800s. We get poop from Middle English. "Poupen" was a Chaucer-era word that was imitative of a "gulping sound," according to those same demented word historians. Somehow gulping and defecation sounded the same to somebody 600 years ago, and the word was borrowed. "Poop" is also a structure on the stern of a boat, but the word guys don t see any connection with the poop in question here. Not satisfied? Hey, you ask 'em; I just pass along the ridiculous stories the word wizards tell.

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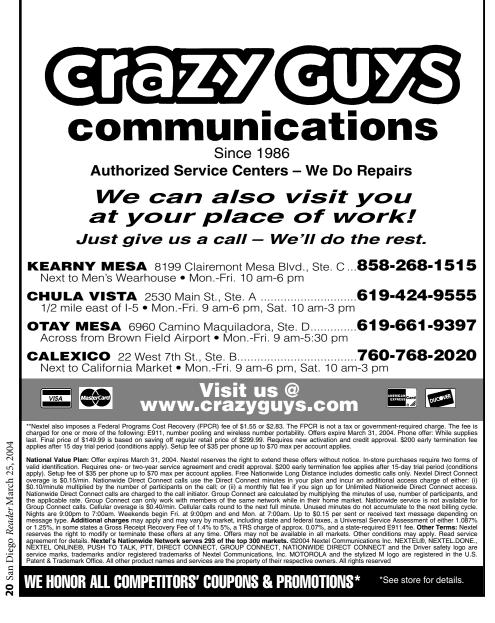
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he NCAA basketball tournament is an elegant idea. Hold a national

tournament once a year, let everyone have a shot at getting in, then play until there is one definite, indisputable winner. Unlike, say, the Super Bowl, the NCAA basketball tournament is the glorious athletic spectacle sports hacks say it is, save for the last two minutes of every game. That final 120 seconds is reserved for strutting college coaches. That's when the suits hijack tournament games by calling a time-out after every footstep.

Norman Chad of the *Houston Chronicle* reports that the final 2:33 of the Arizona–Seton Hall game took 19 minutes. The final 49.4 seconds of UAB-Washington took 18 minutes. The final 46 seconds of the Stanford-Alabama game took 11 minutes. The final 34.5 seconds of Pacific-Providence game took 9½ minutes.

Time flies when it's about you. Moving on to a shocking tidbit from the *Sky Is Falling* file:

Brace yourself. I bear grim news concerning Tiger Woods. Last Sunday, Woods finished Bay Hill Invitational golf tournament (Orlando, Florida) in 46th place. He shot *over* par three out of four rounds.

You could see the handwriting on the wall last year. After all, the man *did not win one major* in 2003. Yes, he won the Golf Writers Association of America Player of the Year award for 2003. Fifth consecutive year. Yes, he won the Professional Golfers Association Vardon Trophy, which is given to the player with the lowest stroke average in tour events. Fifth consecutive year. Yes, he won the PGA Tour Player of the Year and PGA of America Player of the Year awards. Yes, he collected \$6.6 million in golf winnings in 2003. Yes, he's won more than \$40 million on the PGA Tour. More than any other player ever has. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

Oh, and the guy is 28 years old and began 2003 with arthroscopic knee surgery. Okay? Is that all?

But — and I can't stress this too much — that was then. Now, he's a punk. As I said, Woods finished in 46th place at Bay Hill. He won \$1200, about what it costs him to spend one night in the swank hotels he was accustomed to when he was Somebody.

I wish one disgraceful performance was all I had to report. However, my duty, unpleasant as it may be, compels me to continue. Even more telling than his 46thplace finish is his attitude. When asked what he proposed to do to recover from his pathetic showing, Woods, *Tiger Woods*, replied, "I'm going to go have a nice little beer right now, and I should be all right."

WHAT IS THIS? Tiger wants a little beer-poo? Obviously — and by the way, you heard it here first — Tiger Woods is an effete alcoholic. He feels no shame finishing 46th, rather, it's "Let me have a drinkee-poo." "I'll be right as rain as long as I have my drinkeepoo." "Who cares about winning when it's drinkee-poo time?"

Turns your stomach. Although, to be fair, we've seen this many, many times before. It's an old story. The same sordid trap has claimed captains of industry, moguls, kingpins, potentates, tycoons, nabobs, big shots, and fat cats since the first human person decided to take the downhill road to personal happiness, only to find out, too late, that Personal Happiness Avenue has no off-ramps and leads directly to the Kingdom of Sloth.

Tiger says, as he sits at the bar and downs one drinkee-poo after another, that this is the happiest time in his life. The happiest time in his life can be traced to the moment last November, in the heart of Shamwari Game Reserve, Republic of South Africa, when Mr. Woods proposed marriage to one Svenska Dagbladet, 23, a foreign woman, who hails from Sweden, I believe. The foreign woman agreed to become his wife.

Tiger is happy, probably, truly happy for the first time in his life. Tiger finishes a PGA-sanctioned golf tournament in 46th place. Tiger wants a drinkee-poo. I don't need to draw pictures.

And now, the time has come for a festive column ending. This year, Nevada, the college in Reno people confuse with UNLV, made the NCAA tournament for the first time in 19 years and is scheduled to make its first appearance in the Sweet 16. Our brave lads will go up against the loathsome Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The Wolf Pack needs and deserves our support. They are, after all, the last remaining western team left in the tournament. Therefore, let us gather around the village television set, and at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, sing out:

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The young vocalist wore a loose-knit poncho over her knee-length dress. From time to time she squinted the way rock singers do when trying to express difficult emotion. The acoustic and electric guitarists flanking her strummed their instruments and with blank expressions stared out at the pews. The acoustic guitarist chewed gum. Most of the pews' eighty-odd occupants were young couples

dressed in summery casual clothes. Many had babies. Most had toddlers. These people gazed at two large screens suspended above the vocalist. They sang the lyrics scrolling across the screens. They clapped. They did what was required of them by the hymn-hymn-announcements-sermon-hymn order of service. They could have been at any contemporary evangelistic worship service taking place last Sunday morning. But they were at the First Congregational Church of Escondido, a United Church of Christ church. The people standing around me were the spiritual descendants of the Puritans.

"Probably the bestknown member of our denomination was Reinhold Niebuhr," First Escondido's senior pastor, John Roberts, told me early last week. Niebuhr's sober neoorthodox theology had, I knew, made him one

of the 20th Century's most influential Protestant intellectuals. "One of the important things about us is that our church polity is congregational. We believe in autonomy. As for this particular congregation, we tend to be moderate right-leaning. We're theologically conservative, but socially liberal."

Thirty-three-year-old Reverend Roberts surprised me with his emphasis on Lenten observance.

"Since I got here a year and a half ago, I've instituted the practice of the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday," he said. "It shows that we admit that we need God and that we're mortal." I said that the Puritans weren't famous for

their devotion to ritual.

"I think ritual can help, but I'm operating from the point of view that anything that can bring you closer to God, from the past or the future, I'll use it. I'll use liturgy or I'll use a film clip. Whatever helps people connect with a relationship with God is okay. Obviously, the Catholics have been doing the Imposition of Ashes for a long time, so there must be something effective about it."

Reverend Roberts's pale stucco church was built in 1989. The nave is high-ceilinged and atrium-like. Panes of clear and stained glass fill its western wall, and through them, last Sunday morning, I could see a hawk soaring above the church while Reverend Roberts delivered his sermon. He began by gesturing to two ladders standing to his left. The ladders, he told us, represented two ways of looking at life. One represented the "ladder of success," the other, the path that Jesus took.

"Southern California is filled with ladders, with people judging each other and themselves by the level of success they've attained. This is true even for pastors. Whenever you go to a conference, pastors ask each other how big their church membership is, what their annual budget is. Even pastors have their eye on the ladder of success."

He told us that while most Christians were busy moving *up* the ladder of success, they failed to understand that Jesus changed the world by

moving down.

"Jesus came to the world as a servant, not in spite of the fact that he was God, but because he was God. Jesus went down as far as possible on the ladder of success because he was God. Serving and self-giving love turn out to be the most godlike things a human can do. Jesus washed the Disciples's feet precisely because he was in the nature of God."

Afterward, Reverend Roberts told me that this contemporary service was his church's "baby," that it had attracted as many as 60 new members to the church. I told him that all the evangelical talk about Jesus coupled with his church's social liberalism might confuse people.

people. "I'm comfortable with that. I embrace my contradictions. But you have to understand that the evangelical world is changing, too. Thirty years ago evangelicals concentrated on the

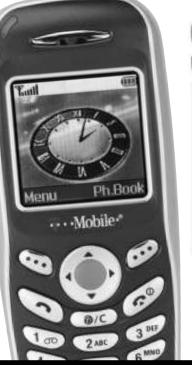
question, 'Where are you going to go when you die?' Today the emphasis is, 'How are you living your life *now*? Are you living in a Christ-like fashion *now*?'

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

A woman who works in our office and whom I really like but don't know super well got dumped by her husband of only two months in an ugly way. He just moved out without telling her and left a note. The note apparently didn't explain anything, and she had pretty much no clue this was coming. He moved back into his parents' home in Arizona and promptly had a big nervous breakdown. He almost had to go to the hospital. She's a lovely, smart, kind woman, and the whole crew here really respects her. She gets along with everyone. She has tried to remain cheerful and has tried to keep her troubles at bay by working even harder here at the office. She is starting to fray, though. She's got dark circles under her eyes, and she's dressing more carelessly and making less eye contact than she used to. She's being a little forgetful at work, which isn't like her. All of us went to ask the boss to offer her some time off. He likes her, too, and said, "Absolutely. I could kill that stupid twit she married. She can have two weeks with pay." The problem is that she hasn't taken any of us into her confidence. We only know as much about the situation as we do because her best friend is friends with our office manager. How can we let her know we know what she's going through and support her 100 percent and that she can even have some time off if she wants, without violating her privacy or making her feel worse?

A GROUP OF CONCERNED VISTA CO-WORKERS

Dear Concerned,

The boss likes this ill-used woman so maybe he could handle this. It would be nice if he could have a discreet, private conversation with her and simply say that he heard about what happened and respects the way she is carrying on nobly at a time of great difficulty. He can say that if she wants the two weeks, he'd be glad to give them to her. When people are grieving, sometimes it's hard to know if they want to be left alone or would welcome some commiseration. Sometimes you can come right out and gently ask them. And if people at the office were going out for drinks after work, it'd be nice if they'd ask her along. Being the veteran of several divorces, I can say that it was helpful when people asked me to do things with them socially. I didn't really want to discuss my situation, but it was nice to get out and think about other things besides the dregs of a ruined marriage.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

So I know this couple, they're old friends, who tried for a long time to get pregnant and spent a load of dough on it and finally did. Now they have a very sweet five-year-old girl. They think she is the center of the universe. Their daughter often answers the phone when people call, and she usually hangs up on the caller almost immediately. Even if you say, "This is your friend Irene. Please don't hang up on me, sweetheart," she will do it anyway. This is pretty annoying. They let her do this, and when their friends complain (not just me; they have a bunch of other friends who find it irksome, too), they just shrug and say, "If it's important, they'll call back." Don't you think this is rather rude? Shouldn't they wait until their pride and joy is old enough to answer the phone properly? They could miss important calls this way, and it sure makes it a pain to get hold of them. SICK OF FOUR-SECOND-LONG CONVERSATIONS IN SANTEE

Dear Sick,

I, too, would be annoyed by this state of affairs. Also, what if someone calls and it's an emergency? Little Precious is just going to hang up and tell no one? No good. I think the disgruntled throng of their friends needs to make their grievance known to the parents and ask if they can either once and for all teach their offspring to answer the phone properly or teach her not to answer it at all for another few years. You're going to do this in the most lighthearted and good-natured way possible, adding lots of little comments about what a wonderful kid they have, how you all love her, and so on. See if this has any effect. Otherwise you may have to resort to communicating with them only by e-mail, if all your phone calls are going to be censored by the little girl.

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bugs into the water."

-EVE KELLY

With Nellie the miniature schnauzer, Blue Boy and Yellow Head, our two parakeets, and an aquarium full of fish, frogs, and snails, you would think we had enough pets. But my kids, if they had their way, would run a small zoo. Because my plate is already quite full with laundry, peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, and trips to gymnastics class, I am looking for a parent-friendly pet. I thought perhaps a

reptile terrarium would work so I steered the Kellymobile to Point Loma.

"I actually designed the tanks here at the store," explained T.J. Parisi, manager of the reptiles at Pet Kingdom located on Sports Arena Boulevard. "It is really just a

different form of art. You try to capture a scene from the wild. I like to design the terrariums with different levels. There are some tanks that are separated with glass to make half land, half water, all with living water plants and land plants and animals. I do a lot of combo tanks. You can do a combo tank of four or five different species of animals." "You can have an animal

fou can have an animal for each level," Parisi continued, "some small frogs on the bottom, midway in the tank some pygmy leaf chameleons (\$39) or day geckos (\$39), and then some small tree frogs (\$4.99), which will hide up top on the plants. Another good animal is the

reed frog (**\$9.99** to **\$14.99**). You can also do tropical fish in the water. I like to have archer fish (**\$8** to **\$9**). Their eyes are on the top of their head, and they spit water out, knocking bugs into the water. They are really cool for terrariums. Basically you want to create a habitat like that which they come from. My personal preference is to have animals in a tank that eat the same size food so that you don't have to throw in three different size crickets."

They eat crickets?

"Crickets, mealworms, and wax worms, but crickets are the best because they are the highest in protein and the least amount of fat. You throw the crickets in there and everything starts to feed. Then after

you feed them, you mist them (misting simulates the rain and the animals drink off of the droplets), and everything comes to life." How do you store live crickets?

"You can come in every two weeks and

buy a bunch of crickets. Keep them alive in a coffee can

with a piece of carrot or piece of raw potato that they will live on." (Crickets cost **\$1.69** for

20, **\$4.29** for 60) What supplies do you need to make your own terrarium?

"The terrariums are usually all glass with a screen top. The size of a terrarium doesn't really matter." Parisi pointed out a tank he liked: a seven-gallon narrow, tall tank (**\$29.99**). "With a tall tank you can add tall plants which works well because the animal doesn't have to be moving around in it for it to look nice. I make my terrariums with gravel on the bottom for drainage and then regular potting soil on top of that. On top of the soil, if it is a tropical tank, which most of them are, you do a layer of live moss. I like to line the back of the tank with cork bark, which looks very natural and then put in all kinds of branches. You want to make the tank like a piece of the woods — branches, rock formations, everything to make it look natural again. For plants, you can use anthurium, peace lilies, bromeliads, pothos, even orchids, and they just grow in the gravel. Spray mist them once a day."

What about heating?

For a tropical environment, "the tank should be around 80 degrees, or up, as it is around the equator. So you need a UVB light and a heat light. The heat light they need because they are cold-blooded and they need heat to move around, and the UVB light enables them to process Vitamin D3, which turns into calcium. Most animals require UVB 5.0, but desert animals require UVB 8.0." (The PowerSun UV costs **\$69.99**.)

What is a good starter animal for children?

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"Tree frogs are hardy animals," Parisi answered, "and small ones cost only **\$4.99**. The Giant White Tree Frogs are also good for kids because they do not jump around so kids can hold them [**\$24.99**]." One of my favorites for a divided tank with water was the brightly speckled green and black Fire Belly Toad (**\$7.99**).

Are snakes more difficult than frogs or lizards?

"No, snakes are pretty easy," Parisi said. "It is just a matter of choice. Some people love snakes and hate frogs. Some people don't want to kill mice, so they don't want to own a snake. It is just preference." (Snakes cost **\$20** and up at the store.)

How often do the tanks need to be cleaned?

"Only once a year," he answered, "if you have plants in the tank. The plants live off of the waste from the animals."

On the way home, I popped into Live Cargo Reptiles & Fish in La Mesa. Sales representative, Dan Baker, filled me in on a few other terrarium details. "For your reptiles, the terrariums need to be around 79 to 82 degrees, and for your amphibians it needs to be a little bit cooler, like 75 to 78," he offered. Can you use plastic plants for the

offered. Can you use plastic plants for the terrarium? "For the tree frogs, we use a lot of

live plants because they seem to like them better than the plastic plants and they look nicer," he answered. "For snakes you don't do plants because they just knock them over. With lizards it just depends on the lizard, because some lizards will actually try to eat the live plants, so you don't want to put anything in there that is going to hurt them. But plastic plants with lizards are usually fine."

For children, Baker recommended the corn snake (**\$50**) and the fire belly newts (**\$5.99**) or toads (**\$4.99**).

- 1. Waxy monkey frog
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Thirty Years Ago

The Poseidon Adventure — Something a little different in time-ticking-away, struggle-for-survival epics: The characters are so obnoxiously inane, it would be a mercy for everyone if they were all eliminated quickly. It can be sat through quite easily, out of tolerance for silliness.

— MOVIE GUIDE: Duncan Shepherd, March 21, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

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 — "STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP," Matthew Alice, March 29, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

For the third time the two fighters met headon, and out of this engagement Cunningham drew his primary dictum of fighter tactics: cheat. He let the MiG start to pull into the vertical again, but instead of climbing with him, Cunningham threw out his speed brakes, dropped his flaps, and went to full idle on the throttle. The MiG shot up, and Cunningham pulled up right behind him...

 "DEADLY CIRCLE ON DUKE CUNNINGHAM, ACE FIGHTER PILOT," Neal Matthews, March 29, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

He and his wife Nancy, a psychotherapist, and their two children moved to La Jolla 18 months ago. (John explained: "We were doing movies. We wanted to be close to Hollywood but not in L.A.") They live in a simply and exotically decorated two-story house overlooking the ocean and Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

We sipped our coffee. So, what had it been like to be the child of one of the United States' most famous writers? "I didn't know John Steinbeck was my father until the nextdoor doorman said to me when I was about five, 'Do you know your father is John Steinbeck?' 'Yeah,' I said. But I had no idea what it meant."

- "JOHN STEINBECK WAS MY FATHER,"
- Judith Moore, Abe Opincar, Bob Shanbrom, March 30, 1989



San Diego Reader, March 29, 1984

Ten Years Ago

My mother wanted a freezer so she'd always have plenty of meat on hand, an idea my father considered an extravagance. Logger*heads* was the word she used to describe their discussions about it. I was ten years old; too young to know exactly what she meant, but the word, along with her tone of voice, suggested a blunt, wooden collision. Every morning at breakfast my mother wheedled — "In the long run, Ed, it'll save us money. I can buy good cuts of beef in bulk. It's not like we can't afford it or something. You're the steak lover; I want it for you" — and my father nodded, promised to consider, then buttered his toast and promptly forgot. Or pretended to forget. In retrospect, it seems to me that he enjoyed, with an almost erotic pleasure, the power to pique his wife's desire for a major appliance. — "MEMORIES GNAW: SOME LONGINGS

CANNOT BE ASSUAGED," Bernard Cooper, March 24, 1994

Five Years Ago

"I'm sorry, sir, I can't give you any information." Speaking from his Coronado Cays home, Miguel Crespo sounds tired and shaken. His wife, Georgina, was kidnapped over a month ago.

"All the family are concerned about this," says Crespo, "but we are being completely silent. Nobody talks about anything. I think we're going to begin to know things next week. Maybe next week, if you call us."

Georgina Romero de Crespo is the 37year-old heiress to the wealthy Tijuanabased Serrano family. Her grandfather was Colonel Carlos I. Serrano, sometime senator and well-known landowner in the Tijuana area from the 1940s to the early '70s. — **"KIDNAPPED,"** *Matt Potter, March 25, 1999*

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CUCUMBERS AND FRUITY DRINKS

by Josh Board

hen I got a call to go to a party in Scripps Ranch for somebody who graduated from Coleman College, I was thinking it would be somebody in their early 20s, but this graduate was in his early 30s. He did tell me he was in the military for years and after that went straight to work. He decided to go to **Coleman College three years** ago and had just graduated. His friends were ribbing him with lines like "I didn't think Rob was capable of graduating from anything. Who knew that dumbass actually had a brain?"

When Rob saw another one of his friends show up, he said, "I can't believe you made it. Thanks for coming." The guy responded, "I had to come...there's free beer."

When I walked out onto the back patio and shut the screen door, a lady then tried to get back into the house. Somehow the door got locked. It was at a moment when nobody was in the living room, so we spent 15 minutes trying to figure out how to get back in. One guy whipped out his pocket knife. Then somebody said, "Why doesn't somebody just walk around to the front door



and go in and open this thing up?"

One woman asked, "Are you going to write about me in your story?" I replied, "You have to say something interesting." She said, "Something interesting. There, I said it." Her friend overheard this and said, "Put in your article that her nickname is 'Boink.' "

Top: Rob holding diplo body else said, "Do you know why mermaids wear seashells over their breasts? Because 'b' shells are too small and 'd'

shells are too big." Everyone

I quickly found out that taking notes at a Mexican restaurant isn't a good idea when salsa is dripping everywhere.

They started talking about breast size, and I asked, "Should I write that you're a D cup?" She said, "No, put that I'm a C." Somelaughed. A guy said, "Everyone seems to either be talking about Beamers or boobs." Jennifer, who was in her early 20s, was mixing a lot of

 The second se

'op: Rob holding diploma; *Bottom left*: Peg and her friend Justin; *Bottom right*: the Flying Putos

> drinks. There were lots of different bottles of every kind of alcohol plus coolers filled with beer and soda. But Jennifer was mixing fruity drinks for a few women. Since her parents were at the party, I asked if they minded her drinking. She said, "No, they're cool. I mean, if I got a tattoo, they'd freak. My mom didn't talk to me for a week when I got my belly button pierced." She showed us, pulling up her "I love nerds" T-shirt.

The graduate's mom was there from out of town, and we were told she was a Mennonite. I asked, "Isn't that a cologne?" This guy said, "No, it's some religion. A lot of Amish are Mennonites. It's a mix between the Protestants and the Amish." Somebody else told me later, "They are really into the Bible. The Mennonite religion was named after a Catholic priest named Menno Simons."

There was a cute little girl who was around ten. She came up as a group of us were talking about music. She seemed bored, so I asked her what kind of music she liked. She said, "I'm only allowed to listen to Christian music. And country." When the girl walked away, somebody said, "Can you believe there are actually kids that age that have parents that let them listen to Britney Spears and rap?"

I heard two guys outside on the patio checking out the various women. One thought a woman was attractive, and the other didn't. He said, "I guess it's all in the eye of the beer holder."

The back yard patio was set up nicely. There were lots of tiki torches all around. There were three big tables, and Don was cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the



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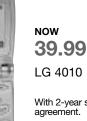
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grill. When the flames got to be really high, his daughter said, "I'll name that last drink the 'Flaming Don' after you."

I asked Don if the neighbors ever complained when they have parties, and he said, "The ones on both sides never have. But the people behind us did once. My daughter had a band playing, and the cops showed up around 9:30. It was still early, so I'm not sure why they cared."

Another group of people was talking about their favorite '80s songs. Rob had his guitar there and started playing. His friend kept yelling for Grateful Dead tunes, but Rob stuck to songs everyone knew like "La Bamba" and some Beatles tunes. I later heard the Grateful Dead fan talking to his friend about a previous party where they had 'shrooms and LSD. I asked if that is common at their parties, and he said, "No. We've only had a few parties like that. Most of the parties just have alcohol." His buddy piped in, "Or pot. But there are too many parents here at this one. That's why I'm only drinking this." He held up a root beer.

A group of people started talking about Halloween costumes. I mentioned that I was Elvis one year carrying empty pill containers filled with SweeTARTS to chomp on. The ten-vearold was there again, so to get her involved I asked, "What were you last year for Halloween?" She said, "I'm not allowed to participate in Halloween. We go to the Harvest Festival." I forgot she's the same girl who listens to Christian music.

I opened a Mike's Hard Lemonade, and the inside of the bottle cap said "giraffe." I asked another guy who was drinking one why it said that. He responded, "Hippopotamus wouldn't have fit."

I only had a few drinks, since I was going to another party. The table was filled with all kinds of food, so I grabbed some pineapple and watermelon. Since we were in Scripps Ranch, I asked the owner of the house how close the fires came last fall. She said, "Not too close. But the smoke was so bad we had to evacuate. We couldn't breathe. We packed a few things and left." Another lady heard this and said, "I live in Scripps Ranch, too. On my street, we had the first house burn down in all of Scripps. It was at 7:27 in the morning. We had a few more houses burn down on my street, but luckily we made it. We had some tile damage and smoke damage from a window I left open when we evacuated."

Before I left, I



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stopped at the kitchen counter to say goodbye to a few guys I had been talking to. One of them held up a cucumber that was sitting there and yelled to his friend, "Hey, Dave, this reminds me of the Mardi Gras party we were at last month."

I left before I got to see what would become of the cucumber at this party.

Since this party started at 6:00 p.m., I was easily able to make it to the next one that started at 9:30 in Bay Park at Tio Leo's. The lady hosting this bash was turning 40, and one of her favorite bands, the Flying Putos, was playing here; they have a few members from the Beat Farmers.

I noticed when I got there that people were in the process of passing around the birthday cards Peg had gotten. I wondered if anyone ever got bothered by that. Most of them are funny cards that talk about being "over the hill" and reasons why they didn't buy a birthday gift. But what if somebody wrote something personal that they didn't want everyone to read? Do they say, "Don't pass my card around!"?

I asked Peg about having the party at a restaurant and she said, "Look at this mess on our table. I don't have to clean it up." She told me there were more people at her house earlier, but some didn't want to go out later for this ("Or spend the \$7 cover to get in," she speculated).

I quickly found out that taking notes at a Mexican restaurant isn't a good idea when salsa is dripping everywhere.

A few of us were checking out a couple at the bar. The woman looked like a mix of Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield (okay, a more current reference for younger readers: a thin Anna Nicole Smith). She was with a guy who had a mullet. We were making fun of his hair, but when he got up to go to the bathroom, we saw he was 6'5". Somebody said, "Go and tell him what you think of his hairstyle."

When the band played a Beat Farmers song, a guy named Steve said, "Country Dick Montana [the Beat Farmer who died onstage] spilled beer on me once." I replied, "Who hasn't had beer spilled on them by Dick?"

We were talking about how much we liked Tio Leo's, and I told a couple about the time I was banned from the joint. It was around eight vears ago, and a friend of mine was in town from L.A. The Chargers game wasn't on TV because it was a home game that didn't sell out. We called all the sports bars to see which ones would carry it, and only Tio Leo's had it. I said on the phone. "Are you sure you're getting it? Nobody else is." The woman said, "Let me check." She came back to the phone and said, "We paid for a few games this year, and this is one. We will have it on." So my friend and I got there at 12:30 and ate lunch. At 1:00, there was no game. Everyone was booing and upset. At 1:30 they announced they couldn't get the game. Everyone booed. I told the waitress, "We aren't going to pay for lunch, since you couldn't get the game, and that's why we came here." She brought a manager over who asked if there was a problem with the food and why I wouldn't pay. We calmly went back and forth, with her continuing to say she wouldn't comp the bill. When she saw I wasn't going to pay, she ripped up the bill and said I could never return to the restaurant. So here I am, back at the scene of the crime.

The Flying Putos played some good originals, like their song about "living in a Lakeside trailer park," and "Riverside." They did covers of the songs "Gloria," "Runaway," "I've Just Seen a Face," and "Well-Respected Man." It was nice when they sang "Happy Birthday" to Peg in the middle of their set.

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for economist Roger Gordon's La Jolla manse (purchased in November 2000 and financed by a \$1,095,000 U.C. loan) to a lowly \$155,000 condo in Clairemont bought in May 2000 by assistant philosophy professor Rick Grush with a \$141,050 mortgage provided by the state. (Grush subsequently purchased a slightly less humble house, also with a UC loan.) In between are such abodes as the Encinitas home purchased last September for \$567,500 by noted physics professor Leonid V. Butov — financed by a \$513,350 loan from the university — and the \$372,000 stylish Uptown condo a block from Balboa Park bought last July by sociologist Amy Binder with a \$334,800 U.C. mortgage.

Since January 2000, according to county records, the University of California has lent a total of \$40 million to 96 buyers who purchased property worth a total of \$52 million. The average sale price of each home was \$545,900. The average mortgage was \$417,489. "These mortgages are not subsidized," says UC's Ruth Assily. "They are made from our short-term investment pool. It's a cash investment fund that is primarily invested in short-term instruments, money market fixed-income instruments, and things like that." She hastens to explain that the 30-year mortgages represent only a small portion of the pool's investments. "Mort-

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Campus Outstanding	Balance
Los Angeles	96,763,697.82
Berkeley	68,475,053.46
San Francisco	62,676,891.44
Irvine	56,610,069.63
San Diego	45,645,124.57
Santa Barbara	45,012,963.52
Davis	40,466,604.77
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Riverside	23,361,346.29
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gages can only be 30 percent of the fund's unrestricted investments," she says. "They have never exceeded 13 percent."

The rest of the pool money, Assily explains, is placed in various short-term investment instruments. Much of the money put into the investment pool by the university, she says, consists of funds derived from tuition fees, bond proceeds, and other funds that the university will be using soon.

According to Assily, the largest mortgage currently obtainable by university faculty members is \$1 million. For loan amounts up to \$827,500, she says, the required minimum down payment is 10 percent of the home's purchase price. For loans greater than \$827,500, at least a 15 percent down payment is necessary. Records show that some professors have not borrowed the maximum. Assily notes that since market-rate mortgage rates available to the public have dipped so low in recent years, demand for the UCsponsored loans is not currently as great as it has been in years past. That could change if rates rise in the future, she notes. Loan approval is issued by the university's Office of Loan Programs, Assily says.

Economics professor Roger Gordon, who bought the most expensive of the homes on the list of those purchased by academics using university-sponsored financing, says he's since obtained private refinancing and no longer has a U.C. loan, which originally was in the amount of \$1,095,000. "The UC mortgage

program provides a minor subsidy, which helps a bit to attract people here," Gordon says. "But it is a small program compared with many other competing schools. Coming from a distance, as I did, the university [financing] made it easier to get a loan. It basically facilitates the paperwork and qualification.

"My understanding is that the amount of the loan is negotiated between the university and the faculty member. I saw one side of the negotiations. The point was that if the amount was too small, then I wouldn't be capable of taking advantage of it. So it had to be large enough to serve as an incentive for me to accept." Gordon purchased the La Jolla house with his wife, Michelle White, who also is a professor in UCSD's Economics Department. "The university did some financial screening," he says. "They knew our joint income and joint assets. Also, they had our salaries as security."

Further down the list of university-financed homebuyers at number 67, sociologist Amy Binder says the experience of obtaining a loan from the university was "not all that pleasant, but the outcome was good for me. I wanted to be in the city, and I was able to get into a studio condo in Hillcrest. I couldn't have afforded it otherwise. In fact, it would have been impossible." Records show that the sale price of Binder's unit was \$372,000, financed by a \$334,800 loan from the university. She adds that "most professors don't get paid that much, considering their level of education and training."

Below is a list of the top UCSD home buyers since January 2000 ranked by residence price, the top ten first, and followed by a sampling of the remainder. Descriptions of the faculty members and their work were obtained from their respective websites.





Roger H. Gordon

Roger H. Gordon Professor of Economics Purchase Price: \$1,930,000 Date: 11-1-00 U.C. Mortgage: \$1,095,000 Zip: 92037

"Roger Gordon graduated from Harvard College in 1972 and received a Ph.D. in Economics from MIT in 1976. He was an Assistant Professor at Princeton from 1976–80. He then moved to Bell Labs, where he was a Member of the Technical Staff. In 1984, he moved to the University of Michigan, first as an Associate Professor, then Professor, and later as the Reuben Kempf Professor of Economics. Since 2001, he has been a Professor of Economics at UCSD. Over the years, he has also been a visiting professor at a wide variety of universities and institutions



"In addition to his teaching positions, he is currently an Editor of the Journal of Public Economics, a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Centre for Economic Policy Research, and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. His research has focused on diverse topics in Public Finance and the Economics of Transition."

Michelle White

Professor of Economics

"Ph.D. in Economics, Princeton University, 1973. M.Sc.(Econ.), London School of Economics, 1968. A.B., Harvard University, 1967. Fields of Specialization: Law and Economics, Public Finance, Urban Economics."





Dean Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

Peter F. Cowhey

Purchase Price: \$1,547,500

Date: 2-7-01 **U.C. Mortgage: \$710,000** Zip: 92037

"Cowhey is a leading expert in the fields of international communications and information industries. While at the FCC, from 1994–97, Cowhey made and directed policy for international telecommunications, Internet, and satellite services. He was also the intellectual godfather of the landmark World Trade Organization agreement on basic telecommunications services and a key member of the U.S. negotiating team. Cowhey has been a professor at IR/PS since 1987 and had directed IGCC since 1999.

"'Peter Cowhey has proven himself in many settings both here at the university and in Washington D.C.,' said UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes. 'His experience and talents, as well as his long affiliation with the School make him the ideal candidate to lead IR/PS into the 21st Century. His appointment to this position will benefit all university constituents — not only locally, but also nationally and internationally."





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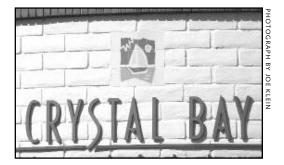
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"Dr. Smarr is a pioneer in prototyping a national information infrastructure to support academic research, governmental functions, and industrial competitiveness. In 1985, Dr. Smarr became the founding Director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). In 1997, he became in addition the founding Director of the National Computational Science Alliance, comprised of over fifty universities, government labs, and corporations linked with NCSA in a national-scale virtual enterprise to prototype the information infrastructure of the 21st Century. Most recently, Dr. Smarr became the founding Director of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, which spans the Universities of California at San Diego and Irvine. Dr. Smarr received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and conducted observa-



tional, theoretical, and computational based astrophysical sciences research for fifteen years before becoming Director of NCSA."



Stanley J. Opella



 Purchase price:

 Stanley J. Opella
 \$1,350,000

Date: 11-30-00 U.C. Mortgage: \$1,000,000 Zip: 92037

"B.S., University of Kentucky, 1969; Ph.D., Stanford University, 1974; Postdoctoral Fellow, M.I.T., 1975–1976; Professor of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, 1976–2000. Appointed to faculty, 2000. The overall goal of the research program is to develop protein expression systems, instrumentation, and experimental methods so that NMR spectroscopy can be used to study all of the proteins encoded in a genome. Substantial progress has been made through the development of high-resolution solid-state NMR methods, and it is now possible to obtain completely resolved and assigned spectra of proteins in membrane bilayers and virus particles."





Bang-Sup Song Endowed Chair, Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering

 Bang-Sup Song
 Purchase Price:

 Bang-Sup Song
 \$1,340,000

 Date: 5-5-00
 Date: \$550,000

"Bang-Sup Song, the Charles Lee Powell Chair in Wireless Communication, came to UCSD in 1999, after 13 years on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he directed the Coordinated Science Laboratory. He was on the technical staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, receiving a Distinguished Technical Staff Award from AT&T Bell Laboratories in 1986, a Career Development Professor Award from Analog Devices in 1987, and a Xerox Senior Faculty Research Award from the University of Illinois in 1995."





Iack E. Dixon

Jack E. Dixon Professor of Pharmacology,

Cellular & Molecular Medicine and Chemistry & Biochemistry Dean for Scientific Affairs

Purchase price:

\$1,250,000 Date: 6-13-03 **U.C. Mortgage: \$850,000** Zip: 92037

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their environment. These signals include growth factors, neuronal firing, or even the presence of a bacteria or pathogen that has invaded the body. The sensing and processing of these signals are carried out by molecular circuits within the cell which detect, amplify and integrate these signals into a specific response. One of the most widely utilized cellular responses to environmental signals is to change the phosphorylation strategy of specific proteins. The level of protein phosphorylation is controlled by two families of enzymes known as protein kinases and phosphatases. My laboratory is interested in deciphering the role of the phosphatases in various cellular paradigms, as phosphatases play key roles in the ontogeny of

cancer as well as the processes of axonal pathfinding and bacterial pathogenesis."



Sungho Jin

Sungho Jin Iwama Professor of Materials Science Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Michael L. Norman

Michael L. Norman Professor of Physics Purchase Price: \$1,100,000 Date: 7-26-00 UC Mortgage:

\$495,000

Zip: 92014 "Computational astrophysics and cosmology; numerical algorithm and code devel-

opment, especially for problems in astrophysical fluid dynamics (gas dynamics, MHD, radiation hydrodynamics, etc.); supercomputing. Application interests include star formation (present day and primordial), ISM, astrophysical jets, supernova remnants, and the hydrodynamics of cosmological structure formation. I direct the Laboratory for Computational Astrophysics at UCSD."





Zoltan Hajnal

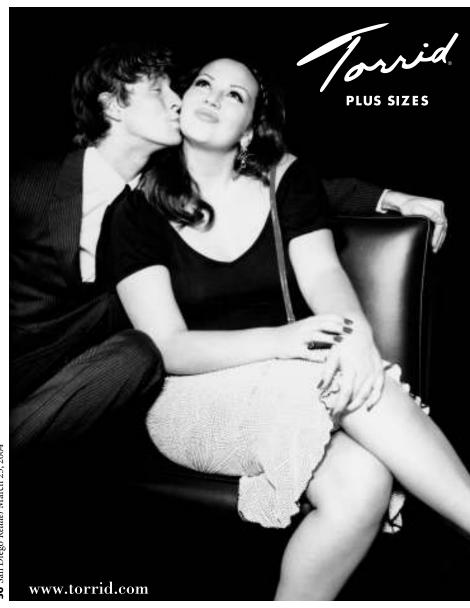
Zoltan Hajnal

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science



Purchase price: \$975,000 Date: 4-10-03 U.C. Mortgage: \$555,000 Zip: 92014

"A scholar of racial and ethnic politics, urban politics, direct democracy, and political behavior, Hajnal has published in the American Political Science Review, the Journal of Politics, Social Science Quarterly, and other journals and edited volumes. His published work has focused on minority representation, racial segregation, interest group politics, and





neighborhood poverty. Hajnal is currently working on a book manuscript that examines the impact of black mayoral leadership on white racial attitudes and voting behavior. He is also currently working on a project examining the multiple dimensions of Independent party choice. Hajnal is a former research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California and a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Brandeis University."

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Jerry Yang

Professor, Bioorganic Chemistry, Molecular Self-Assembly, Materials Chemistry, Bionanotechnology

Purchase price: \$870,000 Date: 7-31-03 U.C. Mortgage:

\$500,000 Zip: 92037

"My lab is interested in using organic chemistry as a tool to study problems in biology and materials science. Emerging fields such as chemical biology and nanotechnology afford unique opportunities for chemists to explore the characteristic details of natural and artificial systems at the molecular scale. The foundation of my interdisciplinary program lies in organic synthesis which allows for designing structures with tailored chemical function. In addition to synthetic techniques, students will be trained in a broad range of analytical and physical methods to probe the molecular details of their systems. From these studies, we will address critical problems in chemistry,

biology, and materials science."





Peter Wolynes Professor of Chemistry

Purchase Price: \$691,000 Date: 8-31-00

& Biochemistry

Mortgage: \$587,350 Zip: 92130

"The research in my group is broadly concerned with manybody phenomena in biology, chemistry, and physics. A major theme is understanding systems where a large diversity of long lived states is involved, necessitating the use of



a statistical characterization of an energy or attractor landscape. The most notable examples are glasses, liquids, biomolecules, and biomolecular regulatory networks."





Brian Goldfarb

Brian Goldfarb Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Purchase Price: \$630,000 Date: 8-26-02 U.C. Mortgage: \$567,000 Zip: 92116

"Goldfarb is a digital media artist, curator, and educator. His research and visual media production focuses on media studies and contemporary visual and digital culture. His book, Visual Pedagogy: Media Cultures in and Beyond the Classroom (Duke University Press, 2002), considers how media technologies were used in the second half of the 20th Century to advance a model of pedagogy across the arts, education, and postcolonial politics in the United States and globally. Goldfarb's digital art projects have been exhibited nationally, internationally, and on the Web. 'Ocular Convergence,' an

interactive, fictional, and critical examination of digital prosthetics for enhancing vision, has traveled to museums throughout the U.S. and to Mexico City, Calgary, Paris, and Johannesburg. Goldfarb was curator of education at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in NYC from 1994-97 where he organized 'alt.youth.media' (Fall 1996), an exhibition of computer art, video, and popular print media (zines) by and for youth."





Ana Celia Zentella

Ana Celia Zentella Professor, Ethnic Studies





Purchase Price: \$575,000

Date: 9-25-02 U.C. Mortgage: \$500,000 Zip: 92014

"Professor Ana Celia Zentella, who identifies herself as an anthropolitical lin-



guist, is a central figure in the study of U.S. Latino varieties of Spanish and English, bilingualism, Spanglish, and English-only laws. Her book, Growing up Bilingual: Puerto Rican Children in New York (Blackwell, 1997) won the 1998 Book Prize of the British Association of **Applied Linguistics** and the 1999 Book Award of the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists of the American Anthropology Association. Manhattan's Borough President Ruth Messinger declared October 30, 1997, "Doctor Ana Celia Zentella Day" for "her leading role in building appreciation for language diversity and respect for language rights."

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Rick Grush

Rick Grush Associate Professor, Philosophy Department

Purchase price: \$535,000

Date: 6-27-03 U.C. Mortgage: \$481,000

"My research concerns the nature of mind and cognition and its physical implementation in the brain. This



involves me in an embarrassingly large number of areas, including philosophy of representation, semantics (of natural language), theoretical neuroscience, and metaphysics. It may come as some surprise that these are all intimately inter-related in







Yingjin Zhang Professor, Comparative Literature

Purchase Price: \$425,000

Date: 8-3-01 U.C. Mortgage: \$382,500 Zip: 92129

"Yingjin Zhang received his M.A. from the University of Iowa in 1987 and Ph.D. in comparative literature from Stanford University in 1992. Before joining the UCSD faculty in 2001 as Professor of Chinese Literature and Film, Com-

parative Literature, and Cultural Studies, he taught at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he was honored with an Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in 1996. He served as President of the American Association of Chinese Comparative Literature in 1993-94 and received, among others, a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the University of Michigan in 1995–96 and a Summer Faculty Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1999. His teaching interests include Chinese and comparative literature, Chinese cinema (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), Asian and Asian American cinema, media industry, visual culture, urban studies, transnational cultural politics, and cultural history. He has published five books and a

dozen essays in English with academic presses such as Curzon, Duke, Hawaii, Indiana, Michigan, Routledge, and Stanford."





Amy J. Binder

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Assistant Professor Department of Sociology

Purchase Price: \$372,000

Date: 7-22-03 U.C. Mortgage: \$334,800 Zip: 92103

"Although seemingly disparate in focus, my work consistently centers on the meaningmaking processes



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enacted in my research settings. Whether it is in studying media practices involved in framing popular culture (American Sociological Review 1993), employers' expectations of their young workers' academic skill levels (Sociology of Education 1997), Afrocentrists' identity construction vis à vis multiculturalists (chapter in Russell Sage Foundation/University of Chicago Press edited volume 1999), public schools' responses to Afrocentric and creationist challenges in the 1980s and 1990s (Princeton University Press 2002), or organizations' mediation between the welfare state and individual poor people's lives (current project on transitional housing), my work concentrates on the effects that cultural beliefs have on human action, and

how these beliefs contribute to the stratification of society."





David Borgo

David Borgo,

Assistant Professor of Music

Purchase Price: \$333,000

Date: 9-10-02 U.C. Mortgage: \$299,600 Zip: 92131

"Borgo is a jazz composer and improviser on saxophone and various woodwinds with performance experience throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and South America. He won first prize at the 1994 John Coltrane Festival and has compact disc recordings as both leader and collaborator on the Resurgent Music, Positone, and Acoustic Levitation labels. His most recent double-disc recording, titled With and Against, features 11 original compositions for jazz quartet recorded in Los Angeles and while on tour in Hong Kong and Macau. Borgo's research has explored the transcultural practice of contemporary improvised music from a multidisciplinary perspective, incorporating insight from sociological, mathematical, philosophical, linguistic, and literary paradigms. In particular, he has investigated the contemporary scientific understandings of order and disorder in complex nonlinear dynamical systems

emerging in biology and cognitive science, chaos and complexity studies and self-organized criticality."





Giovanna Chesler

Department of

Communication

Giovanna Chesler Assistant Professor,

Purchase Price:

\$305,000 Date: 2-19-03 U.C. Mortgage: \$276,450 Zip: 92104

"Giovanna Chesler is a filmmaker, writer, and cinematographer. She is dedicated to producing films about women and female characters

that reveal unique and diverse female perspectives and experiences. Giovanna's background in Anthropology, Archaeology, and Women's Studies at the University of Virginia, informs her films which address issues of perspective, gender, and culture. Sound practice and theory figure prominently in Giovanna's film work and critical research. Her most recent film, hand-some (16mm, 12 min, © 2003), is an experimental documentary. This film, which attempts to address issues of sexuality and beauty through a significant moment in a lesbian relationship, turns inside out when that relationship falls apart in front of the camera. The failure of the relationship and the obsession of the filmmaker for the topic reveal the inherent dangers of

documentary filmmaking and the negative effect capturing reality has on reality."





Adriene Jenik

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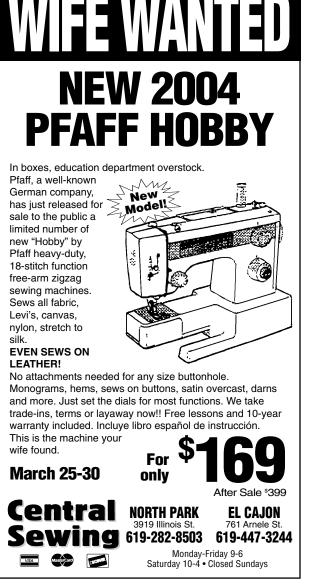
Associate Professor, Visual Arts

Purchase Price: \$290,000

Date: 3-15-02 U.C. Mortgage: \$246,500 Zip: 92116

"Adriene Jenik is a telecommunications media artist who has been working for over 15 years as an artist, teacher, curator, administrator, and engineer. She received







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her BA in English from Douglass College, Rutgers University and her MFA in Electronic Arts from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Prior to joining the UCSD faculty, Jenik was employed as an engineer in the Blast Jr. development team for Disney Online's Daily Blast. Over the past 10 years she has taught a broad range of electronic media classes at California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), UC Irvine, University of Southern California (USC), and UCLA's New Media Lab.

"From her early productions with Paper Tiger TV and Deep Dish TV (1985–1990), performances with the band Snakes & Ladders, and publications with the 'zine collective SCREAMBOX (with Pam Gregg and Bryn Austin), Jenik's artistic projects have continued to straddle and trouble the borders between art and popular culture."





Lesley Stern

Lesley Stern Professor, Visual Arts

Purchase price: \$281,500

Date: 12-14-00 U.C. Mortgage: \$255,100 Zip: 92104

"Lesley Stern is the author of The Scorsese Connection (The British Film Institute and Indiana University Press, 1995) and The Smoking Book (The University of Chicago Press, 1999) and coeditor of Falling For You: Essays on Cinema and Performance. Her work moves between a number of disciplinary locations, and spans both theory and production. Although her reputation was established in the fields of film theory and history, she is also known for her fiction writing and her video productions.

"Lesley was born and raised in Zimbabwe, and spent many years in Australia before moving to UCSD in 2000. She has an Honors degree from London University (in English Language and Literature) and a Ph.D. from Sydney University (in film). She has taught in a number of countries, including Zimbabwe (at the University of Zimbabwe), the United Kingdom (Glasgow University), Australia (La Trobe and Murdoch Univer-

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Eileen Myles

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Professor of Fiction Writing, Poetry Writing, Short Fiction, Poet's Novel, Writing between Genres, The Libretto, and Pathetic Literature, Department of Literature

Purchase price: \$268,000 Date: 8-19-02 U.C. Mortgage: \$242,400 Zip: 92105

"Eileen Myles has written thousands of poems since she gave her first reading at CBGB's in 1974. She is currently writing a novel called The Inferno about the hell of being a female poet. And she's collaborating with LA composer Michael Webster on an opera called Hell. In a recent profile, the New York Times described Myles as "a cult figure to a generation of post-punk females forming their own literary avant garde." She was the artistic direc-



tor of St. Mark's Poetry Project in the '80s, conducted an open female write-in campaign for President of the United States in 1992, and has read and performed her work all over the U.S. and in Russia, Iceland, Ireland, and Germany. In 1997 and '98 Eileen Myles toured with Sister Spit's Rambling Road Show."





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Brett Stalbaum

Lecturer, Visual Arts

Purchase price: \$249,500 Date: 8-21-03

U.C. Mortgage: \$226,150 Zip: 92040

"A serial collaborator, he was a co-founder of the Electronic Disturbance Theater in 1998, for which he co-developed software called FloodNet, which has been used on behalf of the Zapatista movement against the websites of the Presidents of Mexico and the United States, as well as the Pentagon. As Forbes Magazine put it, 'Perhaps the first electronic attack against a target on American soil was the result of an art project.' For EDT, this was all learned behavior taught by the example of the Zapatistas.

"Current projects revolve around landscape experimentation and theory, both in collaboration with C5 (*www.c5corp.com*) and with the painter Paula Poole. In 1997 he participated in Landscape Painting as Counter-Surveillance of Area 51, a site-specific performance at the border of the well-known

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secret air base. As part of that performance, he instigated an investigation of his activities by the Department of Defense and the FBI after he spammed a large number of unpublished email addresses at Nellis Air Force Base.

"Paula and Brett spend as much time as possible in the Great Basin, performing their vocational pursuits as artists, as well at their avocational interests in archeology, geography, geology, natural history, and low-impact, minimalist camping. The Great Basin provides the immense scale, subjective context, and open access to remote space that combines the above interests into a multiplicity of possible outcomes. The goal is to conceptually explore in the spaces between disciplines of interest to us — for example, between database and painting." Matt Potter



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College applications

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"MY DAD'S AFRAID THAT IF I GO TO THE EAST COAST **HE'LL NEVER** SEE ME AGAIN."

ichel Ohmer attends Rancho Buena Vista High School and has a 4.87 GPA. She has a menagerie of pets and is interested in zoology.

To how many colleges are you applying? "I'm applying to 12 schools: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UCSD, USC, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, Cornell, Columbia, Boston University, and Northwestern University. I only had to pay for one application so far because I've gotten a lot of fee waivers.' Which school is your "reach" (first-choice) school? Which is

your "safety" (last-ditch) school? "Cornell is my first choice

because it is the best in zoology. It has an undergraduate degree in ecology, evolution, and biology. UC Davis is my safety school, but it's not a real safety school in that it's still hard to get into. I wouldn't mind going there, though, because it's also wellknown for zoological science."

What has influenced your college choices? "Some schools I just picked because of the reputation, like Stanford, which I don't really want to go to anymore. Some

schools I picked because they were on the East Coast and I really liked that atmosphere, like U Penn. Also, my aunt lives near Northwestern and she's a big part of Northwestern and she told me how great it was so I applied."

Are your parents pressuring you to get into a particular school? "My mom doesn't really care where I go, as long as I go somewhere. She probably wouldn't even mind if I took a

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Michel Ohmer

year off. But my dad really wants me to stay in California because he's afraid that if I go to the East Coast he'll never see me again. So he's definitely putting some pressure on me."

How long did your applications take? "It took three or four hours just to fill out the application part, but the essays took a long time.... I think all together the essays took at least eight hours."

Have you lost or damaged any applications? "For USC, I sent in the wrong draft of my essay. There was one finished copy and one really rough copy, and I sent in the rough one. So, yeah, I don't think I'm going to get into USC anymore."

What was the stupidest part of your *application?* "For two of them they made me list all the other schools I was applying to. I thought that was pretty dumb."

Are you guilty of exaggeration on any part of your application? "I don't think I exaggerated anything. I probably wanted to, especially on the extracurriculars, but I just listed the ones that I was very involved with."

What do you think you should have done differently in high school? "Maybe I should have done more things, but then if I had done more things then maybe I wouldn't have been able to get the grades that I have. I think I've done pretty well....'

How do you plan on paying for college? "I hope that I'll get some financial aid or a scholarship. I'll definitely have to work."

Are you trying for scholarships? "I'm applying to a lot of San Diego scholarships, like [the] BIOCOM [offered by the San Diego Foundation]. I already received an art scholarship and the Governor's scholarship [based on SAT9 achievement]."

What do you think will be the best part about going away to college? "Maybe I'll be able to experience something new and different and do things

I've never done before. Everything's always happening on the East Coast; everything is close together. There's lots of theater and music and stuff going on. Here, it's not exactly like that. Maybe one thing goes on on Saturday in Vista and that's it."

The hardest? "Leaving my pugs. I really don't want to leave my pets. I have three pugs, three cats, an iguana, a frog, a turtle, and a rabbit."

Do you think you'll become homesick? "I think that maybe after a month or something I'll be homesick. I've been away from my house for a while, and after a month I start to feel homesick."

radley Picket, 17, goes to Mar Vista High School and loves working with computers and model rocketry. He has a 4.32 GPA and an 1100 SAT score and wants to become an aeronautical engineer.

To how many colleges are you applying? "I applied to all six University of California schools and SDSU. For the UC system it costs 40 dollars per college, and for SDSU I can't remember."

Which school is your "reach" school? Which is your "safety" school? "My first choice is UCSD, for its excellent aeronautical engineering program. My last choice would be Southwestern College. It's inexpensive for taking care of GE [general education] courses and can be used as a launch platform to a better school."

What has influenced your college choices? "My main reasons for choosing these campuses are that they are close to home, which eliminates room-andboard costs. I have a good relationship with my family, and I love San Diego?

Are your parents pressuring you to get into a particular school? "No, my parents are not putting any pressure on me to go to any college. They believe that it is my choice to go to wherever I want.

How long did your applications

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take? "Taking care of my applications took about two weeks, primarily because of the UC 'personal statements.' I had



Bradley Picket

to draft them, have teachers go over them, and rewrite them several times."

Have you lost or damaged any applications? "No."

What was the stupidest part of your application? "I wouldn't say there was really any stupidest part, but one thing that I felt that could have been left out was parental job questions, but I guess they are trying to keep up on statistics."

Are you guilty of exaggeration on any part of your application? "No; I don't believe I exaggerated any part of my application."

What do you think you should have done differently in high school? "Looking back on high school, I believe I worked to the best of my abilities and completed everything within my limits. Of course I would have tried not to procrastinate on certain things, but we are human and we all make mistakes, little or big."

How do you plan on paying for college? "I plan to pay for college partially with some assistance from my parents, from Cal Grants, and also by getting a job."

Are you trying for scholarships? "Yes, I am trying for scholarships, mostly academically based ones, thanks to my fairly high GPA."

What do you think will be the best part about going away to college? "I think the best part about college will be being around people who care about the classes and are willing to learn...."

The hardest? "The hardest part about going away to college is the loss of the friendships made in high school."

Do you think you'll become homesick? "No, I don't believe I will be homesick because the farthest I may be driving will be up to La Jolla, which is only about a 40-minute drive from Imperial Beach."

huong Tran, a senior at San Pasqual High School, has already been accepted into Stanford under the Early Action program. She has a 4.82 GPA and a 1510 SAT score and wants to become an anesthesiologist.

To how many colleges are you applying? "I applied to UCSD, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, and Stanford University. Total cost is about \$300...not sure since Mom paid."

Which school is your "reach" school? Which is your "safety" school? "My reach school is Stanford, and I actually got in! I love Stanford for its rich history...location, undergraduate resources, small classes, and beautiful campus." What has influenced

your college choices? "To be honest, 10 percent of my choice was based on reputation, 15 percent on location, 50 percent family, 20 percent financial package, 5 percent friends."

Are your parents pressuring you to get into a particular school? "They did want me to



Phuong Tran

go to UCSD and live at home with their support, but since I got accepted into Stanford and they see how happy



I am, they now want me to go to Stanford."

How long did your applications take? "I spent about an hour a night for about one week on the Stanford one and about five hours total on the UC one."

Have you lost or damaged any applications? "No, thank the big Holy Spirit."

What was the stupidest part of your application? "For the paper application, my printing isn't exactly a work of art, so I had to do it over a couple of times."

Are you guilty of exaggeration on any part of your application? "No."

What do you think you should have done differently in high school? "I don't think I would do anything different. I did all the things I wanted to do, without any intention of having it to put on my college application. I've been in the same clubs and activities since freshman year, and I still enjoy them. I really think that students should just do what they love the most because high school's not just a step into college....?

How do you plan on paying for college? "I'm getting a lot of financial aid from Stanford, scholarships, and some savings I've had. I will work in college...not because I have to, but because I want the experience and extra cash. I also don't want to have to bother my parents for money all the time."

Are you trying for scholarships? "Yeah, academic and some needbased scholarships, mostly local scholarships, but only about three or four national ones. National scholarships are so much more competitive that I just didn't want to waste my time."

What do you think will be the best part about going away to college? "The best part has to be living on my own and setting my own rules."

The hardest? "The hardest will probably be missing my mom's cooking."

Do you think you'll become homesick? "I know that I'll be homesick; I'm starting to be already just thinking about it! I have never been away from both parents for more than two weeks, so I know I'll be calling home a lot. Also, most of my friends are going to schools in San Diego or L.A., so my cell-phone minutes will be gone quickly."

oe Szakovits is a Bonita Vista High School senior who loves martial arts and

biology. He has a 4.63 GPA and a 1490 SAT

score. He hopes to

Joe Szakovits

become a medical researcher. *To how many colleges are you applying?* "I applied to eight colleges: UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine, UCSD, Occidental College [in L.A.], Pomona College, Stanford University, and USC. The fees cost definitely a few hundred...maybe \$400."

Which school is your "reach" school? Which is your "safety" school? "My first choice is UCLA because it has a great biology program and because it's far enough away to be independent but close enough that I can still visit my family now and then. My safety is UC Irvine. It does have a good biology program, so I know that I'll be able to do well if I end up going there, but it's not the prestigious school I want to attend."

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your college choices? "The thing that influenced me the most was that I wanted to stay in California. The second most influential thing was a good biology program because that's the field I'm very interested in. I also wanted to stay relatively close to my family and not be across the country, and I wanted to go somewhere that seemed like an interesting place to live."

Are your parents pressuring you to get into a particular school? "No, they've been pretty laid back about it. They let me make my own decisions about where I want to apply, and they're not afraid I won't get into a good school."

How long did your applications take? "Each application took at least 3 to 4 hours to complete, including the essays. So I would say about 30 hours."

Have you lost or damaged any applications? "Well, on the applications they usually ask for last name, first name, middle name, but on one application it asked for first, middle, last, and I didn't notice. So, according to them, I was Szakovits William Joseph. I had to go back and change that, but other than that everything's been all right."

What was the stupidest part of your application? "I hate it how they ask, 'How can you improve the college community?' It just seems really lame. I don't feel comfortable complimenting myself and kissing my own ass."

Are you guilty of exaggeration on any part of your application? "I might have stretched the truth on the part where they ask about your activities. I might have been a little liberal on my interpretation of how many hours I spend doing community service and stuff. But other than that I was pretty truthful." What do you think you should have done differently in high school? "I definitely should have joined more activities. I didn't really look to see what was out there; I should have kept more of an open mind to different activities."

How do you plan on paying for college? "It depends on whether or not I go to a private school. If I go to a private school, I'm definitely going to have to take out a loan and I might have to get a job on the side. If I didn't do that, then I would set my dad's retirement back about three years, and I don't want to do that. But if I go to a UC school, I'm in good shape financially."

Are you trying for scholarships? "The problem is that most of the scholarships offered are need-based, and I don't have a lot of need. The ones that are meritbased are usually ones that revolve around leadership and activities, and I'm just not strong enough in those things. They don't give scholarships for just being smart."

What do you think will be the best part about going away to college? "I just think it will be a whole new experience. I'll meet all different kinds of people. I know that the high school clique system breaks down when you go to college, and I'm really interested to see how different it is."

The hardest? "Definitely being away from my family for all that time. I've always been a very family-oriented person, and I'm not sure I'll be able to deal with all that."

Do you think you'll become homesick? "Yes...I've never been away from them for more than a week or so at a time. It will be hard to be away from them 11 months out of the year."

— Stephanie Feldstein, Bonita Vista H.S.



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CHAPTER 13 **Little War Ghost**

"Hello, you old sub-chaser," I whisper each time I see her. For she is my war vessel. We have a secret.

She operates out of port here with the Coast Guard fleet, but once she was in the regular Navy, and usually when I see her she is fast to the embarcadero taking on water and stores.

To be sure, there is not much of her to see. She is of wood, and the only apparent change from war days is that her galley has been moved amidships from aft.

The grandest holiday I ever had was during the war. I was aboard this vessel.

I turned 18 just in time to enlist. All talk, of course, was of U-boats. And being from inland Montana I naturally chose the Navy.

At our training camp in Bremerton, a call came one day for 40 volunteers to man a fleet of sub-chasers. Presuming that they would take us immediately to the North Sea, I stepped from the squads so fast that I guess I was the first person out there. The results were lesson enough for me not to volunteer again for any-

The orders were written and ready, but something held us up. It was the war; it was ending. It ended right while I was standing by to go. perienced as we

thing, but simply to let matters take their course.

A person always gets there just as soon. Even sooner, for every fellow in that training camp eventually reached European waters except the 40 who volunteered.

The sub-chasers were months and months being

launched, and more months and months being fitted. We had to stand guard around them, and as we stood guard we could see our former companions in the training camp march past the boardwalk to join battleships, transports, and destroyers.

The war was being fought, yet there we stayed, doing guard duty around our sub-chasers which never would be ready. And whenever there was a Liberty Bond drive we were marched out to parade for it, and always we had persons ask us which ship we were from. Every last man of us, I do believe, was close to suicidal. We even held secret arguments about what would happen to us if we deserted to join the Army under fictitious names.

The delay was intol-

erable, then suddenly one morning we sailed.

As often happens after an intolerable wait, the actual sailing orders

caught us off guard. Our vessels were not fully equipped, and our officers were fresh from school. We had not seen them before they came aboard, and they had not seen us. They were inexwere, and they

frankly admitted it. At least our skipper admitted it. He was an ensign, barely in his 20s, and as agreeable as could be. He had joined the officers' class directly from uni-



Freighter SS Wyoming alongside Embarcadero, 1930

versity, and on that chilly morning when we first struck the sea out of Puget Sound he was the first to get seasick. But we liked him. He was so frank about how little he knew, and theoretically he did know enough about navigation to keep us away from shore. Also he was curious about visiting new ports as we were. He stopped at as many as he dared. The need for fresh water and vegetables always served as the excuse. For our refrigerator was no more than an ice box, and as for fresh water, it was a problem.

Along the Mexican coast we visited San Jose del Cabo and Acapulco. The sea here was lukewarm for swimming, and bumboats came out to the sub-chaser with bananas to sell. The whole thing was glorious, the whole thing was new. We played as hard as we could, reminding ourselves that we would pay for it all when we reached the frigid North Sea. We put into Corinto and we put into Balboa. The fools among us were left there in the Navy hospital, in the isolated ward. The survivors sailed on. From Colon we crossed the Caribbean to Guantanamo. We went from Havana to Key West, and there left more of our men in the hospital, again in the isolated ward, the young ensign with them. He had survived the Central American ports but Havana had caught him.

A new commander came aboard. He was more experienced with sea and with ports, and he took us to Newport. From there



we would cross to Europe. The orders were written and ready, but something held us up. It was the war, it was ending — and it ended. It ended right while we were standing by to go.

As a result I know nothing of war's grimness, and though I spent two years in the Navy I dare not call myself a war veteran. The cruise was the happiest experience I ever had, and I am ashamed that in some way I cannot repay the Government for the trip. The best I can do is to keep silent now when I look at my old vessel in port here.

Yes, it returned to the West Coast, and was one of the few sub-chasers not sold to fishermen or millionaires. I wish I were not so ashamed to look at it — my war. I wish it would go somewhere else to spend its last days. For I did have such a good time aboard her, the little war-ghost. I wish it would clear out and give my conscience a rest.

"Hello, you little subchaser," I whisper. "Do, for God's sake, get out." But it doesn't. It simply pretends not to hear.

CHAPTER 14 Remember My Words

One morning the bow of a freighter up from the Canal Zone plowed into the side of our new pier. The bow tore out two pilings and cracked the cement.

The damage would cost plenty, and this was the second pier the captain had rammed already that year. Both times the tide had caught him wrong, and the stern lines had snapped the second he needed them most.

I found him aboard in his cabin. He was sitting there waiting while the harbor master made an estimate of the damage. The harbor master had gone back to his office, and the captain was alone when I found him.

I started to tell him how sorry I was, but he interrupted me: "Say, a little thing like that doesn't disturb me, boy. Life's too brief to be disturbed about anything. No, don't let anything ever disturb you. Take it from a man who knows. Take it from me."

"No," he continued, "there's no use letting anything get you down. What happens is just too

We noticed her condition then for the first time, and presumed that the waves were what had aggravated her.

"All right, all right," I promised him. But he was not through advising me. bad. But forget about it. Things will average up in time. After all, there's no sense in letting anything get you down. Hell, no. Life's too brief to let a little mishap get you down. By the next day, now, you'll have forgotten all about it. Sure, by the next day you'll have forgotten all about it, boy. Isn't that right?"

He waited for an answer, so I nodded that it was right.

"Sure it's right," he continued. "Anybody but a fool would know it was right. Nothing's worth worrying about. You remember my words, boy."

In time I left him, still talking, and I hurried back to the paper to turn in





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my copy for the noon edition. While I was pushing the typewriter the police reporter telephoned in to the desk that the police ambulance had just returned from a rush job to the waterfront. The captain of the freighter was in a bad way. He had shot at his heart, missing it by a fraction.

He had been talking to himself, then, instead of to me.

CHAPTER 15 He Who Held the Wheel

Today I helped Eddie Tarantino be midwife to a woman tourist from Wyoming, and tonight my emotions continue to bubble over like Seltzer water.

"Pooh," I try to calm myself, "what's one more baby more or less?" Yet my emotions continue to bubble over anyhow.

All premature babies, I had presumed, were born on farms usually in February. The farmer would harness his horses and go galloping through snowdrifts in search of the town doctor who would not be home.

But this birth of Eddie's and mine occurred under a warm sun and aboard the shoreboat which runs between the pier and the fishing barge outside. The run requires about an hour each way,

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depending on the tides and on the pitch of the sea beyond the channel.

The first fishing party usually leaves town at eight each morning. Eddie makes his first run then, another at noon, and another at sunset. The passengers are mostly strangers from inland anxious to catch a deepsea fish before returning to their distant homes. Bamboo poles and meals are furnished them on the barge, also live-bait sardines. The passengers need to bring only themselves and possibly their cameras. As a result the shoreboat usually is filled with every type of person, men, women, and

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children.

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Neither of us paid any more attention to the woman when she came aboard than we would pay to any other stout woman. She was wearing a coat, and she was one of 16 other passengers who boarded the shoreboat at the pier.

The first attention we

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paid to her she attracted to herself by not leaving the shoreboat when we reached the fishing barge. The other passengers climbed immediately aboard the barge, each passenger anxious to seize time, and presumed that the waves were what had aggravated her. Eddie swung the boat around and started back to port, still having no idea she was as far along as she was, although he has seven

He did not know, of course, that she was expecting so soon, nor did she or she would not have taken the ride.

a pole and make a catch before the others made one. But this woman would not budge from her seat. "Aren't you going to

fish, ma'am?" Eddie asked, waiting for her to rise. She shook her head:

"I ain't feeling none too well."

We noticed her condition then for the first

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youngsters of his own in Little Italy. We tried not to pay attention to her, fearing she would be embarrassed. I stood with Eddie at the wheel giving her full freedom of the aft-deck.

shoreboat The pitched, to be sure, yet everything would calm down as soon as we crossed the channel bar. But this apparently was



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not soon enough. "Boys, don't go so

rough," she said. "I'm expecting."

"Yes, ma'am," Eddie answered. "We'll be careful. We'll be past the worst in a minute."

He did not know, of course, that she was expecting so soon, nor did she or she would not have taken the ride. This seemed reasonable, and we tried to forget about her by not looking at her even when she talked.

After a while she called again, and this time her voice had such desperation in it that Eddie left the wheel to me. He hurried back to her and tried to make her comfortable on the bench along the gunwale. But this was not large enough to do. He hurried forward down into the locker room and brought up all the clothes and things he could find. By clearing away the passenger seats he prepared a bed for her down on the deck. "Open the engine for

all it's got," he called to me. "To hell with the

His voice was so authoritative that my first impulse was to answer: "Yes, sir." But instead I answered: "Righto."

waves." He stayed back there with her talking for all he was worth. She tried to talk, too, and together they made as much noise as the motor. I was afraid to turn around, and started looking for help.

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tection of the channel. The seas died down, and I felt sure that everything would be all right now. But, to the contrary, everything reached a climax just inside the bar. There was no talking behind me now, but only moans and a lot of hard breathing, Eddie breathing as hard as she.

The nearest vessel was a

tuna-clipper chugging

back into port behind us

with a load aboard and

not going half as fast as

our own shoreboat. The

clipper would be no help.

But we did reach the pro-

Once he came forward, grabbed the wireclippers from the toolbox, and without a word to me he hurried back aft again. The shoreboat was travelling so fast through the calmness of the channel that I dare not take my eyes off the course, and this perhaps was a mighty saving factor for me. As soon as we reached the bay proper, the pier like a gentleman started coming out halfway to meet us. The spray from our bow was flying against our windows, and I did hope I would know how to dock the boat prop-

boat was cutting the water the helpers on the tugboat pier must have suspected something was wrong, for two of the men remained standing there staring.

to me: "Don't bother making the boat fast. Let them do it. You go call the ambulance."

authoritative that my first impulse was to answer: "Yes, sir." But instead I answered: "Righto," which perhaps is not the proper expression to use when a baby has just been born. Yet in either event life now holds no more surprises. I have helped in childbirth, I am he who held the wheel.

Next week: Marriage material

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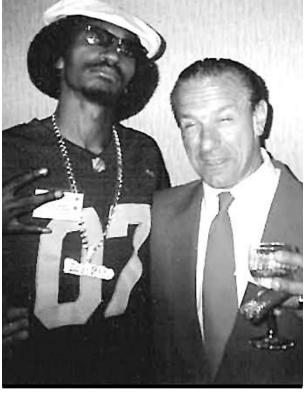


DOLLY HASN'T SUED ME YET

Rod Stewart had a concert in town once, and there were reports of him coming out of a Radio Shack with two bodyguards and signing autographs. The next day, the *Union-Tribune* reported that it was a Stewart impersonator. Nobody is sure what he got out of signing a few fake autographs and, presumably, paying for a limo and bodyguards.

Celebrity impersonations — whether for fun or for illicit purposes can sometimes be funny. The *Reader* ran a story once about a guy claiming to be Roger Waters, the former Pink Floyd singer/songwriter/bassist. He was in a bar and people were buying him drinks. The bar even had him autograph a guitar, on which he wrote "Another Prick in the Wall." He ended up going home with a waitress. It turned out that person was probably an impersonator — although I've heard the waitress still claims it wasn't.

Approximately three years ago, a man named Juan Gamero was arrested for raping two women. He was impersonating Ricky Martin and usually went to Tijuana to pick up ladies, but he also frequented some bars in San Diego. One woman got suspicious when he took her to a dumpy apartment, which he claimed belonged to a friend. With Gamero, the situation turned ugly. When some women realized he wasn't the real Ricky Martin, it got violent. He was eventually captured — and I'm sure his cellmates love the lookalike.



Snoop Dogg and Robert DeNiro impersonators

In the early '80s an impersonator was arrested on several charges after telling businesses he was in Sha Na Na. Why them, I have no idea. I'm sure even the guys in Sha Na Na are reluctant to tell people that. As a kid I read a story

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about former San Diegan Gary Puckett ("Young Girl,""Lady Willpower") having an impersonator singing in clubs under his name. At least that impersonator could sing instead of just picking up women. But when I contacted a lady in Florida named Lorrie who works for Puckett, she sent back an e-mail stating, "He doesn't have any comment on this. He's not familiar with the story you're refering to."

One San Diego musician who did have a comment was John Gummoe, singer/songwriter of the Cascades, a band that started here in Clairemont. Their hit "Rhythm of the Rain" was named by Broadcast Music Inc. as "the ninth most performed song of the last century." It became a hit again a few years back for Dan Fogelberg.

Marie Ruiz told me about the person who pretended he was in Gummoe's band. She said, "I worked for the fourth largest insurance brokerage firm in San Diego." She didn't want to tell me the company name. "My boss always told everyone he was in the Cascades. He'd even tell people that during job interviews. And when 'Rhythm of the Rain' was on the radio, we'd turn it up really loud. He'd come out of his office and smile. He told clients, and anyone that would listen, that he was in the Cascades, and he played saxophone on that song and harmonica on others."

Ruiz continues, "I had seen his house. It was big, and he had a baby grand piano. I never doubted his story. Then I heard the Cascades were having a reunion show in Los Angeles. I asked my boss if he'd be there. He didn't know anything about it, which seemed odd. Later, he said it was just somebody that 'probably bought the rights to the name of the band.' I ended up going on the computer and finding their website. I contacted the founder of the Cascades [Gummoe]. He told me he never heard of my boss,



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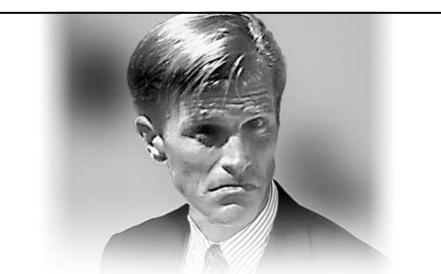
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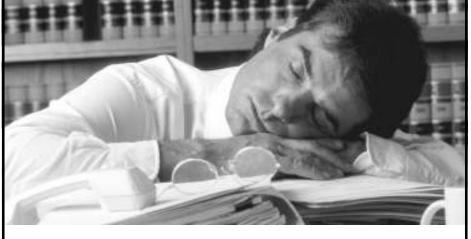
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and the guy was never in the group. He said '...and if you listen, you'll notice there isn't even a sax in that song.'"

I asked her if she ever confronted her boss, even after she was no longer employed there. Marie said, "No, I never did. I should have, though."

I contacted Gummoe and he said, "That's not as bad as people trying to make money off the Cascades name. We've had that happen many times with the Cascades. Usually on the East Coast, where some group will be playing and calling themselves the Cascades. There was even one band that came to Mission Valley several years ago. Dave Wilson [the band's drummer] and I confronted them and threatened to sue, and they stopped using the name. It's sad when someone tries to do this. I guess their agent can get them more money doing that."

There was a guy let's call him Ed — in North County a while back who told people at parties and bars that he had been in the Doobie Brothers. My friend Rick and I never believed him. We checked the albums to shove Michael McDonald down our throats." McDonald was the keyboardist/singer who joined on the band's fifth album in 1976 and created their biggest hits: "Minute by Minute," "Takin' it to the Streets," and "What a Fool Believes."

"I HAVEN'T PAID FOR A DRINK IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. AND IF I'M FLYING COACH, THEY ALWAYS COME BACK AND SAY, 'THE CAPTAIN WOULD LIKE YOU TO SIT IN FIRST CLASS.'"

and didn't see his name. We even looked in *The Encyclopedia of Rock*, which listed every member in a band. His name was nowhere to be found among the many Doobie Brothers over the years. Ed used to say, "I left the Doobies after they tried When McDonald had a concert at Humphrey's recently, that afternoon he did a rare performance at Borders in Mission Valley to promote his new CD. I bought the CD, and when he was signing it I asked if he knew Ed. He responded, "Oh, is he that



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The Whittier Institute for Diabetes "Promoting Healthy Living with Diabetes" Christian singer?" There is a Christian singer with the same name as Ed, but I told McDonald that this was a local person claiming to have been in the Doobie Brothers. He said sternly, "There was never a guy in the Doobie Brothers with that name." I asked, "Even before you joined?" He said, "No, never."

I wish I could've been there a few weeks later when Rick told Ed that Michael McDonald had of parties. I had four jobs in February." "Since you aren't singing, like an Elvis impersonator, what do you say? Just lines from

done?" "Yes, we can ad lib, too. This bed-and-breakfast in Mexico paid me a thousand dollars, all expenses paid, to be filmed there. I just had to sit by the pool puffing a cigar. Occasionally I would look at the camera and say,

movies Nicholson has

BACKSTAGE AT A RUSH CONCERT AT THE SPORTS ARENA, I HEARD ONE KID TELLING THE SECURITY GUARD HE WAS NEIL PEART'S COUSIN.

never heard of him. Rick said, "His face turned as white as a ghost. He said something about how he would've said the same thing if he was in McDonald's shoes."

Jim Ford is another North County resident, and he owns a landscape design business. He also gets work as a Jack Nicholson impersonator. I asked how often he gets jobs, and he told me, "It varies. In December, I'll get a lot

'This is as good as it gets.' Other times, I'm hired to do a roast for somebody and I have to wear a tux. I've had casinos in Las Vegas hire me. Sometimes they just want me to walk through so people think it's Jack. Or they may give me two hundred dollars to play at a table. I guess they figure some big rollers will stay at the table if they think they are sitting next to Jack Nicholson. I had one casino that wanted me to go up to a limousine. They had a high roller coming in from Japan. I just met the guy at his limo and walked into the casino with him. That was it. I didn't even talk to the guy."

I asked if this is good money, and Jim said, "The range that lookalikes get is between \$200 and \$350 an hour. I'm usually hired for a two- or three-hour period. I only know of a few people that can do this full-time and make a living doing it."

"Do you get mistaken for Nicholson here in San Diego, away from the casinos?"

"Oh, yeah. I haven't paid for a drink in the last five years. And if I'm flying coach, they always come back and say, 'The captain would like you to sit in first class.' So I move up. One place in Cabo San Lucas has my picture on the wall. They gave me a bottle of wine and wanted me to stay longer. I may be five inches taller and younger than Jack. I look more like him from The Shining. But people still think I'm him. It has caused problems with some of the women I've dated. I think it's because everyone is looking at me and women want to be the ones that are looked

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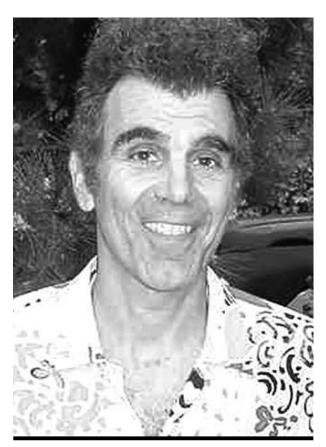
When I worked at Rock 102.1 FM (now Rock 105.3), I saw some interesting impersonation attempts, usually from people trying to get backstage at concerts. At a Ringo Starr concert at Camp Pendleton, one security guard came over to another and said, "A guy claiming to be Billy Squier is trying to get back here. Should I let him back?" The reply was "No." The guard continued, "What if he's the real Billy Squier?" His superior said, "Even if it is, screw him! He still doesn't get back."

Backstage at a Rush concert at the Sports Arena, I heard one kid telling the security guard he was the cousin of drummer Neil Peart. The 6'4" guard said, "Why the hell didn't he get your ass a backstage pass then?"

I wonder if anyone has ever gotten backstage with these false claims.

When I introduced the Stone Temple Pilots on stage at the SDSU Ampitheater in 1993, I went to the side of the stage and heard two security guards arguing. One of them was telling the other that a guy claiming to be the drummer for Blondie wanted to get backstage. The other said, "Maybe I'd let him back, if just one of these security guards knows what he looks like. I've asked three, and nobody knows who he is, so we can't just let him back here."

The music director and afternoon DJ at Rock 102 was Peg Pollard. She told me, "Promoters told me women were always saying they were me to try and get backstage. Since they knew me, it never worked. But the funniest time was when I was standing there talking to a promoter. I forget what concert it was, but a woman was claim-



ing to be me. And I was

standing right there and

looked back at her. Obvi-

ognize me."

Steve Ostrow as Kramer

jockey (now with Planet 103.7) Jim McInnes told me a funny story about an impersonator. "It was probably around 1980.

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ously, she didn't even rec-Longtime KGB disc DJ Bill Hergenson brought

in a guy he said was Ray Davies of the Kinks. Bill talked to him on the air for a few minutes. The guy reeked of alcohol. I asked where he ran into this guy and he said, 'At the Catamaran.' The guy didn't look anything like Ray. I said, 'If this guy is Ray Davies, I'm Karl Strauss.' Maybe Bill had never seen a Kinks album cover, I don't know. The guy did have a British accent, though. It never came out as to what Davies would be doing drinking at the Catamaran in San Diego." His brother Dave Davies did play a concert there six years ago. That would've been a good time for the fake Ray to pop up.

Three years ago at a concert in Medford, Oregon, Bob Dylan couldn't get into the backstage area of his own concert. His album Love and Theft came out on September 11, 2001, and because of the terror attacks his security company hired more people. A few months after the tragedy, three of the female security guards didn't recognize Dylan and wouldn't let him back. (In their defense, he didn't have his backstage pass with him.) I'm sure headlines everywhere read "Knockin' on Backstage Door."

One guy who has the Bob Dylan hair is Steve Ostrow. He doesn't impersonate the tambourine man, but the neighbor in Seinfeld — Kramer. Ostrow is a lawyer and also owns Ozmo Kramer Celebrity Impersonators.

I asked him if he's ever gotten any freebies because of the way he looks. He responded, "Is this going to be a negative piece about celebrity impersonators? This is a legitimate business. I'd rather not focus on the darker side of this."

I asked him about

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some of his jobs and he told me, "We get hired for so many different things. It could be a business that hires you for a corporate party, a production company —there are so many different events. I did a movie, but it was never released. You always want to do standin work for the actual celebrity, or commercials."

When I asked if he'd ever gotten anything free from people who mistake him for actor Michael Richards (who plays and being playful with it. Somebody may ask what I'm doing there, and I say 'Just having dinner with friends.' I might say I'm here on vacation. I've had times where somebody asked me if I was Kramer, and I just don't answer and leave it hanging. Maybe I smile. I once knocked over a bottle of wine, and people thought I did it on purpose, acting like Kramer."

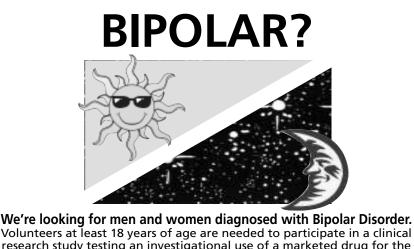
I talked to Elyse Del Francia-Goodwin, who is an agent and founder

"I TOLD THEM I WASN'T DOLLY PARTON AND SOME WOULD SAY, 'WE DON'T CARE. WE'LL TELL OUR RELATIVES IT WAS, AND THEY WON'T KNOW.'"

Kramer), he said, "Sure, if I'm on a plane, and they want to bump me up to first class, I go. That has happened. If I'm having dinner, sometimes people buy me a drink or they'll buy me dinner. Sometimes I don't say anything. It's weird, because when you deny you are the real Kramer, the more they believe you really are him. Also, there's an artful way of denying of the annual Celebrity Impersonators Convention in Las Vegas. She has been a celebrity impersonator agent since 1992. She said, "Most of the time I'm with an Elvis impersonator, or Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable...and those people are dead. I had an interesting night recently with my husband. We went to the Palms Hotel and Casino with two of my Anna Nicole Smith and rapper Snoop Dogg. They are dead ringers and we were there to have a fun night out. As soon as we walked in the front doors, we had security around us and on their radios saying 'Snoop and Anna are in the house!' People who were waiting in a long line to get into their nightclub started yelling 'Snoop!' Others yelled, 'Anna, we love your show!' Security was moving us so quicky into a VIP elevator. I just looked at my husband and gestured 'Oh, well'. The elevator doors opened to a VIP lounge overlooking what seemed to be 2000 people in the nightclub. It was a cool setting and very exclusive. Security remained with us until two were needed because people kept coming around for autographs, pictures, and just wanting to talk. My husband was just amazed that this was happening, but we bought our own drinks, and my husband is a big tipper from old Las Vegas days. About two hours into our evening, a beautiful woman came up to me and asked if I was the agent. I said yes, and she told me she was the publicist for the hotel and

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that George Maloof, the owner of the Palms [also owner of the Sacramento Kings NBA team], would like to come over to meet Snoop. I said sure and he came over with his entourage to talk with our Snoop impersonator. They spoke for about five minutes and left. As I watched his people looking at my people, I had to think they must know by now that they are impersonators. But they didn't. Now, it's about

4:00 a.m. and we are getting ready to leave. Security escorted us through the executive offices and down a back elevator and we ended up in the valet parking area. We said we needed a cab, and they said 'No, no, no. Please take our limo.' So we did. That was one of the most fun nights I have had because I really let it go all the way."

When I talked to Gail Williams, a Spring Valley resident, she seemed a bit surprised that these lookalikes have gotten so much. She said, "A free meal, free drinks. I never got any of that." This could be because one of the people she impersonates is Patsy Cline, who died in 1963. Williams also sings and performs as Dolly Parton. I asked if people have thought she was the real deal.

"A few times I've done some performances with a Kenny Rogers lookalike. We were having dinner afterwards, and people were asking us if we were them. We didn't get a free dinner out of it, though. One guy wanted us to autograph his arm. The only time I really was mistaken was when I went to Dollywood on vacation. I didn't really dress up. I was dressed nice and had my hair up. People there were coming up and wanted to take their picture with me. I

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told them I wasn't Dolly Parton and some would say, 'We don't care. We'll tell our relatives it was, and they won't know.' The only person I didn't tell was a woman that came up and was crying. She was so excited and emotional, meeting who she thought was Parton. And Dolly tells stories of her childhood and growing up. She's not like one of those over-the-top performers like Cher or Britney Spears. She's so down-to-earth. I couldn't tell her I wasn't Dolly. I felt so bad."

"When you are singing her songs and impersonating her, what are the legalities? Do you have to pay royalties?

"Well, Dolly hasn't sued me yet! Actually, the only time I've heard of lawsuits was with Elvira. She has sued a few people, and I guess she won. That's because she created that character, and they are impersonating a character she created, and not the actual person. When I've done some TV shows singing, several times they've told me they will have to pay some kind of royalty for using the song."

When I worked in radio, we had a DJ doing nights who went by the name B.Z. One time Rob Halford, the singer of Judas Priest, showed up at the window. At this time, Halford was living in Arizona; he now owns a place in Hillcrest as well as one back in the U.K. He was often in town. He mentioned once visiting a friend at Camp Pendleton. When B.Z. was telling us the story, he said, "I kept telling him to get lost. I didn't think it was Halford. And with the soundproof windows, I couldn't hear what he was saying. Since he didn't leave, I pulled out the CD covers. I compared them, and it looked just like him, so I let him in. I'm glad I did, because it was really him."

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THE MYSTERY OF THE PUTNAM SISTERS

Amy, Anne, and Irene. "If anyone tells you they knew them, they're lying," one longtime San Diegan says, when asked about the late Putnam sisters. The wealthy, reclusive spinsters went to and from their Hillcrest mansion at Fourth Avenue and Walnut Street in a curtain-shrouded limousine. Only an occasional citizen glimpsed them. They were zoo visitors, and contributed generously to the Zoological and Humane Societies. They gave money for musicales. In 1938 the sisters began to lavish San Diego with Old Masters. They donated an El Greco; a Goya; a Van Dyck; a glorious Murillo; the Zurbarán *Agnus Dei,* from which the woolly Lamb of God, bound for sacrifice, gazes helplessly off the canvas at the viewer. For a time after World War II, helped by Putnam contributions, San Diego's Fine Arts Gallery (since 1978 the San Diego Museum of Art) became the largest holder of Old Masters this side of the Mississippi.

Then in the late '40s, the Gallery's first director fell out of Amy's favor. Putnam paintings were no longer donated to San Diego. The sisters' acquisitions from that time on did not stay in town but instead traveled the nation, on loan to such prestigious institutions as the Metropolitan Museum in New York, Washington's National Gallery, Harvard's Fogg, the Art Institute in

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Chicago, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. What happened between Amy and the handsome young gallery director, no one knew. In 1950 San Diego attorney Walter Ames took over the sisters' affairs and helped them to create the nonprofit Putnam Foundation, a move that would eventually secure all the Putnam paintings for San Diego. Later, through the Timken family of the Timken roller bearing fortune, Ames acquired funds to build the Timken Art Gallery in Balboa Park. That gallery now houses a remarkable collection of art composed exclusively of Putnam purchases.

Twenty years have passed since the last sister was buried, without ceremony, in a Greenwood Cemetery family plot. (Amy wrote in 1950: "I am allergic to funerals, and wish to be sure mine is simple, and that no one sees me.") The Putnams' earlier gifts (a total of 115) can still be seen in the San Diego Museum of Art, enriching that gallery's collection. And the sisters' gifts continue to radiate throughout the Timken Art

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Gallery, new purchases by the Putnam Foundation adding yearly to the growing list of Old Masters: the Petrus Christus Death of the Virgin with its angels ascending toward heaven bearing the Virgin's soul; the Pieter Brueghel Parable of the Sower that beckons the viewer into its luminous, infinite distances; Rembrandt's St. Bartholomew; a number of distinguished American works, including Eastman Johnson's celebrated Cranberry Harvest, a Winslow Homer,

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the Benjamin West *Fidelia and Speranza*, a Frederic Remington, and a gorgeous melancholy landscape by George Inness. In addition there are more than 300 glittering Russian icons that were Amy's special delight. The Putnam Foundation, beneficiary of the sisters' estates, continues to endow the Timken gallery,

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the only fine art gallery in the area that does not charge an entry fee. The startling contemporary travertine marble and glass, bronze-doored structure sits to one side of the plaza in Balboa Park, in austere contrast to the nearby phantasmagorical Moorish and Mediterranean architecture. With the stylistic difference that keeps other park structures at arm's length, with its chilly rectilinear simplicity never hinting at the interior's richness, the building stands as a metaphor for the sisters themselves.

The Timken gallery also safeguards four file



Eastman Johnson, The Cranberry Harvest, Island of Nantucket

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drawers of Putnam paper of tapestry (\$1068.03); faded obituaries; Irene's memorabilia. The quixotic assortment begins with poems ("With sad face an 1822 letter to the Revturned aside, lest sudden olutionary general, Israel comers see her weep, / She Putnam. There are bills sits..."); queries to the city of San Diego for a for Aubusson draperies, portières, and preparation permit to extend the tenfoot fence another few feet after a drunk plowed into the wrought iron with his Chevy sedan; smudged carbons. There are the *New York Times* and *San Diego Union* accounts of the sisters' inheritance

from their cousin Willie Putnam, the gift that would change the face of San Diego art. The Union headline reads: "FIVE MIL-LION BEQUEATHED TO 2 SAN DIEGO WOMEN." (Sister Irene died prior to the inheritance.) The files end with a veritable flood, a deluge, written by Amy from the late '40s, as Anne's health began to fail, and ending with Amy's death in 1958. The letters increase in number and intensity as Amy loses hope for Anne's memory to be restored, or her health to return. Amy's misery breaks through her fat scrawl. She begins to write the most far-flung of relations, even third and fourth cousins in Sedro Wooley, Washington. She answers letters from an English family to whom the sisters sent food during World War II, keeping them up on Anne's decline and her own vicious headaches.

The majority of this file consists of Amy's correspondence with Frederick S. Parker, vice president of New York City's prestigious Guaranty Trust, himself the sisters' trust officer. The letters are replete with the desolation of Amy's raw loneliness, as Anne more often hardly recognizes her.



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These letters, with their coloratura despair, their temper, went out almost daily to Parker, and have been preserved with his often daily, detailed replies to San Diego.

The many thousand sheets of paper tell more by absence and by what is not said, than by what is. This extraordinary volume testifies to the greater volume crumpled, tossed, and pitched into fires. ("I have been busy burning letters in the fireplace," Amy wrote Parker in 1950.) There are parchment informals, engraved laid papers, stiff sheets taken from pigeonholes in club desks, crinkling onionskins and airmail bonds, typed with the Remington and Smith-Corona pica and elite that more than the Spencerian hand poignantly evoke a simpler era. But nothing in the pounds of paper opens the Putnams' secret hearts. What

their longings and disappointments might have been; why they never married; why they disdained San Diego society; why they were reluctant to be seen; how the museum gallery director got into Amy's bad graces — a peruser of the paper can only guess the answers.

Stories of the sisters' reclusiveness are not exaggerated. When it was necessary for Amy to be at the downtown Bank of America, arrangements were made to admit her before the bank opened. The late Julia Gethman Andrews, a Fine Arts Gallery employee during the sisters' lifetimes, recalled their visits to the gallery as "in character; always announced days in advance, it was an occasion planned for in detail — everything clean and shining, a fresh bouquet beneath their latest gift. Finally their great black limousine appeared



in the plaza and Miss Amy and Miss Anne were ushered in, the chauffeur remaining with the equipage while the ladies made their 'royal progress.' "These came before or after gallery hours. Almost to the end, what they did, they did anonymously, although the staff and board of directors of the Fine Arts Gallery certainly knew who their benefactors were.

Nancy Ames Petersen, executive director of the Timken Art Gallery and a member of the board of directors of the Putnam Foundation, is the daughter of the late Walter Ames, the sisters' attorney. (It is Petersen's 80-year-old mother who warns, "If anyone says they knew them, they're lying.") Although Ames sometimes visited the mansion daily, his professional discretion was complete. He rarely mentioned the women. Mrs. Ames never met them. So, like other San Diegans, much of what Nancy Petersen knows about the Putnams is, she suggests, a mix of lore with conjecture. But Petersen, a sympathetic, gracious, and practical woman in her 50s and the mother of two grown men, one of whom also works at the gallery, wonders if the sisters' father, Elbert Putnam, was not

a rather typically dictatorial, mid-Victorian father, overprotective, a man who would have discouraged prospective bridegrooms. Certainly, Petersen posits, the father as Autocrat-of-the-Breakfast-Table was not an unusual role in the senior Putnam's day. When they arrived in San Diego, and definitely by the time Elbert died, would it not have been too late for the women to consider marriage? Would they not have been fearful of fortune-hunting Lotharios?

It was said, correctly, that the sisters did entertain, but that they did so rarely. The guests were men from Los Angeles and the East Coast — art dealers, historians, curators. The women's conspicuous distance from townspeople caused talk. Their distance was so deliberate, so complete. When the young gallery director was forced to

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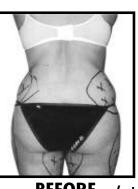
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resign, many San Diegans were angry with the sisters. But even today Petersen remains as baffled as anyone else about why the women avoided society, about the director's fall from grace.

Several redoubtable ladies, some curious to seize a look at the women and the mansion's fabled interior, others guilelessly warmhearted, attempted, from one decade to the next, to pay a call. Servants took their cards. One or two are said to have been received coolly, to have visited with the ladies (who were reported to be tiny, bony, plain creatures, fingers glittering with diamonds and emeralds, in dress that evinced little thought of fashion). No encouragement to return was extended.

The late Julia Andrews, former employee at the Fine Arts Gallery, was one of the few women invited.

She told of her visits in a paper she read at a 1966 meeting of the local Wednesday Club, prefacing her talk with this disclaimer: "Not that I wish to give the impression that I was an intimate of the Putnams. The nearest I ever came to this was when Miss Amy asked whether I could arrange an evening in my home when they might come and have my husband play for them...My visits to the mansion were for the most part in pursuit of my duties as curator of paintings for the gallery director, Reginald Poland."

Andrews mentioned other guests. The ethnologist Edward H. Davis, an authority on Southwest Indian tribes, whom the Mesa Grande Indians called "the Great White Father," spent weekends at the mansion. Natives of Old Russia, with whom Amy shared her interest in Russia's



Rembrandt's St. Bartholomew

folk art and the Ballet Russe, came for evenings.

Andrews offered this hypothesis to explain the Putnam reclusiveness: "The aloofness of the Putnam sisters, generally attributed to shyness and excessive modesty, was

rather a native English dignity, never violated."

Amy, Anne, and Irene arrived in San Diego in 1913, when the city was an optimistic metropolis of 55,000. They came from Bennington, Vermont, with their father,

Elbert Putnam, who was then 76 years old, and their mother, Thetis Bishop Putnam. Elbert, retired ex-vice president of Bennington's water company, joined his millionaire elder brother Henry, who had retired here in 1898. The sisters were past their mid-30s when the family moved into the mansion their father ordered built (and immediately deeded to his daughters) at the northwest corner of Fourth and Walnut, near Balboa Park, then a dusty chaos of horses, carpenters, and timber, noisy with shouts and pinging hammers as the area was readied for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

The Putnams were lured here by the climate and by older brother Henry. They reveled as they supervised planting of what were, to them, exotic "hothouse" oranges and flowers. Thetis saw to flower gardens to soften the lines of the new house. Henry, on his Alpine property (he also had a home near Balboa Park), fertilized New York Concord grapevines with "butcher's blood." In the balmy salt air he regained the energies that once amassed millions; when he wrote home, as did all these transplanted northerners, he noted, with emphatic underscorings, that this was truly Paradise.

Because Henry Putnam dominated the family in so many ways, he is often confused with the father of the three sisters. For example, an ofttold legend about the Putnams is that Elbert came to California before the Gold Rush and worked as a water boy. In fact, it was Henry, Elbert's older brother, who came to San Francisco in the early 1840s and began ped-







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dling water by the bottle. And it was this early adventure that began Henry's fortune. After he had accrued a small capital, Henry headed back home to Essex, New York, not far from the Vermont border. Using his money from California, he invested in a steel-rolling mill that, during the Civil War, supplied "ironsides" to the Union's warship Monitor. At heart Henry was no industrialist. He was an inventor, one of the 19th-century tinkerers out to build a better mousetrap. Appalled by

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and it is to his perspicacity in filing patents that San Diego owes its icons, the radiant Inness landscape, Rembrandt's portrait of a melancholy St. Bartholomew, and the stipplings of vibrant red in a Timken Art Gallery favorite, The Cranberry Harvest. Henry's factory turned out the doublepointed carpet tack, a mop squeezer, the first water boys' awkward tying practical clothes wringer, of corks to bottles with a rubber bottle stopper, string, Henry devised a the "lightening" jar and simple wire fastener. In other pressure jar-clos-1862 he moved to Bening devices, and a machine that made nington, Vermont, where he married a New York barbed-wire fencing. City widow who became (This last is another comthe mother of his only mon error in stories told child, Willie. Henry then about the Putnams, that began to manufacture his the sisters' father Elbert bottle "cap," which, fore-"invented barbed wire." sightedly, he patented. Not true.)

successful, and Henry

began to fabricate other

articles for domestic use.

Some were his invention;

most were others'. But all

were placed under patents

held in Henry's name —

bought the Bennington Water Company. Financially, this was his El Dorado. He was on his way to becoming a wealthy man. He bought out the town's grist mill, its brick factory, constructed its leading hotel, built and operated an opulent opera house, and became the town's largest employer and holder of the majority of its real estate. Later Henry moved to New York City, where he founded the Brooklyn Elevated Company.

Twelve years younger than Henry, Elbert surely felt the chill of his older brother's shadow. In 1868, when Elbert moved to Bennington, Henry made Elbert vice president of the water company and built him a house on land that he himself earlier had abandoned. Working for Henry, a man consistently pennywise and dollar foolish, cannot have been easy. Elbert's lifelong role is spelled out in his Bennington Ban-

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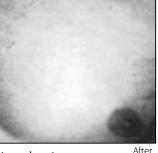




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Elbert had married Thetis Bishop two years before the move to Bennington. Daughter Anne, born in 1867, was a year old at the time, and Thetis was carrying Irene, who

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was born in 1869. Amy was born five years later. All three girls were born in New Russia, New York, a small hamlet near the Vermont border. Thetis's family had long maintained a rambling twostory house in New Russia (it was also a popular

inn), and the Putnam girls lived as often across the border in New Russia as they did in Bennington. For the three sisters life in New Russia was simple, but surely not commonplace. The area was rich in natural beauty ("...'tis my vast and lonely lake which winds / Through mountain chains," Irene wrote) and in time it attracted artists, some of whom stayed at the inn.

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ton schools. They learned

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tor of *ARTNews*, once spoke of receiving in his New York office a 12-page letter from Amy that continued the discussion of painting they had begun some evenings previous in San Diego.) Anne read and spoke French. Irene's translations from French, German, and Italian poets, published in an unidentified newspaper, are in Timken files. In 1918 Amy studied Russian at Stanford University. Several samples of her correspondence in the notoriously thorny Cyrillic alphabet can be seen in Timken files. The mansion library and bookshelves on the second landing and in Anne's

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and Amy's rooms held more than 8000 volumes. A thousand of them made up Amy's Russian collection. Another thousand volumes, in French, belonged to Anne. The titles were a mix of scholarly works and philosophy, history, art, music.

During the years between 1885 and 1900, the years most likely to have found the women courting, the files are a Sahara. A few stray letters remain from the genealogical searches that were Anne's interest. Irene edited a literary magazine, but no copies are in the files.

Did the women have beaux? The only evidence in Timken files of male attention is an undated poem, "To the Unseen Irene," written by a Mr. Bodkin on paper from New York City's Connaught Bar, in response to poems of Irene's he

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had read. The poem, opening with "Dear Little Stranger friend beyond the Sea... The brightest treasure of a happy home," expresses Bodkin's hope that the two can meet.

In 1900, still dividing their time between New York and Vermont, Anne turned 33, Irene 31, and Amy 26. They served in the files). One of their female cousins, a physician, never married. They had the presence of a mother, increasingly morose as years passed, a woman with talent as a painter who had chosen marriage and motherhood, a woman so unhappy that Irene, her apparent favorite, wrote a spate of poems

SWASHBUCKLING WILLIE SPOUTED, BY MEMORY, ENTIRE PLAYS OF SHAKESPEARE.

were still not married. Perhaps spinsterhood did not look ignoble to the three Putnams. They had lively Aunt Amy Bishop as a happy example (the maiden aunt whose letters urging the youngsters to learn taxonomy, botany, biology, are pre-

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Life must have changed in 1898, and Thetis's despondency may have deepened, when Henry turned over the businesses to his son Willie, 34. Elbert, only 61, still tough enough to manage his brother's larger interests, was passed over. He hung on at the water works until 1912, when Henry donated them to Bennington and assigned their profits to



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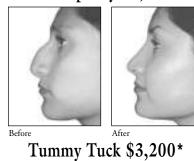
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Willie never married, and when asked why, he said he had "too many interests to pay proper attention to a wife."

By the time Willie died in 1937, he had, through investment,

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tripled his father's worth, and that with the Depression. He gave away millions — to Bennington's hospital, to Shakespearereciting heavyweight champion Gene Tunney. He could hardly have resisted the pleas of Cleveland industrialist Mark Hanna, who asked him to add Putnam largess to the pot that would help neo-Tory McKinley trounce the hapless Populist candidate William Jennings Bryan, trampling across America with his "Cross of Gold" speech — and Willie's "connections" to the hightariff, pro-business administration would not have harmed Putnam interests.

Willie was the wild card that turned so many would-be straight avenues of Putnam history off on



a new path. Willie's falling heir to the Putnam business in essence kept Elbert in second place all his life, and may have kept the damper on family finances. But without Anne's and Amy's receipt, so unexpected, of onefourth of Willie's fortune (it had appeared, at first, that they were to have only \$200,000 apiece from his personal legacies), the Rembrandt and the Rubens would not have been possible, to say nothing of the Timken Art Gallery.

Elbert did not leave his daughters to go begging. In 1927, when Willie turned Elbert's final accounts over to the sisters' lawyer, Willie was able to report, "The inventory totals \$280,984.82, of which amount \$15,809.20 represents

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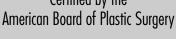
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revered by their domestic staff, the Putnams have enjoyed life in a manner described by friends as "sensible."

News like that [of the bequest] would be exciting to most individuals, but even

the Putnam household staff knew nothing of the bequest until it appeared in the papers. Life goes on unchanged.

LIKE TO TRAVEL The Putnams could not be reached for statements today,

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and it was believed they were out of town. Recently they visited friends and relatives in the east and reportedly took in the New York Fair. One of their major pleasures is travel, comments of friends indicated.

By the '40s Anne and Amy, 73 and 66, were legends. They were never seen idly munching a pastel Jordan almond at a bridge table. They attended no teas, no gallery openings, were never "run into" shopping downtown. Although they favored religious art, no one saw them in church. They secluded themselves behind the spiked wrought-iron fence that surrounded the formal gardens. They sat in the gardens on warm days, reading and writing letters and playing with the 25-pound longhaired cats whose parents came from Bennington. They visited with out-of-town guests in among the flowers their mother loved: the vining clematis, the ruffled phlox and pungent stock, the columbine, the scented single petunias, the baby's breath, the blue cornflower backed by spikes of paler blue delphinium. The German cook certainly improves my morale," she said of her hour at the beauty salon); ferried her back and forth to her torturous sessions with the dentist; traded

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Bertha and her helpers stirred up lavish breakfasts in the antiquated kitchen. Bertha also ordered groceries, dealt with tradesmen, and supervised the help. The chauffeur, Hercules Robbins, the only remaining servant hired by their father, managed the gardeners; drove Amy to the hairdresser ("It



the Chrysler for a Dodge ("I hope the car doesn't look cheap," Amy wrote). Robbins picked up guests at depots and airports. Their lawyers came to them. The dentist came to the mansion to do Anne's dental work. In Anne's bedroom, with its ornately carved and swagged mahogany and satinwood French rococo furniture, he "filed down her teeth, which were so sharp that they were cutting her lips," Amy wrote. Because Anne's health had deteriorated and Amy found herself increasingly unable to shake off tormenting her headaches, Amy invited their physician to begin eating breakfast with them each morning — a service for which the sisters are rumored to have paid \$50 per morning. Not infrequently as many as eight

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nurses carried trays laid with tea and coddled eggs, toast points, up and down the stairs.

The decorator who installed the Fortuny drapes came and went. His son, a young teenager then, remembers the mansion as dark, crepuscular, and gloomy. He recalls the ladies as plain women, wearing Victorian lace collars high at the throat, and that a marvelous aroma of fresh sugar cookies baked by Bertha filled the house.

The evidence left by Putnam memorabilia is that the sisters truly cared for painting. No dilettante would have labored so over books, kept such track of sales announced in *ARTNews* and in catalogs sent by galleries and art auction houses as did Anne and Amy. More than once Amy was forced to draw on her personal bank account (in addition to her trust account)

to meet \$40,000 payments for purchases as trop cher as a Rembrandt landscape. Julia Andrews hypothesized that "to buy Russian icons instead of Russian sables, to forgo travel in favor of Titians and Tintorettos, to choose a Goya rather than a gay winter on the Riviera the decision to secure paintings for our city rather than a thousand and one personal pleasures must have been based on some criterion of value, firmly followed."

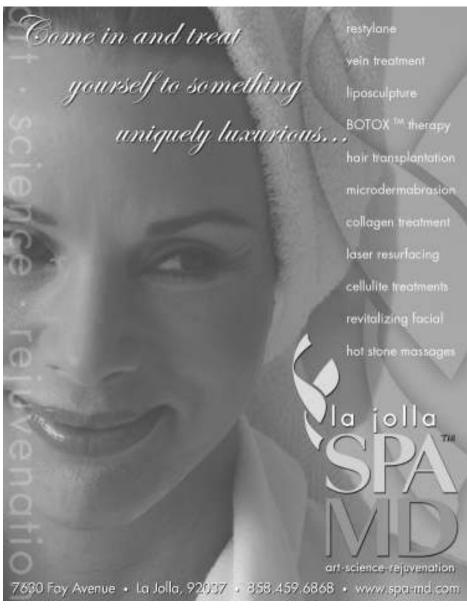
For the rich, giving away art is practical. The Putnam sisters were practical New England women. Donating Goyas lightened the oppressive Putnam tax burden, hugely increased by Willie's five million and the subject of many letters to Frederick Parker at Guaranty Trust.

To learn how Reginald Poland came to San Diego to become director of the Fine Arts Gallery, and how Anne and Amy entered his life, a reader must backtrack through files to 1925 when the Fine Arts Gallery was built in Balboa Park. Amelia C. Bridges, born a Timken, and her husband, Appleton S. Bridges, gave \$400,000 toward construction of an art gallery — to be operated by the Fine Arts Society — and Amelia Bridges offered, for her lifetime, to pay the gallery director's salary.

The process by which Poland was hired is well documented in the files. A Society member had been connected with the Detroit Institute of Art. When time came to find a director, San Diego turned to Detroit. The first choice refused the job and suggested Poland. Responding to this, a November 2, 1925, night letter was sent to Detroit,



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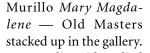
A 1930 photograph of Fine Arts Gallery director Poland can be seen in Iris H.W. Engstrand's San Diego, California's Cornerstone. Poland, 37, is posed with local artists at Leslie Lee's studio and home, "Hollow of the Hills," near Alpine. In the casually dressed group only Poland wears a suit. A drawing of Poland could have illustrated Scott Fitzgerald's Collier's stories. His is a chiseled, handsome face, firm at the jaw, and "artistic" dreamy, brooding — and around the eyes, melancholy. It was the "right" face for the job.

From the first telegrams it is apparent Poland's job won't be easy.



The files show he did well. A 1950 San Diego Union article reported the city's art collection as worth \$50,000 when Poland took over, and 25 years later it was worth \$7 million. Poland forged friendships with local artists and helped them by purchasing their work and providing them with Gallery lectureships. Crafts were among his interests, and he served on the National Ceramics Jury. He and his wife had significant numbers of supporters and personal friends, including Edmund T. Price, president of Solar Aircraft Company, by the late '40s also Fine Arts Society president.

When the Putnam sisters came into Willie's money and then began to spend that money on art, Poland must have felt rewarded. A 1475 Bermejo; a Goya; an El Greco; a Van Dyck; the



Amelia Bridges died in 1940 and the sisters assumed her role in supporting the gallery, including the payment of the director's \$6000 salary. Julia Andrews characterized Poland in her Wednesday Club paper as "Miss Anne's favorite," and it was Anne, in 1940 still active, who wrote the letter to the Society's board, offering the salary contribution.

Dapper Poland, his hair turned silver in his 15 years in San Diego, dropped by the mansion often in the early '40s. He was particularly welcomed by Anne (of whom Julia Andrews said, "She was the eldest of the three sisters but the closest to her youth. There was nothing austere or ascetic about her, or her room, which breathed an almost gay romanticism"). They had in common a love of the Gallic. Poland had been a curator of French paintings at Detroit, and knew the language. Anne, at Poland's behest, stepped out of anonymity and allowed him to place her name on the Society's letterhead as an honorary vice president.

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ings. The Spanish Civil War and the beginning of World War II in Europe liquefied the art market. Old Masters of quality became available at reasonable prices. Anne and Amy began to buy. Their early gifts concentrated on Spanish, Netherlandish, and Italian canvases, the Spanish as a nod to their adopted hometown's Spanish colonial past. In The Los Angeles Times Book of California Museums, L.A. Times art editor William Wilson devotes a chapter to the Timken Art Gallery. He writes about those heady years that opened the Putnam spending spree. "The Putnams made such impossible acquisitions as Goya's Marqués de Sofraga and Sanchez Cotán's Quince, Cabbage, Melon, and Cucumber." In the early '40s the

sisters were reading, in depth and in several languages, about artists whose paintings they considered for purchase. Never trusting to their own judgment in buying paintings, they consulted curators and dealers, scholars, and historians. They invited Frankfurter; Spanish art historian Chandler R. Post of Harvard; and W.R. Valentiner, director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, to come to San Diego to give their opinion on purchases. They entertained the gentlemen in the library, where from above the books, Amy's glittering icons, in the heat from the fireplace, gave back the heady aroma of incense their wood had absorbed centuries earlier in Old Russia.

Poland would have been present at the huge, round mahogany Empire dining table sent by rail from Bennington, where the Putnam guests feasted on Bertha's cooking. It may have been at this table, or perhaps by the fireplace in the library, where Poland irked an art-dealing friend of Amy's, a man who would



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help put the skids under Poland. Years later, when Poland became persona non grata in the mansion, Amy claimed that Poland "never liked Alfred Frankfurter." Whether Poland did or did not like all the cast of Putnam advisers — among whom was more than one rascally art dealer, out for the ladies' vast account ---no one knows. But a reader of Timken files learns that Amy, who to the end had only praise for Valentiner and Frankfurter, never shared Anne's enthusiasm for Poland. Once Amy decided Poland had to go, his already doomed ship was only further damaged by his alleged dislike of Frankfurter and his distrust of one art dealer who was Amy's favorite. (In 1949 Poland warned Amy privately of this painting-huckster. Investigators were asked to look into his life. They

discovered several lawsuits brought against him by dissatisfied clients, and several more pending; that he was purported to sell "schoolroom studies" as "masters"; that his certification and authentication of certain fine art pieces were in question; and that all down the East Coast and even throughout European art circles and among reputable art dealers, the man was anathema.)

How had Poland garnered Amy's wrath? In her letters Amy claimed that Poland had failed to appreciate the Old Masters and that he did not care for the paintings properly. She wrote to Frederick Parker in late 1949, "I cannot agree to give these treasures to the Gallery while Poland has the care of them. He has shown so openly his ill will and desire to be rid of them after having promised to keep them in the vault." In a 1950 letter to Parker, Amy wrote of having spoken with her attorney, Walter Ames. "I told him Mr. Poland is not suited to the position and not worthy of entrusting such valuable pictures to. I reminded him that one of our especially beautiful and rare paintings, which Poland asked permission to hang on the wall, before we paid for it, he took down afterward, without our knowledge, and placed it in the basement instead of returning it to the vault."

She complained that Poland, who brought ceramics and prints, contemporary and Asian art to the gallery, had turned too much to modern art. Nettled one day by this, Amy wrote to Parker, "They have a group of people who are interested in contemporary art, who are giving a party in the Gallery today, to raise

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funds to bring 'outstanding exhibitions of contemporary art to San Diego.' "Parker replied, "The management with Poland there is making the Fine Arts Society into a modernistic institution instead of a museum where the great masters predominate from an exhibition standpoint, and this to me is unfortunate for as far as modern art is concerned it is all ridiculous to me."

Amy also made petty charges. In mid-1949 she alleged to Parker that during all the years they fur-\$6000 from 1940, rising to \$8000 after 1946 -Poland had not paid personal income taxes. She insisted that funds which the sisters and an artdealer friend had put toward a Fine Arts Society catalog had been improperly administered. Quickening the tempo of her angry letters, Amy lit-

erally scrawled to Parker at the end of 1949, "Neither Mr. or Mrs. Poland have ever enquired about my sister's health."

By 1949 Anne could no longer manage, and Amy, for the first time, was bereft of the family connection upon which she depended for 75 years. Had Anne been well, perhaps the Poland fracas would have been contained. "Anne's physical health is good now," Amy wrote Parker in 1949 (and her condition did not change in 1950), "and she goes out to sit with her nurses, for a while, nearly every morning. She rarely comes down to the dining room now for her meals. She grows more forgetful. The painful thing is that she has lost a lot mentally... I am unable to discuss any matter with her, as she forgets what one is talking about. It is very sad and difficult." The doctor had recommended a television set for Anne. A swivelbased table model Hoffman was procured. Amy reported to Parker, "She eats well and for several days appeared interested in looking at her television pictures... I presume she will look at it again this evening. She appears to try to say something about it to the nurses, often, when watching it, so they think it may induce her to make more effort to speak. The doctor hopes it may be a mental stimulus, and told me it would be better to have an antenna so as to receive more variety of programs. We had one put up on the roof Monday morning and the nurses tell me the reception is very clear and good. The antenna is only about ten feet high and is on the 'deck' of the roof, not through the tile, but it does show from the street. I cannot help that."



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By late 1949 Amy's frenzy accelerated. Telling Parker that as long as Poland and his supporters were at the gallery she felt unable to visit, Amy announced she wanted Poland gone. She demanded that Fine Arts Society president Edmund Price fire him. Price, in conversation and by letter with Amy, sidestepped the incendiary issue. He tried at one and the same time — to hold firm his authority as Society president and to placate the impassioned wealthy spinster, on whose contributions the Society leaned.

On a day of "chilly, dark weather," when Amy described the house as "the nurse-filled household," she upped the ante. She reported to Parker her latest conversation with Price: "I told him plainly that Mr. Poland had opposed the purchase of every picture and had been extremely rude to our friends, who had been generous to the Gallery, which I resented more than his rudenesses to us. I told him if Mr. Poland is to continue as director we will take the paintings and marbles out before trying to help them to see better art. He looked annoyed when he left, and said several times that he wished you could come out here this winter."

Over Christmas, Amy's obsession turned fanatical. Early in January of 1950, she wrote

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March first, and give them to the Los Angeles museums where they will have good care. I said I did not wish by any means to force Mr. Poland's dismissal, but if the public prefers contemporary, local pictures, with Mr. Poland to direct them, it was only their loss, but we were Parker, "If Mr. Price had any strength of character he would dismiss Poland and get this big gift [a Rembrandt landscape for which she had just finished paying, which had been stored in the gallery vault] we can never repeat. If he retains Poland, I shall have to

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change my will."

Several days later, Amy wrote Parker that the Society was "not worthy"; and notified him that she wanted to "annul" all Putnum gifts given to the Society, to change the provision in her will that gave the "residue of her estate" to the Society, and to remove all the paintings being donated in 1949 from the gallery vault, especially her Rembrandt landscape.

Amy had finally gotten to Parker. He sent a night letter, "There is no way you can annul the gifts that have been made, nor would you want to do so because of the tax feature, which is of such importance that the cost of the pictures is fully taken care of through the tax deduction. It involves close to \$200,000 in taxes and this is not stretching the point."

Amy quailed at the sum, but held firm. Poland

had to go. She wrote Parker, "It upsets me very much to find they are all such fools in the Society. Mr. Price has made promises for a year and has not done one thing." By March 1950, Amy warned Parker, "I am filled with anger and frustration, so please brace yourself and do not be annoyed with this long letter." She had talked again with Price. "I told him we would require definite proof that Poland was dismissed, with a provision that he could not return to the gallery in any capacity."

Amy trusted Walter Ames, while in the same breath she complained that Ames, a small, frail, spare man not in the best of health, "has no pep." Ames had firmly told Amy that the Society could not simply go to Poland and "tell him to get out"; both Ames and Price told Amy that the director had supporters. This turned her fierce. It also depressed her. She admitted to Parker, "I am growing more and more discouraged and angry to think they do not care enough for the pictures we have given, and may give, to get rid of such an unpleasant, inefficient person."

By the middle of spring in 1950 Ames found a compromise. Poland, who not once in 25 years had a vacation, and who worked all seven days of the week, would receive a year's paid leave of absence, and during that time could look for a new position.

The letters in the file do not show how Poland responded to the events of 1949 and 1950, but on June 24, 1950, the *San Diego Union* announced, "Poland Resigns as Director of Art Gallery," and printed a photograph of the still-handsome 57-yearold. The photograph is

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Poland submitted his resignation to the Society's directors, to be effective July 1. At the meeting, supporters urged Poland to take the leave of absence. Poland replied that he wanted the resignation to be "full and complete."

Amy, a careful newspaper reader, watched avidly, and waited — "fearfully, anxiously," she wrote Parker — for some word of Poland's demise at the gallery. When the June 24 issue appeared, she cut the clipping and airmailed it to Parker, with an accompanying note that expressed "our" appreciation for his help in this matter. "We could not have accomplished this without your help." Several weeks later she wrote to Parker that she was relieved it was over. "I am thankful," she added, "that they do not come to talk to me about our withdrawal from the Society."

Certainly Amy found solace in Parker's attention. "I am thankful to have a Guardian Angel to tell my troubles to," she wrote him. Whatever his motives, he was the joy of her last years. Parker

PARKER, IN HIS OWN WAY, AFTER ANNE WAS NO LONGER WELL, SAVED AMY'S LIFE.

had been associated with Guaranty Trust since the '20s, and from his letters he can be accounted a man who knew well how to deal with the vagaries of the well-to-do. He was Willie's friend and financial adviser, "although I often took *his* advice, for he was very wise," Parker wrote Amy. Parker assured our midnight suppers, giggling by the fire.") Although Parker met with the family as far back as the time of Willie's Bennington funeral, the voluminous correspondence, and Parker's many visits to San Diego, did not begin until Anne's illness and memory loss, and were made largely in

her that he considered

himself dedicated to Put-

nam interests. The tenor

of Parker's several hun-

dred dictated and typed

letters to Amy moves

between avuncular, even

patronizing, to giddy conspiratorial. ("I am only

your lieutenant," he wrote

Amy. "You are the gen-

eral... I think back to

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100 N. Rancho Santa Fe Road, Suite 119, San Marcos www.advantagelaser.net connection with the Poland affair. Parker was married, and by 1950 a grandfather. A diabetic, his condition was exacerbated by intemperance in eating and drinking, and Amy's letters to him fill up with warnings about his health. At some point in early 1950, Parker had expressed a desire to retire from the Guaranty. By August 1950, two months after Poland's resignation, Parker had been named president of the newly formed Putnam Foundation, and he moved to San Diego. For eight years he managed the foundation and traveled throughout the United States, buying paintings. While he was on the road, he continued to write long letters to Amy. In 1957, Parker died. A year later, Amy died at the age of 84.

It was Parker, initially, who preserved the correspondence; later, as the sisters' attorney and president of the Putnam Foundation, Ames kept the papers. They prove to be as much a treasure as the paintings, the icons, and the Gobelin tapestries.

Parker, in his own way, after Anne was no longer well, saved Amy's life. (Anne outlived Amy, and died in 1962, two months shy of her 95th birthday.) But Ames saved the day. Even though Poland resigned gracefully, hoping to save the gallery, Amy remained adamant in her disapproval of the Fine Arts Society. After 1950 she turned her back on the Society. The post-1950 Putnam acquisitions, pur-

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chased through the foundation, did not have a permanent home; Amy refused to donate them to the Fine Arts Gallery. So those paintings wandered the country on loan to various museums. But she remained troubled about their eventual disposition, and even at her angriest, she wrote to Parker that she felt "San Diego needs them." The creation of the Timken Art Gallery resolved that. The wandering paintings came back to San Diego to a permanent home. Nancy Ames Petersen

likes to tell this story: When she started work at the Timken Art Gallery in 1965, she would excitedly tell her father how

many visitors the gallery had that day. Her father would say to her, "I don't care about numbers. If only one person comes in here and is inspired, that's what matters." The letters show this is also what Amy truly cared about. Nancy Petersen knows this, of course, and when she carefully takes the Putnam folders from the filing cabinet, places the folders in a huge wicker basket down for a reader, she says, "I don't want anyone to hurt my wonderful dear old ladies."

Judith Moore

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most sympathetic characters, Jesus and Mary. Reading your venomous spewing convinces me that you never even saw the film. Why don't you admit that you just read the reviews of the critics who hated it? I'll bet you walked in the theater, looked at all the kids, and angrily strode across the lobby and watched Dirty Dancing II. As for me, I walked out feeling an immense awakening of what was done for me by God's Son and how little I deserve it. I felt no impulse to start a pogrom or burn a cross in front of a synagogue.

Finally, would you and your guilt-by-association friends please get it through your thick, unimaginative heads that Mel Gibson is not responsible for his father? Many of us have bigoted parents too, but parenthood isn't destiny and we don't necessarily share their views while loving them all the same. Mel's father is probably senile. What is Mel supposed to do, publicly denounce his own father? I am sure he rolls his eyes every time someone sticks a camera and a microphone in front of his dad, but Gibson has said clearly that he does not blame the Jews for the death of Christ, but that all mankind shares the blame.

Ms. Tarantino, one of the Ten Commandments reads, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." It seems to me that you have done just that by making all these unfounded accusations against Mel Gibson and then writing him off as "arrogant." I have a suggestion for you. Go see the movie and watch it. And after you do, go to confession.

> Clay Bronson Fallbrook

Fresh Neighbors

I wanted to mention what a fun surprise it was for me to stumble on the new comic strip Famous Former Neighbors. I knew Eddie Vedder had lived here (his brother was in my high school), but I had no idea about Desi Arnaz. I look forward to learning more about who lived in my neighborhood. Thanks for keeping things fresh.

Cyrene, and the film's two

Carly Gunderson via e-mail

<u>alendar</u>

Toast Masters

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Coffee Bean Club

y neighbors can smell it when I'm roasting coffee," says Michael Allen Smith, "and they want some." He started roasting his own green beans in 1998. He thinks of it as "customizing" his coffee - and as a natural progression in a search for a better-tasting cup of joe. He has been drinking coffee since 1990, when he was 20. He knows how to roast coffee six or seven different ways, but he most often uses a West Bend popcorn

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at sweetmarias.com.

Wild Animal Park, is a

he created the website

programmer and database

on eBay. He gets his beans online

Smith, who lives near the

administrator. In his spare time,

www.ineedcoffee.com. "The most

important thing about home

roasting is the taste," he writes

water or maybe V-8 juice. To

roasted coffee, he uses the

the oven or Chips Ahoy?'

learned about it in this interview, he was not familiar

with the San Diego Home

Roasters Club. Its founder, Jim Lane, says membership in his

one-year-old group is growing only slowly through contacts

made through the newsgroup

alt.coffee. One to five people

have been showing up at

Lane, who lives in

Kensington, says, "I began

drinking coffee seriously in 1984." And

"seriously" means? "It's not about the

amount of coffee; it's about the quality,"

he says. He uses a Hearthware Gourmet

processor. He roasts half a cup of beans

coffee roaster, the size of a food

at a time — for nine minutes. The

the rest of his coffee at San Diego's

"really good coffeehouses." Besides

North Park's Caffé Calabria, where

owner Arne Holt lets the group meet, he

names Peet's Coffee & Tea in Hillcrest.

supply lasts five mornings. He drinks

monthly meetings.

there. He does not order coffee in restaurants - instead, he'll drink

analogy of home-baked cookies.

"Which would you rather have?

A chocolate-chip cookie out of

Smith says that until he

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Most people roast their beans outdoors unless they have a good fan, says Lane. "They generate a lot of smoke, because of the oil they're giving off." The smell is sweet and smoky, not the smell of coffee brewing. The roaster makes noise: "It's pretty loud. It's like a vacuum cleaner." Afterward, there's a waiting period — freshly roasted beans need to "rest" 24 hours before being used. Lane buys his beans locally. He tries to get arabica — high-level. He also tries both for fair trade ("They're

Jim Lane (left) with his home coffee roaster

tough to get") and organic ("Which are much easier").

A marketing and international business teacher at a University of Phoenix satellite campus here, the 59year-old Lane started the club because he thought, "If I'm here, there have to be other people here like me." He says the meetings are "a place to learn 'best practices' kind of stuff." It's "very informal, no charter, no officers, no nothing.

About a year ago, Dennis Reed

found a roaster in a thrift shop in Poway, where he lives. Did he recognize it right away for what it was? "Yes, it was in the box, brand-new. I'm a kitchen-gadget freak," he explains. He paid \$20. He tried a few roastings with it but had questions, which he posted on alt.coffee. It was Lane who responded. Since attending his first meeting at Caffé Calabria in January, Reed has been stocking up on green beans. "I've got 15 or 20 different varieties to work with now," he says. He has bought locally as well as ordered directly

from two growers in Hawaii. Reed is a quantity guy. "I have a high caffeine tolerance," he says. "I drink 8, 12 cups a day, maybe more. That's eightounce cups. But I don't necessarily drink it every day. Some days I drink tea instead." He laughs. Asked if he stays up late, he says, "It has nothing to do with the coffee, but I am a night person. I have been a musician as an avocation since the early '60s."

Age 63 and retired ("Thank goodness") from 35 years as a programmer, Lane likes his coffee sweet. "I was a sugar baby in my youth. But I don't add sugar. What I use is French vanilla Coffeemate creamer." To brew his coffee, Reed uses an old Silex, "with the two glass globes." He says he bought it secondhand not long ago. It was after the image of ones from his past suddenly came into his head. "When I was young, about 15 or 16, I used to deliver newspapers to a café, and they had those Silexes there, and I remember when they roasted the coffee at 5:00 a.m. It stuck in my memory." This was in El Segundo, near L.A. "I used to go in and get a piece of pie and, even though I was young, a cup

of coffee early in the morning. Fond memories.

— Jeanne Schinto

San Diego Home Roasters Club monthly meeting Saturday, March 27 (and every last Saturday) 10:00 a.m.-noon Caffé Calabria 3933 30th Street, North Park Free 619-291-1759

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BAJA

"El Ultimo Monolito de la Noche" read from and signed by Estela Alicia López, Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Selections by Mozart may be heard when Orchestra of Baja California performs Thursday, March 25, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Concert repeated Friday, March 26, at Teatro del Estado (downtown Mexicali); and Saturday, March 27, at Riviera Cultural Center (downtown Ensenada), Concerts begin at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0182. (TIJUANA, MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

The Play Engendraran Dragones presented by Las Díablas Company, Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Classical Music promised when soprano Norma Navarrete, mezzosoprano Carolina Orozco, tenors Fernando Núñez Andrés Carrillo, and bass Javier Carrilo perform Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., at Café de la Opera (Calle 5, Colonia Libertad). 011-52-664-686-3280. (TUUANA)

"Eco-Adventure" — with bike ride and family entertainment, Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m., at La Salina. 011-52-646-178-2411. (ENSENADA)

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Saturday, March 27, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$84 fee includes transportation, meals, tours. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (EL ALAMO) California Blues Band in concert, Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro Benito Juárez.

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(ENSENADA)

Lieder and Arias performed by Encarnación Vázquez (mezzo-soprano), José Median (tenor), Antonio González (piano), Wednesday, March 31, 8 p.m., at Villa Saverios, Zona Río. 011-52-664-686-3280, (TUUANA)

"Furia — Uno de Uno." exhibit of engravings and mixed media by José Hugo Sánchez opens with reception on Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Galeria H & H (Avenida Esteban Cantu 2651, Colonia Davila). Free. 011-52-664-900-6133. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately \$2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: Viaje Cosmico, Anillo de Fuego, Oasis Marino, Travesías Fantásticas, El Misterio de los Mavas.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

African Daisies are bursting into bloom around San Diego, especially along the freeway embankments. The name refers to a wide variety of species belonging to the genuses Arctotis, Dimorphotheca and Osteospermum, with flowers ranging in color from yellow, orange and white, to purple. These hardy ground covers require little water except when in active growth, and help to hold soil in place during heavy rains.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, southern California, and Arizona.

The Sticky-Sweet Odor of citrus blossoms is wafting on the spring breezes this year, as it has in every year since the 1870s, when the county's first commercially planted orange and lemon groves began to produce fruit. From early plantings in areas like National City and Lemon Grove, citrus groves spread east and north as urbanization encroached. Today, a car or bicycle trip through Rancho Santa Fe, Pauma Valley, and the outskirts of Escondido, Vista, and Fallbrook induces a pleasant rem-

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Mojave vucca is widely distributed along San Diego County's coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord's Candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca and Laguna mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas like Torrey Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego's Culp Valley area.

What's Blooming at Lake Hodges? Find out when Bob and Lynda lead hike in San Dieguito River Park, Friday, March 27, 8 to 10 a.m. Easy, four miles. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Look for Golden Eagle, Osprey, and variety of ducks with Audubon Society birders during outing at Santee Lakes, Saturday, March 27. Easy hiking on level ground, moderately strenuous. Join the group at 8 a.m. at parking area between first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. Directions: 619-692-3246. Vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

See Native Flowers, Wildlife, and views during Black Mountain Open Space Park nature walk, Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m., at 12115



Martin Short at Pala Events Center, April 1 (see In Person

Black Mountain Road. Wear hiking boots, bring water. 858-538-8021. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m., starting from park's Visitor Center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Saturdays (10 a.m.) and Tuesdays (6 p.m.). Tour guide Gino Lizardi weaves stories from past with developments of future. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-1766. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Walk the Trails of the Kumeyaay and see blooming monkeyflower and miner's lettuce during guided hike on Saturday, March 27, 8:30 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-553-6275. (MISSION GORGE)

Bird Walk, an expert Audubon Society birder leads outing in Tecolote Canyon, Saturday, March 27. Commonly seen birds: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, common yellow-throats. Walk starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Wildlife Assist Orientations. Saturday, March 27, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street); and Sunday, March 28, at Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center (301 Caspian Way). Both programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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)

Support Your Local Least Tern. bring work gloves and weeding tools, wear long pants, sturdy shoes to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at endangered California least tern nesting site at San Diego River, Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Hike Along a Bubbling Creek and explore mountain flora and fauna during Canyoneers hike to Doane Pond, Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reach trailhead, take Highway 76 to S-6 to Palomar Mountain; turn left at S-7, to Palomar Mountain State Park, Free, 619-255-0203, (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Discovery Trek led by naturalist/biologist Carol Stanford on Sunday, March 28, in Daley Ranch. Expect moderate to strenuous 4.5-mile walk to see how native plants recover after fire. Hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)



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

Around and About in Oceanside. join Walkabout perambulators for two-hour beach and beach-side moderate-plus walk on Sunday, March 28. Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of Chart House. Take I-5 to Harbor Drive exit in Oceanside, go west, then swing left to harbor; park in rear parking lot. Free. 619-231-7463. (OCEANSIDE)

The Elusive Planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation from the sun on Monday, March 29. It is visible low in the western sky at dusk from mid-March through early April. This is the best apparition of Mercury all this year for San Diegans. Coincidentally, Venus reaches greatest

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eastern elongation on the same date (March 29), and is visible much higher in the sky than Mercury.

Open Days, tour 19 local, private gardens created in a wide variety of styles during Garden Conservancy's 2004 Open Days program, April 10, May 8, May 15. Admission to each garden: \$5. Locations and information: 888-842-2442. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Support Your (Damaged) State Park, volunteers beckoned for Earth Day event in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help restore trails, replace fire-damaged split rail fencing. Wear works clothes (no shorts), sturdy shoes; bring water, snacks, sunscreen, gloves. Registration: 760-765-0623. Free. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

DANCE

"The MixUp Project," a contemporary dance festival, presented by Dunn-Razo Dance Company, Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Choreographic works by Minerva Tapia (March 27), Liliana

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Margaret Atwood at Neurosciences Institute, April 1 (see In Person)

Cattaneo, Alison Marae Dunn, Patricia Maldonado, others. \$12 general. Reservations: 619-234-0039.

"The Alumni," a dance concert boasting choreography by students of SDSU's dance program, offered at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Pieces include Sploosh, Smoke Like a Fish, Miss Match, Between the Lines, Midpoint, The Dark Road. \$7. 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

"Programa Latino" presented by San Diego Ballet, March 26-28,

at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes Corridos: Las Adelitas, Dibujos, Loteria. Concerts start at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 general. 69-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

Vintage Ballroom Dance, featuring "teaching of the Scorpion Tango and a 1903 two-step called Peaceful Henry," Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Continental Contradancin'. JoAnn Koppany calls, Continental Drift spins the tunes for contradancing, Saturday, March 27, 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)

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

Hip-Hop Performance workshop, Sunday, March 28, 1 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). \$15 per week, or \$95 for seven weeks. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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

"Funkalosophy," Eveoke Dance Theatre's production takes "you deep into the soul of urban culture as its dancers expound a philosophy of funk, hip-hop, and social change" through 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. Tick-ets: \$20, \$25; pay what you can on 619-234-3286. Wednesdays. (DOWNTOWN)

The Incomparable Mark Morris Dance Group performs in concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Mixed repertory with live music, including My Party, All Fours, A Spell, V. Pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$85-\$105, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"Is Paris Burning?" starring Kirk Douglas, Orson Welles, Glenn Ford, screens Thursday, March 25, at Museum of Photographic Arts. They Live By Night and Christmas Holiday are shown Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27. Tickets: \$7. Showtimes: 619-238-7559 xF. (BALBOA PARK)

Spike and Mike's Sick & **Twisted Festival of Animation** runs March 26-April 24 at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street) with screenings on various dates through November 21. Screenings begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 26



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and 27. \$9.75. 858-454-0267. 18 and older. (LA JOLLA)

The Chinese Ghost Film Rouge screens Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m., at Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. With English and Mandarin subtitles. (LINDA VISTA)

Teenv Tinv Pit Orchestra for Silent Films Goes North! The group accompanies silent films such as The Great Train Robbery, The New York Hat, Lonedale Operator, Rescued by Rover, and silent cartoons, Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m., at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Audience members help with sound effects. Free. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

"Light of My Eyes," directed by Giuseppe Piccioni, screens in Italian with English subtitles for Sundav Matinee on March 28, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War" screening hosted by American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Monday, March 29, 7 p.m., Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donation. 858-382-1059. (MISSION VILLAGE)

A Fizzy Romp Through Love's Illusions offered in Ginger and Cinnamon, screens for Film Forum on Monday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., at

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Topsail Schooner Lynx at Oceanside Harbor, March 26–28 (see Special)

San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 619-236-5800, Free, In Italian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Gotcha! Carlsbad Library film series continues with Arlington Road (1999) starring Tim Robbins, Wednesday, March 31, 6 p.m., Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane), Free, 760-602-2026, (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. currently screening in the IMAX

theater: Top Speed, Australia: Land Bevond Time, Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk, Coral Reef

Adventure. "Fleet Anniversary IMAX Film Festival" continues with The Living Sea and Africa: The Serengeti through March 28. Next up: Mysteries of Egypt and Dolphins, March 31-April 4. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

BestFest San Diego Student Film Festival, showcasing area high school and college student filmmakers. Film screenings of all entries, cash awards, seminars and workshops. Events: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, at UltraStar Poway Theater (13475 Poway Road). \$10 general, \$5 students. 858-646-9423. (POWAY)

LECTURES

"Everything Matters," UC Berkeley Art Museum senior curator Constance Lewallen leads gallery discussion on work of Paul Kos, Thursday, March 25, 6 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Free. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Reading the City in a Digital Age: Between Topographic Representations and Spatializations" is topic when University of Chicago sociology professor Saski Sassen speaks for "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series, Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Ibn Battuta: The Great Muslim Traveler: A 700th Anniversary Celebration" offered by SDSU history professor Ross E.

Dunn, Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m., in Aztec Athletics Center Auditorium at San Diego State University. Free, 619-594-6598, (SDSU)

"What Is the Patriot Act and What Does It Mean to You?" Find out when Deborah Small speaks for Libertarian Supper Club, Thursday, March 25, 8 p.m., at Shirley's Kitchen (7868 El Cajon Boulevard). \$5. Reservations: 619-757-7426. (LA MESA)

Conflict Is Inevitable but Manageable, according to folks at National Conflict Resolution Center. In conjunction with Days of Dialogue, group hosts parentconflict workshops, teen March 29-31. Workshops offered in English and Spanish. Free. Required reservations: 619-238-2400 x21. (MISSION VALLEY, CORONADO, EL CAJON, TIJUANA, CHULA VISTA)

Benefits of Music in Education discussed during symposium on Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Panel includes speakers from community and arts organizations. Free, 760-438-5996 x170. (CARLSBAD)

"Recovery Progress of the Endangered California Least Tern" charted when biologist Robert Patton addresses Audubon Society, Friday, March 26, 7 p.m., in Peninsula Community Room.

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3740 Sports Arena Boulevard, suite 2. Free. 619-682-7200. (POINT LOMA)

"Getting Away With Murder — The Ciudad Juarez Tragedy" presented by Esther Chavez Cano, women's rights activist and director of Casa Amiga, Friday, March 26, 6:30 p.m., in building I-101 at Miramar College (10440 Black Mountain Road). Speaking through an interpreter, she'll focus on the more than 370 young women who've been murdered in and around Ciudad Juarez over past ten years. (MIRA MESA)

Busy on Friday? Cano repeats lecture on Saturday, March 27, 3:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-578-9207. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Architecture of the Belle **Epoch**" examined by architect Mark Tarasuck for docent guest lecture series at San Diego Museum





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of Art, Friday, March 26, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Comprehensive Bike-Maintenance Class, Saturday, March 27, 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)

Giuseppi Verdi's Don Carlo discussed in a multi-media presentation by Ron Shaheen, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m., Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library

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Feather Destructive Behavior considered when Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts seminar on Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. "Parrot Body Language" begins at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, March 28, learn about "Behavior Problems" (1 p.m.) and "Everything Your Parrot Wants You to Know (3 p.m.).

All classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivera Way). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Learn the Ancient Art of Firing in an Open Pit during workshop starting at noon on Saturday, March 27, concluding on Sunday, March 28, hosted by San Diego Art

Department (3830 Ray Street). \$75 fee includes materials to fire up to six bisque pots. Registration: 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

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

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

Make a Small Basket Using Flat Reeds when San Diego Natural History Museum hosts spring basket class, Saturday, March 27,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$35. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Maintaining Drought-Tolerant Landscapes" discussed during tour and lecture by Pamela Homfelt, Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven building, 9601 Ridgehaven Court. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

Digital Photography Workshop led by Elle Gamboa, Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m., in Balboa Park. \$39. 619-847-8695. (BALBOA PARK)

"Islamic-Jewish Relations: Syncretism and Separatism" discussed by Khaleel Mohammed, Ira Robinson, Seth Ward for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series, Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., at Hilton Gaslamp (401 K Street). Free. 619-232-5888. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Pastel Painting Techniques demonstrated by Marilyn Grame for Pastel Society of San Diego, Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 858-488-3864. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Exotic Plumeria" illuminated when Florida grower Alan Bunch speaks for Southern California Plumeria Society, Sunday, March 28, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 102. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

Local Author Linda Pynaker discusses "eight steps to make your life the one you want" and discusses her book A Time to Heal, Sunday, March 28, 1:30 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Yom El-Ard/Day of the Land Teach-In" presented by Al-Awda San Diego (Palestinian Right to Return Coalition), on Sunday, March 28, 2 to 5 p.m., in room 201 at Thomas Jefferson School of Law



(2121 San Diego Avenue). Free. 858-578-6240. (OLD TOWN)

Urban Canine Class, learn skills required to take your dog out and about in three-week class starting Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Fee: \$95. Registration: 619-299-7012 x2273. (LINDA VISTA)

A Debate on "The Real Will Shakespeare" offered by San Diego Shakespeare Society, Monday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church (3598 Talbot Street). "Battle of the Bards" features Jack Winans versus Monica Wvatt, moderated by Anne-Marie Welsh. Donation: \$5. 619-223-3193 or 619-583-8525. (POINT LOMA)

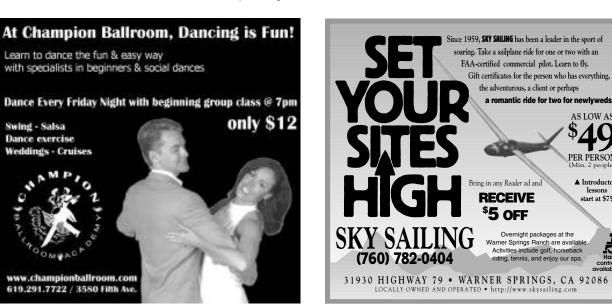
"Southern Caucasus and the Rights to Autonomy" explored by Cy Chadley for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, March 29, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Americans for United Separation of Church and State members Jim Hillegas and Ellen Brown speak for Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street), 858-459-8273, (NORTH PARK)

"The Human and Social Side of Immigration" is focus for panel discussion, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Participants include Irma Cota, Konane Martinez, Edward Sifuentes, Aurora Zepeda. Free. 760-673-7398 or 619-325-8200. (ESCONDIDO)

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The Non-Native Plants That

Have Invaded San Diego County, how they got here, what can be done about them addressed when UC Cooperative Extension-San Diego County advisor Carl Bell speaks Tuesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m., in third floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In conjunction with "Listening to the Prairie" exhibit. (DOWNTOWN)

Hone Your Map and Compass Skills during class Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive). Free. Reservations: 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Marry Your Art Dealer: Establishing Your Relationship with Galleries" is subject when "Securing Gallery Representation for Your Artwork" series hosted by San Diego Art Institute continues on Wednesday, March 31, 6 p.m. Speaker: art dealer/gallery owner Roy Johnson. \$6. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Close-Up Magic With Coins and Cards demonstrated when magician Craig Stone speaks for Magic Guild of Southern California, Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., at Baker's Square (1650 Descanso Avenue). Free for first-timers; \$15 dues per year. 760-781-1046. (SAN MARCOS)

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, 6:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

"Crime and Legislature 104" presented by retired Superior Court Judge Larry Stirling — now candidate for 39th district senate seat — when Sisters in Crime meet on Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-366-1962.(HILLCREST)

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The old, never-completed California Riding and Hiking Trail, pieced out of dirt roadways and previously existing trails during the post-World War II years, has never quite disappeared from San Diego County. One branch of this erstwhile trail splits from its main north-south strand in the Cuyamaca Mountains and leads over desert hill and dale toward Borrego Valley. One of the better-maintained sections descends from Ranchita, high on the west rim of the Anza-Borrego Desert, toward Borrego Springs. Treading this narrow pathway, you follow in the prehistoric footsteps of Native Americans, whose seasonal migrations between the winter warmth of the desert and the summer coolness of the mountains made feasible their hunter-gatherer existence. For several decades during the early 20th Century, the same route was used by cattle-

men driving herds from the Mesa Grande area near Lake Henshaw to winter and springtime grazing grounds in Borraro Vallay

Borrego Valley. The somewhat abbreviated five-mile stretch of the trail I describe here is best done as a one-way, downhill hike. Devise a car-shuttle arrangement, or have someone drop you off at the start and later pick you up at the finish. The terrain is rough and rocky, so wear shoes or boots with ankle support.

Start walking at the north end of the Culp Valley Campground, which is found just north of Montezuma Highway (County S-22)

between mile markers 9.0 and 9.5. Walk north 0.2 mile along the signed trail to the "Lookout" or vista point on the rim of . Culp Valley, and veer right as the west branch of the riding and hiking trail joins from the left. Proceed up and over the nearby rounded hill (elevation 3520 feet) dubbed the Lookout. Once past the

Lookout, you thread

enue) to discuss and sign his book, Thursday, March 25. 7:30 p.m. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Meredith Willson's Classic Musical *The Music Man* performed by San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts students, March 25-April 3. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets: \$5-\$8. Find the school at 2425 Dusk Drive. 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS)

Real Men Can Sing Real High! "The Three Countertenors" concert hosted by Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series is Thursday, March 25, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Vocalists Ruben Valenzuela,

your way downward along the undulating stair-step divide separating the shallow drainage of Dry Canyon from the deeper cleft of Hellhole Canyon. The pseudo-chaparral vegetation you saw at first grades into a low-desert type of vegetation - mostly ocotillo, creosote bush, and brittlebush. When in full bloom this month and next, the brittlebush spreads patches of yellow across the stony slopes. On the clearer days, the near and far views of desert valleys and mountains are consistently stunning all the way down. The last mile of the hike features an unusually steep descent to the desert floor near the mouth of Hellhole Canyon. Turn right as the trail reaches nearlevel ground, and walk over to the major trailhead/staging area on Montezuma Highway, 0.7 mile south of Palm Canyon Drive, just outside Borrego Springs.

Buckhorn cholla cactus near Culp Valle

Keith Rarick, Martin Green joined by Martha Jane Weaver and Kenneth Herman — perform works by John Dowland and Handel. Concert is free, parking is not (bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Stand Up, Georgia Ragsdale performs at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$18. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Annie" presented by Metropolitan Educational Theater Network, March 26-28, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 for those under 12. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Author Steven Pratt discusses and signs *Super Foods RX*, Friday, March 26, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Fundamentals of Rock Tour, Disciple, Staple, Poor Man's Riches perform Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., at Christian Church of Lemon Grove (6970 San Miguel Avenue). Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-465-1888. (LEMON GROVE)

"Mainstream" Comedy show Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Tim Flannery and Friends perform in concert hosted by Acoustic-MusicSanDiego.com, Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Weekend Driver San Diego"

author Jack Brandais signs books on Saturday, March 27, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center Mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

The Comic Stand, described as "new standup comedy show happening," features Richard Kuras, David Koff, Rosie Tran, Jonathon Gotsick, on Saturday, March 27, 10:30 p.m., at 6th@Penn Theatre (3704 Sixth Avenue). \$10. 619-688-9210. (HILLCREST)

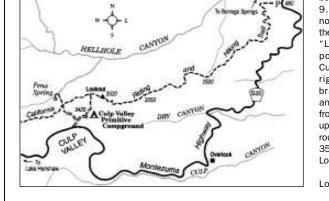
Crystal Vibrations Ensemble

in concert, Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m., at Circle of Living Yoga Center (4638 Park Boulevard). Bring seating. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-471-7304. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Full Circle," a parody of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, presented by Nonsense Productions, March 27 and 28, at Harding Center Auditorium (3096 Harding Street). Curtain rises at 3:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-931-9376. (CARLSBAD)

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Roots of Religious Extremism

Explored by Jonathan Kirsch in

God Against the Gods: The History

of the War between Monotheism

and Polytheism. Kirsch visits War-

wick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Av-

760-754-1375. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Poetry Writing Workshop offered by Southwestern College professor of English Susan Luzzaro, Saturday, April 3, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Reservations: 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

Papier-Mâché Puppet Heads class taught by Balboa Park Puppet Guild, Mondays, April 5, 12, 19, 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$10 per session.



mance infused with dance, song, live music, visual art, March 27 and 28, at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Written, performed, directed by Sherehe Roze. Performances at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. Donation: \$5. 619-279-4062. (ENCANTO)

Yee-Haw! Musician and songwriter Judy Taylor performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Powav Park (14134 Midland Road). \$12. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

San Diego Author and Former Navy Captain Carl Nelson discusses and signs his new novel, Secret Players, Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m., at B. Dalton Books in Plaza Bonita. Free. 619-267-1293. (BONITA)

Bay Area Mystery Authors Ann Parker (Silver Lies), Claire Johnson (Beat Until Stiff), and

Camille Minichino (The Carbon Murder) sign and discuss their work on Saturday, March 27, 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Reading and Signing of By Fools Like Me — Heart Songs in Verse by author Mary Lenore Ouigley, Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m., in club room at Lake San Marcos Recreation Center (1105 La Bonita Drive). 760-744-0120 x260. (SAN MARCOS)

Laugh the Night Away, improvised comedy promised Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m., at Congregation Beth Am (5050 Black Mountain Road). Open mic follows. \$36 fee includes desserts, beverages. Reservations: 619-481-8454. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Singer/Songwriter Julie Silver performs in concert for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies series. Sunday, March 28, 8 p.m., at Hilton Gaslamp (401 K Street). Free. 619-232-5888. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

S.F. Modern Jazz Collective featuring Joshua Redman, Renee Rosnes, Brian Blade, Miguel Zenon, Robert Hurst, Nicholas



Payton, Johsua Roseman, Bobby Hutcherson - performs in concert Sunday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$25 general. Reservations: 858-534-8497; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Songs of the American West, patriotic tunes, "traditional songs for boys' voices" promised when Texas Boys Choir performs Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Donations accepted. 619-276-1041. (BAY PARK)

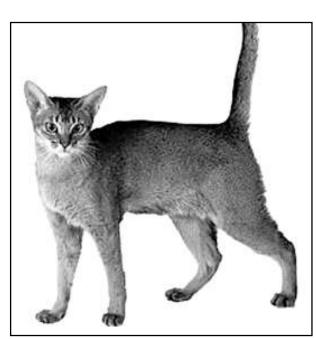
Off-Night Fun, Peter Sprague Trio performs Monday, March 29, 7 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). \$18 general. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Poetry Night Dedicated to Allen Ginsberg, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Poet Philip Allen will read Howl, then floor will be open for guests to share favorite Ginsberg works or their own. Free, 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

"Plants from the Getty's Central Garden" signed by Leucadia photographer Becky Cohen, Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m., at SoLo (309 South Cedros Avenue). Free, 858-794-9016, (SOLANA BEACH)

Tips on Getting Published divulged when Jennifer Coburn, author of The Wife of Reilly, sepaks and signs her book, Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

George Gershwin Tunes promised when pianist Scott Pratt performs Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine



Cat Fanciers Cat Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 27–28 (see Special)

Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

How to Write a Novel, bestselling novelist Elizabeth George discusses and signs her new book, Write Away: One Novelist's Approach to Fiction and the Writing Life, Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

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)

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. Continues 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)

Rollins Rocks, Henry Rollins brings his spoken word tour to town, Saturday, April 17, 8:30 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$18 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Tom Miller discusses his book The Panama Hat Trail: A Journey from South America, Saturday, April 17, 7 p.m., at Village Hat Shop (3821 Fourth Avenue). During event, the shop will introduce its Panama hats for 2004 spring/summer sea-

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U.S. Poet Laureate 2001-2003 Billy Collins reads from his work, Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m., in gymnasium at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). \$8 general. Reservations: 760-795-6677. (OCEANSIDE)

Beyond Chimpanzees, Jane Goodall is awarded the 2004 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest on Friday, April 30, at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Ceremony followed by presentation by Goodall. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Spring Training Continues, San Diego Padres continue spring training with games each day through April 4, mostly beginning at 1:05 p.m. Future tickets: 877-374-2784.

Women's Professional Billiard **Association** returns for eighth annual San Diego Classic Tournament March 24-28, at Viejas Casino (5000 Willows Road).

Tournament schedule: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 5:30 to midnight on Thursday, March 25; Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 p.m. to midnight. Semi-finals and final round play, Sunday, March 28, 1, 3 p.m. Championships at 5 p.m.

Day sessions: \$5; evenings are \$7; final-day play is \$15; four-day pass for \$45. 800-84-POKER. (ALPINE)

2004 Surf Bash runs Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, at Harbor Beach. 949-494-9840. (OCEANSIDE)

America's Schooner Cup Charity Regatta in San Diego Bay on Saturday, March 27. Spectating is free; good vantage points around San Diego Bay. 619-223-3138. (SAN DIEGO BAY)



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Has told me

That he needs me.



To Be Read in the Morning and at Night My love

That's why I take good care of myself Watch out where I'm going and Fear that any drop of rain Might kill me.

— Bertolt Brecht (1898–1956)

Ride Up Kitchen Creek Road to Sunrise Highway and return to La Posta Diner (32337 Old Highway 80) for food with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, March 27. The 30-miler for intermediates starts at diner at 9 a.m. Bring money for food. 858-279-9863. (LA POSTA)

B2Bash, day-long festival including professional skateboard and bmx demonstrations, food, games, music, benefitting Best Buddies. Saturday, March 27, noon to 4 p.m., at Krause Family Skate Park, 3401 Clairemont Drive. \$10. 619-584-5450. (CLAIREMONT)

Sand Volleyball Tournament, multiple divisions for all levels of play, from competitive to social, hosted by Vavi Sport and Social Club on Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Dog Beach. Free for spectators. Competitors pay \$25 per person, \$100 per four-person team. 858-273-3485. (OCEAN BEACH)

Showpark County Horse Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Swimmers With Disabilities from all over nation compete in 19th Annual Multi-Ability Swim Meet hosted by United Cerebral Palsy, Saturday, March 27, at Loma Verde Pool (1420 Loma Lane). The short course/novice meet begins at 9 a.m., with long course meet at 10:30 a.m. Admission: free for spectators. 858-571-7803 x315. (CHULA VISTA)

19th Annual Carlsbad 5000 is Sunday, March 28, boasting "the world's fastest 5k," along with wheelchair invitational, and people's races. Starts from 7:25 a.m. to noon at Jefferson Street and Grand Avenue. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

Champagne Express, join Sierra Club bicyclists for briskly paced, 35-mile scenic loop over to Rainbow on Sunday, March 28. Ride starts at 9 a.m. in front of administration building at Lawrence Welk Resort (exit I-15 at Deer Springs Road and head north on Champagne Boulevard). Expect four long uphill climbs followed by "spectacular downhill cruises." Bring money for mid-ride brunch at "traditional roadhouse." 858-483-5877. (ESCONDIDO)

Elements of Football and Soccer are incorporated in rugby. The San Diego Surfers Women's Rugby Football Club hosts team from UCLA on Sunday, March 28, 11 a.m., Robb Field. 619-298-6099. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

Doggie Dash 5k, hosted by Escondido Humane Society on Sunday, March 28, in Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Registration at 6:30 a.m.; competitive 5k run at 8 a.m.; 5k for runners and walkers with dogs at 8:10 a.m; one-mile fun walk 9 a.m. Pet contests at 9:30 a.m. \$28. 760-888-2235. (ESCONDIDO)

California Walk for Recovery, three-mile walk on Sunday, March 28, at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Registration starts at 7 a.m. 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Tuesday Group Ride led by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society heads to El Monte Park on March 30. This 40-mile ride starts at 9:15 a.m. at Earthblend Coffee Shop, 6020 Santo Road (at Highway 52). 858-279-5397. (TIERRASANTA)

The Regular Season is drawing to a close for San Diego Gulls, who host Las Vegas Wranglers for ice hockey on Wednesday, March 31, 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)

Del Mar Rod and Custom Nationals, including 1972 models (rather than pre-1964 vehicles), runs April 2-4 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. See more than 2000 vintage hot rods, street rods, wild customs and classics, muscle cars. Car auctions, seminars, activities for kids.

Show hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission: \$15, seniors: \$12, children 7-12: \$6, free for those under 6. 925-838-9876. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

"United in Memory: 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt" is on view March 25-28 in gymnasium at Cuyamaca College. Quilt was created by more than 3000 volunteers from 18 countries, consisting of 142 ten-and-one-half-square-foot individual panels.

Campus is located at 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway. Viewing hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free. 619-670-5194. (EL CAJON)

What Are Book Arts? They can be described as works of art involving structure, graphics, and/or text in a limited edition. Book artists from San Diego and Santa Fe, New Mexico, are exhibiting their work through Thursday, April 1, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 619-461-0436. (MISSION VALLEY)

Dream Artisans Spring Faire, March 25-27, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Fair features 70 handcrafting artists. Hours: 9:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 9:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Free. 858-693-8591. (KEARNY MESA)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, March 26, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gaslamp Art Fair, March 26 and 27, at 402 Market Street (third floor). "Affordable Art for Your Place" is theme. Hours: 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 3:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday's events include free children's art workshop at 4 p.m. (reservations required). 858-349-4150. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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. Sailing 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 fleece 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)

21st Design/Performance Jury, Friday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Experimental Theatre at San Diego State University. Scenes from Edward Albee's play *Finding the Sun* presented by theater students, followed by film-student short films on same text. Third session includes discussions, John Iacovelli, James Moody, others. Free. 619-594-6363. (SDSU)

Homeworld 2004 Home Improvement and Backyard Living Expo runs March 26-28 at Qualcomm Stadium. All manner of home improvement and remodeling exhibits; pool, spa, and patio show. Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$6 general, \$5 seniors, free for kids 12 and under. 714-418-2000. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Orchids, California Style," 58th annual orchid show and plant sale, March 26-28, at Scottish Rite



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Totally Scrappin', scrap-booking expo with workshops and vendors runs March 26 and 27 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: noon to 6:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission: \$10 per day, or \$15 for weekend pass.

Book Sale at Lemon Grove Library, Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Play Games, Share Stories, learn about spontaneous acting when San Diego Playback Theatre presents Playshop, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 Eleventh Avenue). No theater experience required. Fee: \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 858-274-1747. (EAST VILLAGE)

Folded Ears, Little Tails, Curly Hair ... the Americans West Cat Club cat show is Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. See up to 450 of "world's finest pedigreed cats" from 41 breeds, tribute to American shorthair cat, described as "America's native breed."

Show hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 general; \$5 for seniors, children, and military. 619-475-2600. (DEL MAR)

The Spring "Friendraiser" hosted by University City Foundation for Public Schools, Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at University City High School (6949 Genesee Avenue). Performances and artwork showcased from five University City schools. Fun run/walk at 9 a.m. 858-457-4295. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Home Roasters Club welcomes anyone who roasts their own coffee or is interested in the activity for discussion, Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

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Car Club Day planned at auto swap on Sunday, March 28, 6 a.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAION)

Sixth Annual Borrego Springs Desert Garden Tour, Sunday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour showcases four private gardens. \$15. Reservations, locations: 760-767-3098. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

San Diego Stamp Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tours of Don Carlo Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 4, 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fire Ecology: What's Next for San Diego's Backcountry?" Find out when San Diego Natural History Museum hosts class (Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.) and field trip (Saturday, April 3, 8 to 4 p.m.). \$69. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 9. Kids' Days are Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, noon to 5 p.m., with live "family entertainment," activities.

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)

What Makes a 100-Point Wine and who rates these wines? "Wine Rating Exposé" on offer when Planet Wine convenes for discussion and tasting, Thursday, April 1, 6:30 p.m., at Hotel Parisi (1111 Prospect). \$15 fee includes tasting, presentation, study materials. Requested reservations: 858-405-1547. (LA JOLLA)

"Urban Trees," 30 colorful and imaginative sculptures are on exhibit through November along one-mile stretch of pedestrian promenade from Hawthorn Street to Broadway Pier. Free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN)

"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)

2004 Edible Book High/Low Tea. Sunday, April 4, 2 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Members of San Diego Book Arts and other artists exhibit their artist-crafted, book-themed, edible works of art. Public may view creations and their recipes; tea and coffee will be served, books will be consumed at 3 p.m. Reservations by March 29: 858-534-2533. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The Vietnam Wall Experience is a three-quarter size replica of Maya Ying Lin's original wall in Washington, D.C., featuring names of more than 58,000 dead and missing Americans. Memorial will be open 24 hours a day from noon on Friday, April 23 until midnight on Sunday, April 25, on two blocks near Oceanside Pier (at foot of Mission Boulevard). Free. 760-385-4921. (OCEANSIDE)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" presented by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, March 28, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble explores *The Magic of Ventriloquism*, March 31-April 4.

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)

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)

Hi Ho, Hi Ho! *Snow White*, written by Marjorie Sokoloff, presented by Junior Theatre performers, March 26-28, at Junior Theatre on Third (250 Third Avenue). Shows begin at 7 p.m. on Friday; 2 p.m. on Saturday; 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$5 for those under 15, \$10 for adults. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Celebrate Hats In All Shapes and Colors and listen to hat tales by Alice Low, Sandra Boynton, and Esphyr Slobodinka, Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Bridge to Terabithia" presented by students of North Coast Repertory Theatre School. See adaptation of Katherine Paterson's Newberry Award-winning novel 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)

Smokey Bear talks about fire, fire prevention, and environment

on Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m., in Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). 760-745-4379. Day-use: \$2. (ESCONDIDO)

Big Bay Family Day with interactive booths, art activities, presentations by Ms. Frizzle on Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in museum admission. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Easter Egg Hunts on March 27 and 28 at Viejas Outlet Center (5005 Willows Road). Easter egg hunts: in English on Saturday, noon to 2 p.m.; in Spanish on Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free. 619-659-2070. (ALPINE)

15th Annual Junior Carlsbad, for those 12 and under, Saturday, March 27. Ten separate races for different age divisions begin 8 to 10:30 a.m. in downtown Carlsbad; race-day registration 6:30 a.m. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

Tide-Pool Crafts class for children five and six years old, Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Activities include exploration in aquarium classroom and construction of a tidepool diorama. Fee: \$25 per child/adult pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLA)

"Hot Shots!" Young Artists Concerto Competition winners "display their amazing talents" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival Series concert, Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m. Musical petting zoo prior to concert. Adult tickets: \$10, \$20; children, \$5. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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 text.

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









fornia 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)

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

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China. From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, 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, "Hands-On the Future," on view through June, offers opportunity for visitors to play and experience a variety of musical instruments, "many just recently introduced to the public." Visitors can scratch and spin records on a dj/mixer setup, sample modeled guitars on the Variax, use Apple's GarageBand software, play a Yamaha Clavinova.

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)

Normal Heights, San Diego

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.

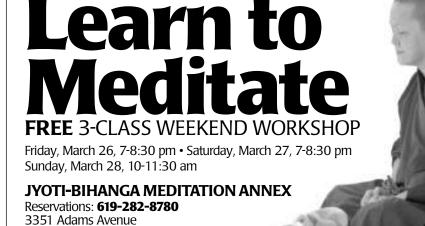
"P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

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 high-lighted 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





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FROM THE DUST JACKET: When law office receptionist Sue Carpenter first asked how she might start her own radio station, everyone laughed. Getting on the air (legitimately) in San Francisco was a multimillion-dollar ambition. But in 1995, with the help of a few subversive techies and pirateradio gurus, Sue built her first transmitter in her hilltop San Francisco apartment and launched KPBJ, enlisting friends as DJs. A few months later, Sue landed a

magazine job in Los Angeles, took her transmitter with her, and established KBLT. From these humble beginnings KBLT emerged as one of L.A.'s best-loved radio stations, staffed 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 South-



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more than a hundred DJs and supported by major music labels eager to reach a different kind of audience. The station expanded its play list from indie rock to an eclectic mix of jazz, hip-hop, electronica, and countless other styles. In the three and a half years before the FCC finally caught up with Sue, KBLT went from interviewing unknowns to hosting live performances by the Red Hot Chili Peppers — without ever leaving Sue's apartment.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly:* Carpenter has penned an endearing memoir about running a pirate radio station out of her Los Angeles apartment for three years and meeting all sorts of oddballs, rock stars, and wannabes while staying one step ahead (well, most of the time) of the FCC.

From *Booklist:* Carpenter's autobiographical reflections on running low-powered FM radio stations without benefit of FCC credentialing is a folksy addition to discussions about access to the nation's airwaves. Carpenter quickly discovered that nonpolitical programming was the exception rather than the rule among her fellow pirates... Despite resistance and otherworldly weirdness from grimly committed pirate-radio politicos, she eventually broadcast on ultralow frequency. Her call letters — KPBJ, KBLT (which the aforementioned politicos considered frivolous) suggested the tasty listening options she offered as she and her DJs broadcast an incredible variety of music from her living quarters. Throw in the constant threat of FCC detection, and this looks more than ever like a credible mate to *On the Road* and the

west, 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.

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Through 2005.

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 muFear and Loathing books in the ranks of insurgent outsiderdom.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sue Carpenter is currently a feature writer for the *Los Angeles Times* and a senior contributor to *Jane* magazine. Her writing has also appeared in such publications as *George, Marie Claire*, and *Cosmopolitan*. She lives in Los Angeles.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Ms. Carpenter and I talked one evening after she'd gotten her baby off to bed. We were both in California. I asked if that was her on the book's cover.

"Yes. It's from so long ago."

I said how much I like the cover and that I particularly liked the fluffy slippers.

"I bought the slippers secondhand and then I used to sometimes move my motorcycle around the streets, the parking lots, and those slippers, they got even more disgustingly filthy. So that's why they kind of look like that."

About her early life, Ms. Carpenter said, "I was born in 1966 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and I lived there for eight years. My dad was a professor at the University of Michigan. He taught nuclear physics. And then he dropped out of the academic life and started working for the government — the Department of Energy and then the Department of Defense. And we moved to Naperville, Illinois, and he started working for Argon National Lab, and so I spent the rest of my formative years — up until age 17 or 18, whenever it is that you go off to college — in Naperville, Illinois. (continued on page 96)

seum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)



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Which was a radical shift for me just because you grow up with all these academic kids, in an academic town, and then we moved to a town that was basically a suburb of Chicago.

"And so I was hanging out with business people's kids. I guess that was the difference. And then I went to school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and majored in journalism. After that I made a big mistake and moved back to Chicago and sold out my journalism degree because I wanted to live in a big city. And of course you're not going to start in journalism in a big city. So I ended up working at a PR firm for a few years and then just was so unhappy in Chicago and in that job and that I moved to San Francisco. I was getting ready to move, and it was either going to be Minneapolis, where I had a boyfriend, or Austin, Texas, or San Francisco. And a girlfriend said, 'Why don't you just come out here?' So I moved out to San Francisco. And that was a very good choice.

"Now, I'm here in L.A.. I have a boyfriend and a baby. The book's dedication is to my boyfriend and my baby. Boy baby. His first name is Carpenter. He's almost a year old." "And you work for the L.A. Times?"

"I do."

"What did you listen to when you were a kid?"

'Goodness, gracious. My parents, what I remember them listening to, were the Beatles, Herb Alpert, Roberta Flack, the Allman Brothers. I remember being really upset coming home from grade school one day, and my whole regime was to go home and watch Gilligan's Island. And my mom had just bought this John Denver record, and she was, like, 'You're not going to watch Gilligan's Island today.' She put on John Denver and that just kind of became the sound that filled the house. So yeah, kind of folkie, as you can imagine, growing up in Ann Arbor during the late '60s and early '70s. It was very folkie kind of rock." "Did you always like

music?"



"Yeah, I did. And for a long time, I played piano and violin."

I admitted that for a long time, I also played piano and violin. Ms. Carpenter wondered for how long and, again, I admitted, "Until I was able to quit when I got out of high school. I had no talent."

"That was basically my thing, too. I was initially attracted to it, and then as you get into your teen years, you either have to have a passion for it, or else you're just kind of doing it. I was only mediocre."

"Radio," I said, "is so intimate."

"Yeah, it is. And it's interesting that you use the word 'intimate' because when I first moved to Chicago, right after being in college, and I didn't have any funds, and I was working in a job that I didn't like, and I didn't have a television, my company was radio. I say I'm a late bloomer and that applies to college radio as well because I didn't discover college radio until after college. I used to listen all the time to the radio station that was broadcast out of Northwestern University, WNUR. You become attracted to the mystery of it. I was being turned on to this whole other world that I wasn't aware of. I know it sounds strange, but I was scared to embrace nonmainstream music, even in college. I don't really know why that was. Maybe it had something to do with my roommates and what they listened to, although I was never satisfied listening to commercial radio. So when I was living on my own in Chicago and didn't have enough money to go out, I would hang out at home and listen to the radio, and it was consoling. "I'm more of an imaginative or creative person, and so I bond more with radio than I do with television. You like to fill in the gaps of what you imagine is going on that's bringing you the music. But that was probably when I really fell in love with radio was after college."

I said that one aspect of radio like Clear Channel that disturbed me was that no one seemed to be there — no human hand seemed at work.

"The DJ and I," I suggested, "aren't having a relationship, as in the old days."

"Yeah, exactly. It is disturbing that that has happened, where they just have this centralized operation, and it's not anvbody who's even in your own town and talking to you. There's a new station here in Los Angeles, and basically it's kind of a service agreement between Clear Channel and Omnivision, and it's a weird arrangement where Clear Channel claims to only be there in the sales, but I think that they have actually had some sort of influence over the way that Omnivision programs the station. So, yeah, it does feel emptier to just be listening to music that is being programmed by a machine.'

"How is this kind of radio changing the culture?"

"Well, I think that a lot of young people aren't aware of what they're missing. I think that a lot of young people are just buying stuff like hook, line, and sinker. But the thing is, I can't really say that's any different than it was for me when I was in junior high or elementary school or high school.

"I think that they're being less adventurous in their choices of what it is that they play. I'd like to hope that as much as a big behemoth like Clear Channel exists and programs for the lowest common denominator that there is an extreme backlash and that there are people like me who are interested in finding other stuff, who aren't completely satisfied with what they're hearing. Because I think a lot of people who listen to Clear Channel-owned stations or Infinity Broadcasting may hear one or two songs that they genuinely like. It's just that they have to suffer through a lot of stuff that they don't like, and for a lot of people, it's background music."



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"You spoke earlier about living in Chicago and listening to the radio, and the radio's being 'company.' To me, something like Clear Channel is no longer company. No one seems there."

"Right, it's true. It's true. But I think it is for some people. I think it's what it is that you use radio for, and I think that's why people use radio as background. There are people who use radio as company, the way I use radio. It feels very real. Definitely people are expressing their opinions, which is what, if you listen to stations 93 and below, you're going to hear the stuff that people are selecting themselves, so that's an opinion. It's the same thing."

"When you had your stations and all those folks came in and out of your apartment, did you feel like a mom?"

"Definitely. I definitely felt like I was the mother bear. This was my den, my den of little deejay cubs. But yeah, it was weird. It was really delightful, actually. Just because I bore easily, and so just to have such a wide range of people, coming through my house, every week, and how vastly different they were — not just in terms of their orientation in music, but just personality-wise — was great for me.

"A lot of them brought in records. And it was amazing to me how many some deejays brought. Like Don Bowles would basically pack up his entire van with crates of records, and he would bring in about six crates even though his show was only two hours. I think he just liked to have the option at his disposal."

"What was it like when you would ride around and hear your own station?"

"Well, that didn't happen all that often because I ride a motorcycle, but sometimes when I'd ride around in my boyfriend's car, and we'd tune in, it was just — I'd like to say pride, but I think at the time I had so much baggage. I was so concerned about whether you could hear the signal. I was more concerned about technical issues as opposed to feeling pride in what was going on."

"You rather quickly learned to manage the technical aspects." "I did, and I didn't. I tried, but that is not where my brain

is. As much as I'd like to be a Renaissance woman and be a woman of words and science, I'm really much more a woman of words. And so I can get by, if somebody explains exactly what

"A lot of young people aren't aware of what they're missing. They're being less adventurous in their choices of what they play."

I need to do, but I would much rather defer, and I did defer the majority of that responsibility to people who like to do that kind of thing. There was just so much tweaking of the technology throughout the thing. And basically I just served as an assistant. It's not like I ever really understood how everything worked."

"Are there still underground stations in L.A.?"

"There are still two that I'm aware of. I don't listen to them because they don't come over to where I live. I don't live

in Silver Lake anymore." "Are there any in San Diego?"

"My guess is that there must be. I haven't heard of any. But I just believe that in most major cities where there's not very much room on the dial, and there isn't a whole lot of variety in terms of what's available musically, that people will do this. And it could just be somebody who doesn't, it could just be one person, kind of like my engineer. He used to run his station. It could be somebody who doesn't really care how far the signal goes, doesn't really care about the listenership, but just wants to be on the air. My guess is, yes, there is somebody in San Diego doing it. It's just that I don't know specifically who or what. I think it's pretty widespread."

"Do people in small towns run pirate stations?"

"Definitely. And I think that they don't have nearly as many obstacles in terms of law enforcement. I think that because they already are communities in and of themselves, they kind of appreciate having more communities through their radio stations. I mean, that's just my take from the couple that I have visited, but I don't really know."

"What would the FCC have done to you, had they prosecuted you?"

"They probably would have just fined me. I'm fairly certain of that, but I don't know. They tended not to actually throw people in jail. I guess that could have happened to me, but really their main interest is just to get you off the air. I don't think they want it known how easy it is to do this."

"Are you ever tempted to do it again?"

"I have been. I have been, but you know, toward the end, as much as I loved what the station had become, I also really, really needed a break. Because it's really exhausting to have that going on around you. I realize in retrospect how stressful it was for me. Whenever I thought about starting it again, it would be like I would have to start it where it left off, so that would mean a 24-hour station again. Because when you do it to that level, you wouldn't feel comfortable doing it to any less extent.

"So, yes, it's occurred to me and, no, I don't think I would do it just because I don't think I can make those sacrifices again. I just don't think I can. I love what it provided, I love what it was about. I love the music that came out of that station when it was in full force, but it really did a number on me. Yeah." — Judith Moore





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Sunday Morning, April 4, 9:00 am Solemn High Mass in the Tridentine Rite Chorus Breviarii will sing Gregorian Propers for the Procession and Mass of "Domenica in Palmis," or "Palm Sunday," in the Traditional Catholic Rite. Holy Cross Diocesan Cemetery Chapel

South on Euclid Ave. off 94, right on Market St., right on 45th St. and straight into grounds. Seating for 350, but early arrival suggested.

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 pm

~ TENEBRAE ~ (Matins and Lauds of Holy Thursday, Traditional Rite) Featuring Polyphonic Lessons and Responsories of T.L. de Victoria Sung by the Tomas Luis de Victoria Choir of San Diego St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Park Blvd. and Washington St. • Hillcrest

~ The Sacred Triduum ~ (New Rite Latin liturgies, celebrated ad Orientem)

Thursday, April 8, 7:00 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Friday, April 9, 2:00 pm: The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Also a special appearance: From **6:00 to 7:00 pm** Chorus Breviarii will sing live on KPBS Radio 89.5 FM's **"The Lounge"** as guests of Dirk Sutro. Listen in!

Saturday, April 10, 9:00 pm: The Night of the Holy Easter Vigil St. Augustine's Monastery Chapel 32nd and Nutmeg • South Park

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The Toughness of Silk

Nothing in this playing is merely decorative or atmospheric.

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JONATHAN SAVILLE

he Athenaeum made another of its coups in presenting pianist Mari Kodama, who is likely to be one of the major artists of the next decades. Her program of five Beethoven sonatas was a stunner.

Kodama appeared in an exquisite Fortuny

gown and jacket, its gossamer pleated silk shimmering with opalescent shades of gray. With her slim body, her long black hair, her graceful and humble bows to

the Athenaeum audience, and the perfectly shaped features of her symmetrical face, she resembled one of those decorative beauties you see in woodblock prints by Harunobu, fragile, elegant, sensual, submissive, serving tea or tuning a samisen.

None of these adjectives could apply to the way she played the piano. Her approach to Beethoven — here and on her recent CD of the "Waldstein," the "Appassionata," and "Les adieux" — is forceful, aggressive, and devoid of seductiveness. Her fingerwork is strong and incisive. She favors abrupt initiations and cutoffs, and plays many fast passages in a rat-tat-tat non legato where other pianists try to make the music sing. She does not caress details, but presents them forthrightly and moves briskly on.

Nothing in this playing is merely decorative or atmospheric: every moment has its purpose, its direction, its function in the overall dynamic movement. The sound is vivid and the textures preternaturally clear. No notes are allowed to murmur or to dissolve in a haze: and that characteristic lucidity of Kodama's style was emphasized - by contrast - when, meticulously following the composer's directions for the amazing raised-damper passages in the first movement of "The Tempest" Sonata (Opus 31, No. 2), she actually held her fine little foot on the sustaining pedal for the entire length of a cadenza, and allowed all the overtones to blend in a dreamlike dissonance. As for feminine submissiveness, forget it. This is a pianist who meets the assertive, self-confident Beethoven on his own terms, and holds her own with him.

I have recently become enchanted with performances of the Beethoven sonatas on

fortepiano (by Tom Beghin, Melvyn Tan, and John Khouri, among others), where the composer's intentions are executed on instruments like the ones the music was written for. Kodama is playing a modern Steinway, with its vastly greater resonance, sustaining power, and uniformity of color. But her

understanding of Beethoven's musical language is such that she can bring out the articulations and balances of a fortepiano —

and even some of its colors — on an instrument of a type historically better suited to Rachmaninov. The result is commanding and brilliant. One hears everything, without veils; and the fierce intensity of Beethoven's imagination is preserved in its original purity by the brusque precision of the rapped-out passage work and the explosive chords.

There is a price to pay for all this. The energy generated by Kodama's style is at once irresistible and exhausting. The first half of her Athenaeum program consisted of all three sonatas of Opus 31, bold, early works, bursting at the seams with startling inventions, unexpected pauses, odd figurations, dramatic confrontations, and playful jokes; and in these the style was exactly what was needed. In fact, it gave a special edge to the distinctive idiom of that period in Beethoven's keyboard music, one that many less unconventional pianists cannot quite achieve. But three sonatas of this type in a row (the cheerful G maior and E-flat major sonatas were as pointed and gripping as the Sturm und Drang D minor), in a small venue where there is virtually no distance between pianist and audience, proved to be a bit overwhelming. Having been gripped by Kodama's relentlessly exciting playing for an hour and a quarter, the audience seemed to feel a rather desperate need for the brief relaxation provided by the intermission.

This style of playing seems to be less a fixed trait of Kodama's musical personality than a specific interpretive stance toward early Beethoven. After the intermission, we moved into the composer's middle period, where other conditions apply, and — like the discerning musician she is — Kodama adapted her manner to the differ-

ent material. Her "Appassionata" had all the breadth and depth of authentic passion that it required (Beethoven's clever tricks having by now — only two years after Opus 31 grown into a natural mode of dramatic discourse).

This is not to say that Kodama was trans-formed into a different pianist. The power and brilliance of her keyboard mastery remained, and so did her driving momentum. It was a performance emphasizing turbulent public drama rather than private emotional conflict, and so it did not sound like the "Appassionata" readings of Alfred Brendel or Tatiana Nikolayeva (with both of whom Kodama has studied), not to mention Rubinstein, Schnabel, or Goode. It had its own convincing integrity, however, and its overall effect was breathtaking (in spite of a major memory lapse right before the presto in the final movement). Still, I felt a slight sense of letdown in the slow movement, which, although skillfully played, somehow seemed just a trifle pedestrian and slightly out of place in this context. Where was the poetry?

The program also included a performance of the Sonata in F-sharp, Opus 78 (inexplicably designated as Opus 37 on the first page of the program booklet), and it suggested that there is another side to Mari Kodama. Dating from 1809, this brief, relaxed, happy work is actually quite original in its ideas and their treatment; it already holds glimmers of the late Beethoven style of several years later. You might not have expected it, but this exploratory and less driven music fit Kodama like her gown, and it radiated light like it too.

Further proof of her versatility is the recent recording she made (conducted by her husband, Kent Nagano) of the Chopin F minor Concerto, along with Carl Loewe's largely unfamiliar Concerto No. 2 in A. No one would confuse this Chopin playing with Rubinstein's or Cortot's: Kodama is a different sort of pianist, with a very independent musical personality. But it is beautiful playing, sensitive and supple and — in its

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Mari Kodama

Mari Kodama, piano Athenaeum Music & Arts Library

All-Beethoven recital: Sonata No. 16 in G, Opus 31, No. 1; Sonata No. 17 in D minor, Opus 31, No. 2, Der Sturm"; Sonata No. 18 in E-flat, Opus 31, No. 3; Sonata No. 23 in F minor, Opus 57 "Appassionata"; Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp, Opus 78.

clear, firm lyricism — finely attuned to Chopin's genius. The Loewe is a pleasant piece, worth hearing if only for historical reasons; and there, too, Kodama adapts her style quite nicely to the music's modest needs.

This is a pianist from whom wonderful things can be expected. ■



CLASSICAL LISTINGS

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"Le Goût Italien in Music of the High Baroque" served up by Nota Bene Early Music Trio, Thursday, March 25, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Real Men Can Sing Real High! "The Three Countertenors" concert hosted by Short Attention Span Chamber Music Series is Thursday, March 25, 12:30 p.m., on lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Vocalists Ruben Valenzuela, Keith Rarick, Martin Green - joined by Martha Jane Weaver and Kenneth Herman - perform works by John Dowland and Handel. Concert is free, parking is not (bring change for the meters). 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

"Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss, Jr. is presented by Lyric Opera San Diego in celebration of opening of its 25th season, with performances March 26-April 4 at Casa del Prado Theatre. It's a lighthearted tale of revenge, mistaken identities, illicit trysting.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 (and at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4). Tickets: \$18 to \$27.619-239-8836. (BALBOA PARK)

"Old Wine in New Bottles." violinists Igor and Vesna Gruppman perform with San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concerts featuring Bach's "Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor," the "Concerto Grosso No. 7 in C Major" "Alexanderfest" by Handel, "Ćon-

certo for Two Violins and String Orchestra" by Arnold, "Simple Symphony" by Britten.

Concert is Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue). Preconcert talk by conductor Donald Barra. Tickets: \$15 to \$60. Tickets: 858-350-0290 x7. (DOWNTOWN)

Faculty and Students of California Institute of Music (formerly Fairbanks School of Performing Arts) plan concert on Saturday, March 27, 4 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program boasts selections by Puccini, Ravel, Bruch, Prokofiev, Mozart, Rachmaninoff. Free. 858-259-2503 or 858-259-5508. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Schumann, Webern, Stravinsky, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven promised when cellist Lynn Harrell performs for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, March 27. Preconcert talk at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets: \$35, \$60, \$85. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Britten's "Simple Symphony," "Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor" by Bach, Arnold's "Concerto for Two Violins and String Orchestra" may be heard when San Diego Chamber Orchestra performs, with soloists Igor and Vesna Gruppman, Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Guiseppe Verdi's Elaborate Masterpiece, Don Carlo, continues season for San Diego Opera. Singers include Sergej Larin, Sondra Radvanovsky, Ferrucio Furlanetto, Rodney Gilfry. In Italian with English translations projected above the stage. Conducted by Edoardo Müller, directed by Lotfi Mansouri.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, Tuesday, March 30, Wednesday, April 7; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 2; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 4. Tickets: \$20 to \$150. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-570-1100 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS) (DOWNTOWN)

"From the New World," romantic orchestral music on tap when Palomar Symphony Orchestra performs March 27 and 28 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College. Program includes Dvoäk's "Symphony No. 9 in

E Minor: From the New World," Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1," "In a Summer Garden" by Delius.

Concerts start at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Find campus at 1140 West Mission Road. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah" performed by Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale — along with soloists, organ, orchestra of First United Methodist Church of San Diego — Sunday, March 28, 7 p.m. Baritone Christopher Stephens takes title role. Find church at 2111 Camino del Rio South. Offering. Childcare by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Hot Shots!" Young Artists Concerto Competition winners "display their amazing talents" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival Series concert, Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m. Musical petting zoo prior to concert. Adult tickets: \$10, \$20; children, \$5. Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Concert Pianist Soheil Nasseri presents recital on Sunday, March 28, 10 a.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Selections by Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, Martin Kennedy, Liszt. Free. 858-455-3775. (LA JOLLA)

Scholarship Benefit Gala with performances by former winners of Virginia Hawk Vocal Scholarships, Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Performers include Kathryn Croom (flute), Ximena Martinez (soprano), Peter Jacobsen (cello), Katherine Lundeen (mezzo-soprano), Bernard Bayer (piano). \$15. 619-466-6606 or 619-582-0220. (ROLANDO)

Brassissimo West performs classics and favorites, Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m., Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-390-2990. (LA COSTA)

Spreckels Organ Pavilion is site for concert by civic organist Carol Williams on Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Goliards medieval ensemble performs ancient music for miniconcert at noon, Monday, March 29, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)





CITY HEIGHTS PERFORMANCE ANNEX 3795 Fairmount Ave. Shivali Panchal in "Journey Towards Siva" A Bharatanatyam presentation of stories about Siva Saturday, April 3 • Buffet 6:30 pm • Performance 8 pm Presented by the Angahara Academy of Performing Arts A "Taste of India" buffet will be catered by the Star of India. For tickets and reservation information, please call: (619) 641-6103 or (714) 692-1695 Tickets: \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance, \$15 students and seniors Federico Garcia Lorca's "Yerma" Saturday, April 17, at 8 pm • Sunday, April 18, at 2 pm "Yerma" conjures a dramatic portrayal of life's irony, injustice, and agony. Adapted by Evelyn Diaz Cruz, Adjunct Professor of the University of San Diego's Theatre Arts Program. Tickets: \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance and for students and seniors Seating is limited! For tickets and info call: (619) 641-6103

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Creepy Everyman

He's obsessed with the physical sanity of earth's household, and his fanatical protagonist looks a little frazzled.

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f the movements that eddied across the visual arts in the 20th Century, Cubism taught us a new way of looking at representation and physical reality, while Dadaism reshaped notions of what an art object and our relationship to it might be. But we

never speak of having a really Dadaist experience or describe an event as being truly Cubist. It's Surrealism, which began to streak

much art and writing between the two world wars, that we've taken over not just to designate an art practice or object but to characterize certain orders of experience. Apollinaire coined the word "surréaliste" in 1917 to describe his play, Les Mamelles de Tirésias. Surrealism is the creation of the unnatural, he said, and the first Surrealist act was the invention of the wheel, because although it imitates the physical function of motion, it's independent of forms of motion found in nature. Surrealist reality depends not on physical nature but on mental fabrication. It issues from the random and the automatic. The poet and painter don't imitate reality, they invent a new one, blending the finite and the infinite into what Apollinaire called a "reasonable irreality.3

In an early manifesto, Surrealism's master planner, André Breton, proposed that dream and reality be resolved into "a kind of absolute reality, a *surreality*." Surrealism of different pedigrees and ambitions is by now so capillary in art that it's become normalized. We talk about the surreal as if it's no big thing; it's cellular in all sorts of art, from easel painting and installations to video and

photography. Like Baudelaire, Apollinaire disliked photography (though he allowed himself to be photographed many times) because it trafficked in perfect

likeness and couldn't coin realities. He didn't foresee how Surrealism would determine and shape a good deal of photography since then.

The American photographer Robert Parke-Harrison, whose exhibition The Architect's Brother is on view at the Museum of Photographic Arts, has crafted his own brand of surrealism into creepily beautiful ecological fables. Like his contemporaries Jeff Wall and Gregory Crewson, ParkeHarrison creates elaborate theatrical setups. After researching his subject and making detailed drawings and notes, he constructs a set, dresses it with props, then photographs the staged scene. All three photographers aspire to the appearances of painting. Crewson and Wall use high-keyed, saturated color to create monumental genre or history pictures. ParkeHarrison's albumen effects and feathery atmospherics suggest late-19th-century pictorialist photography, which itself aspired to the condition of painting.

Unlike Wall and Crewson, though, he's not interested in grandiose multifigured tableaux and complicated events. His outdoor settings are peopled by his solo self, an Everyman whose worried, obsessed demeanor recalls early silent film comedians like Buster Keaton and Harold Llovd, both of whom, like the photographer's Everyman, had to cope awkwardly with mischief-making machines. He also possesses some of Keaton's animal melancholy and Lloyd's squirrelliness.

ParkeHarrison's oddball-sly images have a mission: to represent an eroded planet composed of withered, blasted, broken-down landscapes in which Mr. Everyman (costumed in a pinstripe suit that seems to have shrunk to his body, a squirmy white shirt, and muddy walking shoes) looks like the sole survivor of some holocaust, who acts with zany seriousness to repair and restore his surroundings, usually with jerry-built world-saving contraptions. The images represent "alternate realities" of the sort Breton and Apollinaire would have recognized and approved. They compound dreamy asso-

ordinary.

ciation and waking awareness into a fully

imagined reality where the fantastical blends in

quite matter-of-factly with the familiar and



Da Vinci's Wings

Robert ParkeHarrison: The Architect's Brother Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, April 4. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

> Many of the 47 photographs on exhibit share the same composition. In the background smolders a dusty, ivory light; the middle ground is a prickly, seething sepia stubble; in the foreground,

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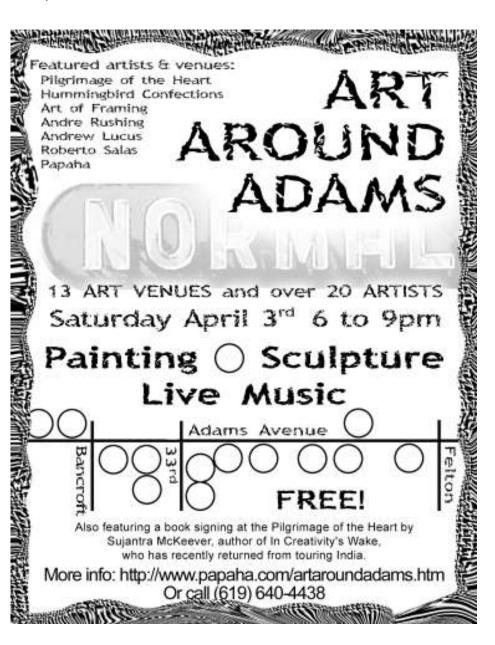
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our Everyman perches on a dead tree about to test a wooden flying harness rigged with guv wires and canvas (Da Vinci's Wings) or rolls a haystack-size IBM Selectric typewriter ball prominently displaying "\$" and "¢" signs (Earth Elegies) or fusses over a garden of light fixtures shooting up like nightmare crocus (Night Garden). The earth and the tools used to tend it look bandaged, and the Industrial Revolution is still revolting one series features ghostly smokestacks puffing dimly in the background.

Art with a conscience can be useful, even efficacious, but it can also be numbing and didactic. ParkeHarrison dodges that. He's obviously obsessed with the physical sanity of earth's household, and his fanatical protagonist looks a little frazzled by the magnitude of his tasks. What might turn into predictable scolding or melodramatic mourning, however, is cut through by a Prof. Irwin Corey nuttiness — a sweet, sober nuttiness - that compels him to build his contraptions and take on daffy but sensible and necessary tasks, such as suturing a wound in the ground with a broomstick-length sewing needle, or riding inside a clapped-together harvesting combine that looks like a hamster's wheel, or fiddling with a rickety rainmaking apparatus.

ParkeHarrison's pictures aren't one-liners. Their meanings and mysteriousness keep working on us. And these tender, lyrical bulletins about a desolate earth and one soul's relation to it offer exotic formal delights. Tweedy textures harden into steely contours. Pebbly soil swims away into an unidentifiable semi-liquid element. The eye follows such subtle inflections of tint and texture with a rather chagrined pleasure. In his bent way, ParkeHarrison is the rarest sort of photographer: a comic artist - not because he's trying to make us laugh but because he's teaching us to see facts, actual and imagined, the way the old Surrealist gang might have seen them, as newly minted realities that offer a criticism of life. And if we laugh, we do it not at the artist's melancholy antics but at his mad-scientist desire to shake us out of what we think

we know. You may be amused by many of these pictures, but vou'll leave the show feeling less safe than when you went in. 🔳

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GALLERIES

"Low Clouds and Fog," an exhibit of new paintings by Jeremy Farson, opens with reception on Friday, March 26, 6 p.m., at Cassius King Gallery (435 Third Avenue). 619-232-5464. Through April. (DOWNTOWN)

"Of Communication/Of **Communion:** Representing the Anatomy of Spirit" - exhibition of work by William A. Gustwiller closes with reception, Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson at San Diego State University.

At the same time, Jason Allen Toth's "Idols and Effigies" opens with reception in SDSU's Flor y Canto Gallery. Through Thursday, April 1. Find galleries in lobby of fifth floor of art department building. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)



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Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kan-

jiro Kawai," an exhibition of ob-

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by known and unknown crafts-

men from throughout Japan con-

tinues until Sunday, April 18. In-

cluded: tansu (Japanese chests),

pottery, calligraphy, woodblock

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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. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, "Baja to Vancouver: The West Coast and Contemporary Art," featuring over 50 paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, drawings, and video works by 33 contemporary

May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the region. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

artists, continues through Sunday,

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.

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)

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.

"Shahzia Sikander: Flip Flop," the next "Contemporary Links 2" exhibition, opens Saturday, March 27, featuring drawings, a site-specific composition, and an installation composed of paintings on dense layers of tissue paper by the Pakistani-born artist. The show, closing Sunday, June 27, is based on a selection of paintings from museum's Binney Collection.

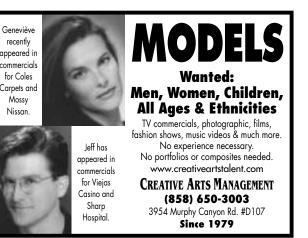
"José Guadalupe Posada: My Mexico," closing Sunday, April 4, includes 110 prints surveying the career of the popular and prolific printmaker, whose works graced broadsheets documenting and satirizing every aspect of Mexican life.

"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 4. 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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Look at Me!

A Gregorian dance number features red-clad men spinning as fast as bullets.

robats make magic.

white angel, wings drooping, falls in slow motion from the sky. Time stops. The being, as Norman Maclean once wrote, must have "owed the universe a tragedy." Then a goofy old coot, his hair sprouting in five direc-

tions, starts slapping the angel with a red fly-swatter, and Cirque du Soleil opens another mesmerizing evening under its blue and yellow tent.

Varekai — the word, in Romany-gypsy, means "wherever" - concerns an Icarus-like young man. It's not clear why he fell, but instead of sun-scorched wings and instant death, he enters a world where the familiar vanishes and he becomes reborn. In costumes so skin-tight they must be sewn from within, the animals are hybrids: a lizard with butterfly accessories; flies that buzz like Formula One race cars. No animal moves at a human speed, or pauses for breath. In fact, they seem incapable of anything mundane. When they aren't defying the laws of physics bounding here, spinning there, soaring way up there — they're dancing.

Varekai functions, says its creator Dominic Champagne, "to tell the old world that something else is possible." The rear stage is a thicket of poles, some 30 feet high, up which "Icarians" scamper as if climbing stairs. Behind the "forest," a live band performs music fused from different cultural styles. In front, on a circular thrust stage, some of the world's most gifted ac-



weight on his back and neck, his legs pointing upward. He balances a gymnast on his toes, then bounces him like a ball. Then spins him like a giant prayer wheel. Then the spinner does a blurry flip and ends up standing

Like the "Icarian Games," in which a gymnast lies on a small, inverted lounge chair, his

on the bottom guy's feet! Typical of Cirque du Soleil, the toe-spin routine builds to that breathtaking, climactic achievement. The audience applauds, thinking that's it. Great. Unforgettable. But then - and most of the acts do this - the toe-spinners do five more equally amazing feats. The exceptional becomes the rule.

Previous Cirque du Soleil shows have tried to out-spectacle themselves, to inundate you with excellence. Varekai's different. The palette's more diverse this time. It includes games and other non-gymnastic routines. A Gregorian dance number, for example, features red-clad men spinning as fast as bullets. And one of them twirls around the stage's perimeter - on his knees.

The clowns, Stiv Bello and Mooky Cornish, serve as foils. The galumphing Cornish (a born comedienne) often slips on the stage, a reminder that the surface is dangerously slick. And in one of Varekai's most memorable bits. Bello dons a powder blue suit and slicked black hair. He croons "ne me quitte pas" ("don't leave me") like



Varekai, by Cirque du Soleil Le Grand Chapiteau, Qualcomm Stadium, Parking Lot H3, Mission Valley

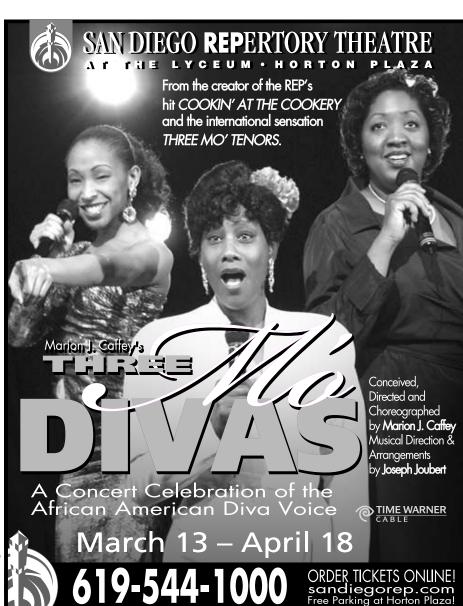
Written and directed by Dominic Champagne; cast: Anton Chelnokov, Stiv Bello, Mooky Cornish, Gordon White, Dergin Tokmak, Stephanie Gasparoli, Octavio Alegria, Rodrigue Proteau, Irina Naumenkol, Craig Jennings, Zara Tellander; scenic design, Stephane Roy; costumes, Eiko Ishioka; lighting, Nol Van Genuchten; sound, Francois Bergeron; choreographer, Bill Shannon; bandleader, Michel Cyr

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Three Mo' Divas: A Concert Celebration of the African-American Diva Voice, created by Marion I. Caffey

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a lounge act in a Vegas dive. Only the follow-spot keeps shifting. He chases after it. Gone again. Soon he's pleading, in song, to the spotlight not to leave. The simple premise earns huge laughs, in part because it's the opposite of everything else. Bello's a model of physical ineptitude.

Last year A&E did a documentary about Cirque du Soleil auditions. The camera followed hopefuls eager to earn a place in the show. They tried stunts mortals shouldn't. Several times, a review board micro-critiqued them ruthlessly. In the end, they didn't make the team. Their dejection made clear they'd rather perform for Cirque than win Olympic gold.

That quest for perfection's most evident in the final act. 14 male acrobats roll two gigantic swings onto the stage. Fastened to large rocking hoops, the swings flank a tower in the center. Huge sheets, like sails, loom in the rear. The acrobats play on the swings. Then they spring into the air, caught by men on the tower. Then they catapult, in corkscrews, over the tower and into the sails, higher and higher. Then two at a time, each an Icarus, trying to reach for the sun.

The San Diego Rep's Three Mo'Divas is an acquired taste, because there's been nothing like it. Three African-American women, in black evening gowns, take the stage and sing operatic numbers from Puccini, Cilea, and Gonoud about divas. All three have octaveleaping voices the equivalent, in fact, of Cirque du Soleil's skywalkers. They sing of finding one's true voice and style. Two hours later, after each has expressed talents



in jazz, blues, gospel, opera, show tunes, soul, and other musical genres, it dawns on you that a personal voice could be plural.

Their ranges amaze. As does the cross-fertilization they achieve. Imagine "Stormy Weather" sung by a operatically trained singer. Or Lewis Allen's haunted "Strange Fruit," with a second voice echoing in the distance. And for versatility, follow N'Kenge Simpson-Hoffman. She ennobles "Juliet's Waltz Song," by Gonoud, then raises the roof with Cab Calloway's singalong, "Minnie the Moocher." Later she shimmies through Beyoncé's "Crazy in Love." Same person. Different stratospheres.

In its world premiere at the Rep, Mo' Divas is so demanding that separate trios — called Cast-A and Cast-1 (so no diva is slighted?) — perform on alternate evenings. I caught Cast-A, which richly deserved the standing ovation they received. At the same time, though, the opening night felt tentative, and a might stiff. Caffey could tighten up his beginning, and lighten up later

(especially the physicality: even the Supremes get a formal treatment). This could be a show that makes huge strides during its run. Once the singers grow more accustomed to each other's brilliance — look out, San Diego!

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ashes to Ashes and The Lover Harold Pinter's one-acts engage

And other hinds i solice actor engage and astonish, especially *Ashes*. Written 34 years apart, each probes a male-female relationship, revealing tensions and power tactics beneath placid surfaces. The 6th@ Penn performances, on opening night, were a mixed bag. Ron Choularton and Christina Soria had a lark as the married couple who cheat on themselves in *Lover* (1962). But they hadn't found their way into *Ashes*(1996). It was as if

they were trying not to repeat the choices in the earlier piece, or that energy. So they were blander than need be. Soria spoke in a monotone; Choularton also reined in impulses. Further exploration (and you know they're doing it) will reveal a richer, even funnier work and one of Pinter's most important. In only 41 pages, you sense the entire 20th Century between the lines. 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." Soria's character, Rebecca, is proof of that fact, and trying to "speak, move," and 'answer.

Worth a try. 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.

Graham's portrait of a stubborn

Burkie

OnStage Playhouse presents Bruce

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.

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C'est L'Absurd: One-Acts

by Cocteau and Ionesco Eugene Ionesco wrote: "I personally would like to bring a tortoise on to the stage, turn it into a racehorse, then into a hat, a song, a dragon...One can dare anything in the theater, and it is the place where one dares the least." Vantage Theatre presents an evening of absurdist one-acts that a. features Priscilla Allen, a San Diego treasure, and b. that could dare even more. Cocteau's Wedding on the Eiffel Tower and Ionesco's The Painting delight in metamorphoses. In each, what seems real is, then isn't, then transforms anew. Wearing gramophone bells, Allen and Charlie Riendeau narrate the wedding, in which bullets do and don't work, and a lion appears. Esther Emery's choreography, Sheila Rosen's cubist costumes, and Iim Turner's Chaplinesque photographer are highlights. But Robert Salerno's direction needs more precision - more stark absurdity — especially with Cocteau's non-sequiturs. Priscilla Allen shines in The Painting as "the Corpulent Gentleman," a Philistine art buff who is, then isn't, in control. And Laura Bozanich is great fun as the gent's one-armed, masochistic and sadistic sister. But loose direction, a windy script, and some odd choices temper the piece's daring illogic (why, for example, is the painter a generic type? Why isn't he as absurd as everyone else? It'd make the first 20 minutes much more vital). Allen's a treat, though, especially when extolling the wonders of art while rowling out reluctant earwax. Worth a try.

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

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The Fantasticks

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's durable musical about innocence and experience. Rick Simas directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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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 MARCH 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Gingerbread Lady

Neil Simon's first "serious com edy" was probably modeled after Judy Garland. Produced in 1970, it follows the rehab and off-thewagon tumble of Evy Meara, popular singer-lush. Her friends — gay Jimmy, narcissistic Toby, and daughter Polly (as loyal as Lear's Cordelia) — help and hinder her recovery. The play's an odd hybrid: stark dramatic scenes laced with TV sitcom one-liners (some of them racist), as if Simon couldn't abandon his need to please. Ginger bread is both relevant and dated (the latter because it ends up enabling Evy's addiction). The threeact play, especially the second, of-fers excellent acting opportunities. And the Renaissance Theatre's cast, directed by George Flint, makes the most of them. Jill Drexler's Toby and Jim Strait's Jimmy ignite with moving performances (Strait's been too long from local stages). Newcomer Amanda Sitton does well with a tricky assignment; daughter Polly is Evy's mother figure. And as expected, Sandra Ellis-Troy rules the stage in a kaleidoscopic role that begins in sunshine and ends at the mouth of a dark tunnel. Marty Burnett's detailed set, Jeanne Reith's expressive costuming, and Karin Filijan's subtle lighting continue the Renaissance

1970:



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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. <u>Worth a try.</u> 6TH@ PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, OPEN-ENDED RUN: MONDAY, MARCH 29, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

The Great Divorce

Lamb's Players presents C.S. Lewis's fantasy tale of a bus journey between hell and heaven. Robert Smyth adapted and directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, THROUGH MAY 2; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUN-DAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Hello Dolly!

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical about Dolly Gallagher Levi, irrepressible matchmaker. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MARCH 28; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUN-DAY AT 1:45 P.M. 858-749-3348 OR 888-802-7469.

The Gingerbread Ladv

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 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

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 videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast, each with Broadway credits. They also have the smarts not to push for comedy or drama, letting the audience choose its reaction (romantics can sigh, scoffers can, well, scoff). Andrea Chamberlain, Mylinda Hull, David Engle,



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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, THROUGH APRIL 3 TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy

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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,

CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH APRIL 26; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.



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Macbeth

Sledgehammer's share-the-guilt interpretation's a mix of arresting images, smart and questionable choices. It's a Levi's and leather take that works best when not trying to pin the play down. David Tierney and Janet Havatshahi, real-life husband and wife, give the Macbeth's strong sexual chemistry — and simbiotic break-down. She speechifies, however, giving readings too formal a balance. He could improve a compe-tent 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 actually Banqua). In the show's biggest eyebrow-raiser, Lady M. slays Macduff's wife and children. But having Hecate, goddess of the Underworld, and of dark magic in Shakespeare's time, rule over the stage limits the play's nihilistic vision (its universe being more unknowably evil than that). As if having Hecate's minions and the Weird Sisters dress in gauze outfits (that recal Kurosawa): the look works, at first, but becomes routine, then mundane [note: Sledgehammer has extended its run of Macbeth]. Worth a try.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

Marvin's Room

Vanguard presents Scott McPherson's award-winning comedydrama about "the healing of a family." Lesley Pearson directed. WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, THROUGH APRIL 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-224-6263.

M Butterfly

Diversionary Theatre presents David Henry Hwang's drama about a 20-year love affair: "it was dark, and she was very modest." Doren Elias directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff

on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympa-"Shakespeare," "Blind Line," thy, and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try. MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999

The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me

Korbett Kompany Productions presents Dan Butler's 14 vignettes, in which characters "question, contradict, and (especially) challenge one another's credo of what 'being gay' really means." ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE (AT IDAHO), NOR-MAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH MARCH 29; SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Peter Seeks a Soul-Mate

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, THROUGH MARCH 28; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Resurrection Blues

The Old Globe Theatre stages Arthur Miller's satire about what may be the Second Coming, in an unnamed South American country. Mark Lamos directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, THROUGH APRIL 25; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT





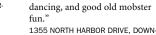
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A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" -- two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. 619-465-7469.

The Sopranos' Last Supper Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner,



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Three Mo' Divas (A Concert Celebration of the African-American Diva Voice) Reviewed this issue.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the



pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try. HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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Two Sisters and a Piano An earlier work by Nilo Cruz,

The Fritz Theatre

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2003 Pulitzer Prize-winner for Anna in the Tropics, the play is both "important" and obvious. Based on Cuban poet Maria Elena Cruz Varela's imprisonment in

1991, for criticizing the Castro regime, Two Sisters follows the fates of Maria Celia (Varela) and younger Sofia. They're under house arrest, their links to the outside world a piano-tuner and Lt. Portuondo (a guardia civil thug, warming to sympathy). Though she lives for her exiled husband's letters, and though the act defies emotional logic, Maria

tenant. Compared to Anna, Two Sisters unfolds like an apprentice job, the seams showing, the surprises telegraphed. It didn't help that the Old Globe's openingnight performances were underrehearsed: one actor barely off book; everyone mechanical, their moves yet to become fluid though Philip Hernandez's fervent Portuondo suggests depths and conflicts far beyond the script. Kris Stone's ingenious set solves a tough aesthetic problem: how to show incarceration in the round? Make the floor a building's façade. Maria Celia and Sofia literally walk on a wall, a constant reminder of their confinement. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK THROUGH APRIL 11; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-

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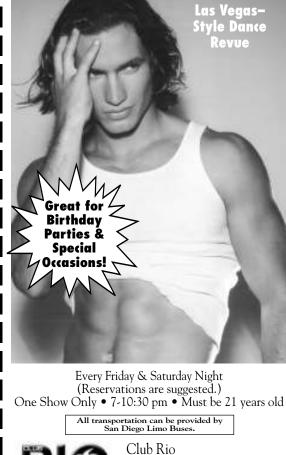
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"Hold your paddle

high and keep bidding until you win," an auctioneer barked as the public auction for the spoils of MP3.com's

dot-com technology companies, and I've got to tell you, it's the nicest...facilities we've seen in that time," the auctioneer told an audience of several hundred. Up for grabs was a black Jeep Grand Cherokee once used to cart employees between the two buildings, burnished steel office



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failed empire got underway. The twoday auction was held March 10 and 11 at the lavish, 100,000square-foot corporate headquarters that was the company's final resting place (two adjacent buildings off Eastgate Mall near I-805 and La Jolla

Village Drive). "In the last few years, we've probably liquidated the assets of a thousand or so

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"We're looking for guitars, recording equipment, computers, laptops anything and everything," said Domestic Disturbance guitarist Charlie Griffin. "I'm here to help make

sure everything runs smoothly, and I might bid on a thing or two," said an employee of five years who said he was with MP3.com's legal team and hedged at giving his name. "I think it has run its course," he said. "I should probably leave it at that."

The company that hired Billy Idol to perform at their 2000 Christmas Party was sued by the Recording Industry Association of America and forced to pay out over \$150 million. The website was sold to Vivendi Universal in 2001 and last year to CNET Networks.

"We have just a couple of people registered online,' noted the auctioneer as the first item, an MP3.com sign touting the company as "The

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largest IPO in history for an independent Internet company," went up for bid. The sign started at \$50 and eventually fetched \$150 from an online bidder. The auctioneer joked, "Must be an ex-employee.

"Overall the auction was very successful," said Don Cowan, president of the auction company Cowan Alexander. "It ranked up there with other high-level auctions such as Furniture.com and Quokka Sports.'

Cowan said about 2000 bidders were registered online and 800 were in attendance over the two-day period. Though Cowan said he couldn't divulge how much money was made overall, he said the Jeep Cherokee sold for \$14,000 and the large, metal MP3.com sign fetched \$2500. –Pat Sherman

"Everything he does is based in art. Wade doesn't give a fuck about

money. Unwritten Law manager Les Borsai feels strongly about drummer Wade Yeoman. Borsai confirmed

that the other four Unwritten Law members asked Yeoman

to leave the band last month. "Wade's been in the band for 13 years. This has been a difficult process. We are all still very fond of Wade. I speak with him every day,'

Borsai added. Borsai, who is based in Hollywood, said Yeoman would probably not be speaking publicly about the separation. "There was a lot of tension [surrounding the break up].

That tension may have come from Yeoman's published statements where he said that lead singer Scott Russo was reluctant to go to work ("We can't get him to practice"), and that the other Unwritten Law members were also getting distracted ("They are into other things like getting married and stuff") Wade had trouble

realizing that business is business, and spiritual is spiritual, and personal is personal," said Borsai. Yeoman and Russo were

famous for their on- and offstage tussles. 'This will be a friendlier

Unwritten Law," said Borsai. "If people can't work together, it stops the creative process.

Yeoman did not respond

to a request for comment. Borsai said Unwritten Law still has an active

contract with Lava Records. "We were just in the studio [at A&M Records in West L.A.] working on the next record. We recorded three tracks with [producer] Josh Abraham (Korn, Staind,



UNWRITTEN LAW DUMPS WADE

Ima Robot). Borasi said Lava has a commitment for "probably a couple more albums.... We are recording this album on their dime.³ He said No Doubt drummer Adrian Young

played on those tracks, and the band is using fill-in drummers for their live shows. "Brooks Wackerman





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of Bad Religion and Tony Palermo of Pulley have been sitting in. Wade is a hard drummer to replace. We are not now looking for a permanent drummer at this time."

Regarding live shows, Borsai said, "We just did two shows at the Ventura Theater and the Glass House [in Pomona]. They both sold out."

He said Unwritten Law, which is famous for taking its time between albums, is actually stepping up the pace. "The time between our last record and this next record will be about a year. Before that it was three years between records." He said he hopes the new CD will be out by September.

Meanwhile the Poway practice complex that was used by Unwritten Law was given up earlier this month. Joey St. Lucas of String Masters in Poway said the rental agreement was in Yeoman's name.

"They used it for about 10 months.

'We left the practice

space to Wade, and Wade chose not to stay there," said Borsai

But didn't Yeoman own one-fifth of the name

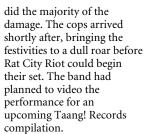
Unwritten Law? "All that stuff is being worked out with the lawyers. We don't foresee that being an issue because there was a majority clause in their contract that says the band name is retained by the majority if another member leaves.

-Ken Leighton

On Friday, February 27, in a Paradise Hills punk-

house that hosts live bands, an uninvited Caucasian male with a shaved head made an appearance. The youth was spotted during the performance of the

hardcore band Indrid Cold, which is fronted by Pete Brown, co-owner of University Heights clothing store Jinx Proof. When asked to leave, the guy threw up a "Sieg Heil." Several of the party's patrons drug the individual onto the front lawn where he was beaten. More than a few got in their licks, but two young women



The Taang! CD release is due out May or June and will hold several tracks from Bumbklatt, Rat City Riot, Battalion of Saints, the Heartaches, the Scotch Greens, and Cheap Sex. Rat City Riot will shoot a

video for the compilation at

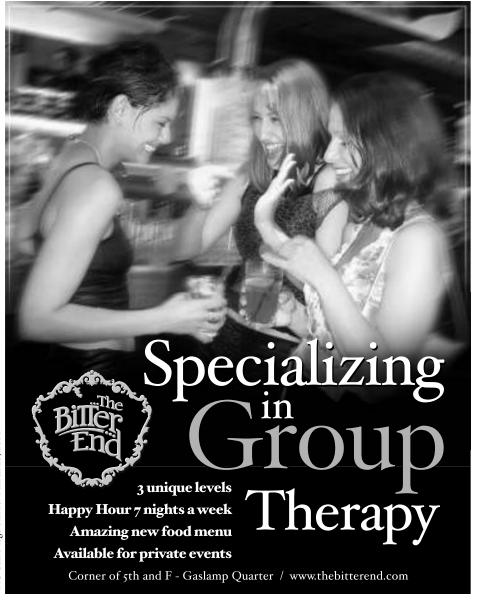


PETE'S BAND JINXED BY PSEUDO-NAZI

their upcoming Scolari's Office show in North Park, March 26.

—Justin Niotta

"Especially with the Scene closing, they want to offer another venue geared to the under-21 crowd. Kathy Lee is the assistant director of UCSD's University Events Office. She



says the members of UCSD's availability of dates made it Associated Students want to more attractive to produce breathe more life into an onshows in the private sector," campus music venue called said Schiffman. Pinback and special guests adjacent bar to the Stage

the Stage. There is an

the show," said Lee.

of 650. The Scene in

700.

Clairemont Mesa, which

closed recently, could hold

For the first time in six

years, the Stage is presenting

a show produced by an

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Schiffman was the last

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So why has it taken so

"The cost of producing

long for Schiffman to come

events [at UCSD] and the

Stage. It was six years ago

when he brought in L–7.

outside promoters.

over.'

back?

Lee would not divulge

"[The cost] is dependent

said Lee. Lee said other

"The Associated Students

called Porter's Pub, which

will serve beer to those 21 and

The Stage has a capacity

up "before, during, and after

appear at UCSD's the Stage April 29. Tickets are \$15 for non-UCSD students, \$14 for UCSD students; must be 18 years or older. For more info, call 858-534-8497. —Ken Leighton

"It would be like if Black Sabbath wrote a rock opera.

For 12 years Dale Anthony played guitar and sang in Zaxas, a Vista-based progressive metal band. He gave it all up to create a rock opera - Destiny Faire.



"This has been allconsuming for me for the last seven years. It took three years to compose and score it.

Another three years to record it." Presumably it took one year to conceive of the complex plot.

"I'm the curator of all evil," says Anthony, who has cast himself as the Captain, one of the leads. "I endow others with ultimate power." The play is set on an old Spanish galleon and in a harbor town. "The music was written by [Vista chiropractor] Rick Barrack and the band Zaxas. The book [storvline] was written by Caroline Nichols, who works for Universal Pictures [in the clearance department obtaining rights to use intellectual property in films]."

The two-disc CD, featuring Zaxas, was released in November and sells for \$20 and includes a 30-page fullcolor booklet. E-mail www.destinyfaire.com for more information.

Anthony says he still needs to cast about half of the 30 cast members for the show, which has a one-day run July 24 at Escondido's California Center for the Arts.

"We still need dancers and some principal actors." Cast so far is Johnny Bisaha, who plays Aaron, another lead.

Anthony's website claims that Dirk Sterzberg, a DJ on Radio 98 in the U.K. said, "If you are thinking that Tommy is the best rock opera in the



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world, you are definitely wrong

Anthony said, "He then played both CDs on the air.' The premier (and only

date) of Destiny Faire, is July 24 at the California Center for the Arts, which Anthony has rented for the occasion. 'It will cost us between

\$12,000 and \$14,000," said Barrack,

regarding the rental of the Center. "It is \$2000 a day and we needed it for three days, one for the set-up, one for practice, and one for the day of the show. We also have to pay for

the ushers, box office, and stage hands, which

will be at least \$6000.' The show will include a five-piece rock band and an eight-person brass/wind/ string group. Tickets are \$27 to \$37.

-Ken Leighton

"Did you have to pay Van Halen for the rights to 'Jump'?" I ask Zack Wentz of Tender Buttons. They do a cover of the 1980s standard on their new EP, Got It Now/Done It Now.

"Nah," he says over the phone late at night. "The CD has such a small run, there's no radio play. I doubt they're even going to know we did it."

"But don't you usually need to cover your ass on that sort of thing?"

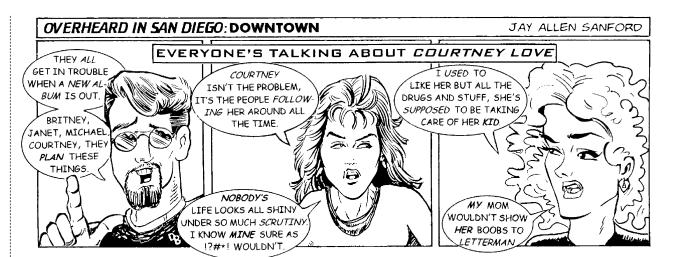
"If a cover becomes a hit, sure. Then they'll just demand some royalties off the sales or any airplay. But in this case

"I hear about these ASCAP thugs," I say, "who



TENDER BUTTONS TEMPTS FATE WITH "JUMP"

troll around clubs, and if a band is doing a cover, they threaten lawsuits and demand an immediate royalty of like \$100. The club pays, and these guys pocket \$75 and the other \$25 goes to a royalty fee, minus another 15 percent cut. That's how



these guys make their living." 'Yeah, it's a scam." "But aren't vou worried

that somehow Van Halen might hear about your version of 'Jump'?'

"Only if you print it," he says, "but I doubt they'll even see that.' –Michael Hemmingson

Mike Salazar owns the **Blvd,** a bar on El Cajon

Boulevard, not the bar in San Marcos. Salazar said he has been

overwhelmed with music fans asking about shows he didn't book. "I got a ton of phone calls

and people coming in asking about when Eek-A-Mouse is coming.... I've had the name for seven years. They are the ones who would have to give

up the name, not me." He said he has so far had no contact with the owners or management of the San Marcos establishment.

of the Blvd in San Marcos, did not respond for a comment.

"Hey, hey, what's with the threats of violence? You better watch what you say to people," said my friend Kurt to a guy bouncing and rapping on Seventh and Broadway downtown, next to Emerson

Books. "It's cool, it's cool," said the rapping guy, who was dressed in black sweatpants and a green tank top.

walking down Seventh when the rapper pointed a gunfinger at us and sang, "Gonna shoot all you dumb whities down / Gonna move in and take over this town.'

"No," Kurt told him, getting red in the face, "it's "I'm sure he didn't mean

nothing by it," I said. "Right?"

"Yeah, man," the rapper said, smiling, "I was just practicing. I'm cutting a record, a real record, a CD, music, you know.' "Music?" Kurt said.

"Down in the basement,"

"No kidding?" Kurt said.

"For real, bro," the rapper

the rapper said. "DDL

said. "We cool?"

"Where?"

Records.

–Michael Hemmingson

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The two locked knuckles.

Kurt and I went around to

the big sign for DDL

Broadway, and I showed him

RECORDS on the building.

"That used to be the Fritz

where I rehearsed many

was a record company downtown," he said. "What

"I didn't even know there

"Rap and hip-hop as far

"Well, beats putting up

another goddamn condo high

Theater offices," I said,

plays in the past.'

do they produce?"

as I can tell," I said.





Iason Simpson, co-owner not cool. —Ken Leighton

Kurt and I had been

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o you want me to teach you how to read music?" Glen Fisher asks. "This is what Candye Kane gave me. It's a sheet of paper with a bunch of lines and some letters on it, right? This is called a chart. This is

what they give you. This is why you study. You've gotta make some sense out of it. A chart is a written piece of music that someone will present you on or before

a gig to prepare. This is what 'These Boots Are Made For Walking' looks like. If you look through this, Candye's telling me — I mean, it just has letters. Candye Kane, she's not a real schooled musician. This is the kind of chart you might find on a blues gig. Because blues players in general are people that aren't music readers per se. Blues is very much about feeling. And, a good player, you don't need to read music very often.

"So this is called a cheat sheet kind of chart. It just has letters instead of having a staff and written notes. Candye's telling me this..." (he plucks notes on his double bass — it is the familiar opening line from the Nancy Sinatra hit), "then I get to this letter E here at the end of that. The two lines represent a bar, so there's a series of lines that are the bars of music. A bar has four beats in it, unless stated otherwise. This sign means to repeat and there's three of these percentage signs after the one bar of E, so that means there's four bars of E.

"But there's a challenge to your musicality

here. You can't just play E" (he twangs a note on the bass), "you have to come up with something decisive on the spur of the moment. I hadn't played this song or seen this chart before we did the gig at Humphrey's for Len Rainey's Super

Bowl Blues Fest. So Sue Palmer gave me this chart, and when I got to the E, I went like this" (he plays a string of notes) "and I hoped they would like it because I had

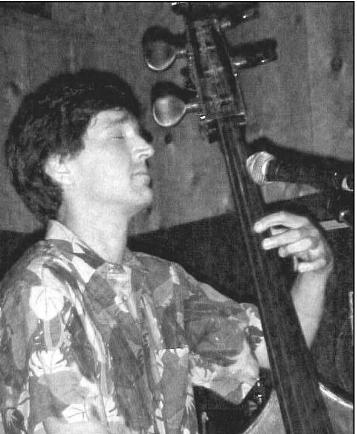
to do something and the chart doesn't tell me what to do....

'That's where you can tell people's musicianship. Musicianship is different than technical skill or knowledge. Musicianship, I think, is the ability to make something musical. It can be present at any level of a musician's talent. It's something like trusting the force of music like they say in *Star Wars* — knowing where to go because it's the right thing to do. Miles Davis used to talk about this all the time. Then we go to the next section - what's the next section, boss? What comes next? Miles Davis just let it happen. All Candye's given me is the letter E. It's all up to my musicianship to make music out of those four bars. Some writers dictate every note. That would be a symphonic situation. In jazz, or rock, or pop music, it's usually up to the player because more often the guys aren't writing out extensive charts like a symphonic score.

"That E up in the corner? That's the key the song's in, I guess, although that's not the standard

way to do it." He sings and plays along: "One of these days, these BOOTS are gonna WALK all over vou. This note means to stop, there's a break there, then it says top, and it says figure — I stop playing, go to the top of the chart, and read the figure she wrote there." (It's a repeat of the opening line.) "It's funny daddy sent me to

music school...and it takes all the knowledge and experience I have to read this cheat sheet. But I've seen it different wavs before and it's actually very clear if you know what to look for." He plays the ending of the song. See? Cha cha cha. This is the shit that you just don't get taught in school. I teach it to kids. When it comes to reading music, I teach them from



Glen Fisher

these scribbles too. I mean, what does this mark look like to you?" (Fisher produces another cheat sheet.) "It looks like nothing. It's a scratch mark with a pen done very quickly, vaguely toward the









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TUESDAY

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Clay Aiken and Kelly Clarkson: Cox Arena, Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Tesla [122] and **Podunk** [447]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [608]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

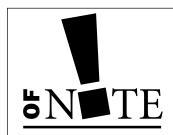
A Perfect Circle and Mars Volta: Cox Arena, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Barrington Levy [746] and **Vegitation:** 4th & B, Friday, April 2, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli *[228]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

John Wesley Harding: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 2,



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7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street,

Patti Page [989]: California Center

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Some of the animosity is just a guestion of taste: The Kansas City guys play the kind of sensitive-guy wallet-chain music that thrills emo fans and makes everyone else want to drop Motorhead's tour van on their heads. Even so, the Get Up Kids are pretty good at what they do. Compared to more respected bands who work the same territory - say, Death Cab for Cutie or Jets to Brazil — a lot of the Get Up Kids' songs have more hummable melodies and less rambling

> Tony Bennett: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula.

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"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.

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'catharsis.'

song structure.

Unfortunately, that

doesn't mean their songs are better. The Get Up

Kids' music is decent

enough, but their lyrics come across like the

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James Brown [611]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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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, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Cristian Castro: Open Air Theatre, Friday, April 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Solas [827]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 17, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Yes [541]: Cox Arena, Sunday, April 18, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

The Offspring [270], International Noise Conspiracy, and the Start: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, April 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Gov't Mule: 4th & B, Sunday, April 18, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Blondie [431]: 4th & B, Monday, April 19, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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The Derek Trucks Band [931]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 21, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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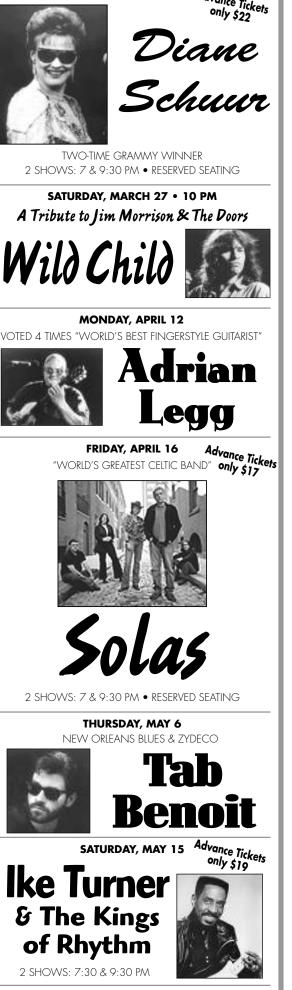
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Christina Aguilera [600] and **Chingy:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Jonny Lang [937]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, May 27, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Dido [215]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 29, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Digital Underground [256]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, May 30, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Dashboard Confessional and **Thrice** [491]: Cox Arena, Sunday, June 6, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Kenny Loggins [**504**]: 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.

Journey [458]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 13, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252. Kenny Chesney [774], Rascal Flatts, and Uncle Cracker: Coors

Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 13, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The B-52's: 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.

Yerba Buena: Belly Up Tavern Friday, June 18, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

P.O.D. [257]: SOMA, Sunday, June 20, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Fleetwood Mac [615]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, June 22, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Train: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 25, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Travis Tritt *[613]:* Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 29, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-792-4252.

JULY

Reverend Horton Heat [268], the Detroit Cobras, and the Forty Fives: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, July 4, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Rush *[466]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, July 7, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Leann Rimes: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, July 15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Go-Go's [483]: 4th & B, Sunday, July 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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.

Al Green [941] and the Average White Band: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 30, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

AUGUST

Kenny Loggins [504]: 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.

Diamond Rio [760]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Matthews Band [259]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 26, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jo Dee Messina [767]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Johnny Mathis [603]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Linkin Park [529], Korn [264], Snoop Dogg [265], The Used, and Projekt Revolution: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, September 3, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Olivia Newton-John: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of 1-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Chicago: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

22 Top [477]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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BY DAVE GOOD

"If you walk across the bridge and play one bar at a time, you get this tune which is a giant palindrome — meaning it sounds the same forwards or backwards." The avant composer **Joe Waters** is standing on the 25th Street overpass that spans Highway 94. In the dying afternoon light, Waters resembles a middle-aged Jude Law. While we talk, he bangs out a ditty on the handrail with sticks. Hundreds of brass tubes, each tuned to a different note, have been bolted in a row along the handrail's uprights. "But you can also play it like it's a giant 300-foot marimba," he says, "and I'm told that people are coming here at night and jamming on it." This fact pleases him. Last year, he and

a local artist were commissioned to do something creative with the otherwise standard-issue bridge. Thus inspired, they turned it into a giant musical instrument. When struck, the brass tubes make a melody that Waters scored and eventually recorded. But on the CD, the main instrument is a synthesizer, not pipes, and the background is filled with peculiar humming and scratching sounds. "Those," he says, "are bees." When Waters per-

forms at SEAMUS 2004, the Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States' 19th festival, he will be playing a PowerBook and not a

bridge. But to Waters, the two are similar in spirit if not in function. If a bridge can make music, so can a laptop.

Waters is SDSU's director of electroacoustic music and media composition. He is also a musical poltergeist. He can get inside your head and throw off nocturnes and fugues that are either surreal or that flow like blond hair off the back of a barstool. Plug headphones into Waters's PowerBook, and Hobbit music slithers out. It is Moby gone



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over to a dark side, where Yoko Ono is the Dungeon Master and Brian Eno keeps score. And that, in a nutshell, is SEAMUS 2004 — a fat dose of composers cut from the same cloth as is Waters, all of them far flung, intelligent, and pure music magic.

SEAMUS 2004, Smith Recital Hall, San Diego State University, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 25-27. 619-594-6060. \$8 per concert.

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 Something Else: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

The Stranglers: The Jumping Turtle Strecher: Blind Melons Surf Report *[319]*: Tiki House Tesla *[122]*: 4th & B The Turnoffs: The Jumping Turtle Undaoath: Soma The Von Bondies: The Casbah Rocky Votolato: Epicentre Watch It Burn: The Kensington

Wet Bar: 'Canes

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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The After Party: 'Canes Avion: The Kensington Club Backyard: Squid Joe's Big Slam: Fannie's The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge Brain Bucket: Tiki House The Breeders *[509]*: Belly Up Tavern Chapter 13: Bub's Whiskey Dive The Church [533]: 'Canes Coastal Beats: Blind Melons DJ Beer: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub DJ T: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub The Drapes: Squid Joe's The Dropkick Murphys [481]:

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The Heartaches: The Casbah Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

High on Fire: The Casbah

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

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Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill Lighter: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain). Borders Books &

Music (Gaslamp) **The Little Effort Band:** Blarney Stone Pub (El Cajon)

Billy Midnight [414]: Belly Up Tavern

The Mixx: Boar Cross'n The Noise Boys: O'Connell's Pub

and Nightclub The Original Booty Burglars:

Pocket: Blind Melons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

The "Q": Surf N'Saddle Random Order: Fannie's

Red-Handed: The Kraken The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rockola: Humphrey's, Cannibal Bar Rookie Card [539]: The Kensington Club

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Siphon: 'Canes

Gone9: Second Wind (San Carlos) **Eddie Spaghetti:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, Island Sports & Spirits

The Tall Dudes: On The Rocks
3 Against 1 [456]: Longshot Saloon
3-P-Soope: Island Sports & Spirits
Stevie Tombstone: The Casbah

 Tubby: Moondoggies

 The View: The Kensington Club

Wild Child: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

Restaurant Donell: The Caliph

Dr. Strut: Humphrey's

The 80z All-Stars: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

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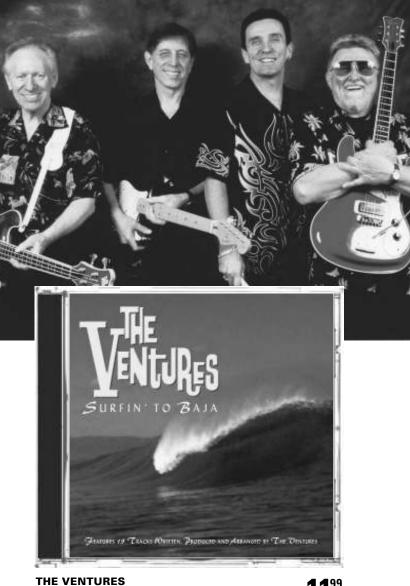
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JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Brick By Brick The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar D.R. Auten: Dizzy's The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

David Beldock & Friends: Coyote Bar and Grill Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

Blue Velvet: The Caliph Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado Calson: The Calvpso Cafe The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Caribbean Breeze: Sevilla

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Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx Gilbert Castellanos & His Quintet: Dizzy's

Gilbert Castellanos & the Salsa Party Jam: U.S. Grant Hotel

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Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge Hollis Gentry [644]: Hot Monkey Love Cafe, Humphrey's

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Lounge Richard Samuels: Mille Fleurs The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

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Humphrey's

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar Reggie Smith: The Wyndham nerald Plaza

The Jacques Lesure Trio: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Light the Night: The Metaphor

Joe Marillo [645]: Elario's Bistro &

Sean McVicker: Elario's Bistro &

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Nadro John: Borders Books and

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, The Calypso Cafe

Sergio Pessoa: Brazil by the Bay

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Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up

Quiet Storm [682]: Humphrey's

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NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) One Foundation: Squid Joe's Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The

Calypso Cafe The Shocks of Mighty: Blind

Stranger [730]: 'Canes The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

(Gaslamp)

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club Covote Moon: Renegade Inn

The Ranch Rockers: Mulvaney's Two-Lane Highway: Don's Cocktail Lounge

The Western Continentals: M3 Espresso Cafe

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

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The Daily Blues Band: On The

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Richard Hunter: Triple Crown Pub Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: Patrick's

Candye Kane [939]: The Calypso Cafe

King Dub: El Cajon Grand Cocktail Louns Michele Lundeen [952]:

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

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Bill McPherson Blue Straight Through: Triple Crown Put

Mississippi Mud: Tiki House Jeff Moore: The Calvoso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken Nite: Life: Pal Joey's

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise Ruby & the Red Hots [918]:

Coyote Bar and Gril Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Cafe

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones:

The Casbah Sweet Blue Onion: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II Theo & the Zydeco Patrol [929]:

Winstons Earl Thomas [946]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars [920]: Patrick's II Billy Watson: Hennessey's Tavern

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Elliott Louis: Bahia Hotel Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant

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Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant

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Club Aero: Thursdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., "Downtown Phunk" loungestyle house, hip-hop, and reggae with resident DJ A.S. Hawkins and weekly guests. No cover. Aero Club, 3365 India Street, Midtown. 619-297-7211.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan P, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827 or 877-695-5827.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," a monster sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Club X-treme: Thursdays, modern Latin atmosphere with DJs G. and Israel, hip-hop, dancehall, reggaeton, salsa, merengue, and bachata. 10 p.m. Acapulco Restaurant, 1020 W. San



Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-471-2150.

Cypher: First Friday of the month, two-on-two MC battles; all ages. Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-582-5908.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, the best of ethereal-electro-gothicdarkwave. Free entry. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500. Information, 619-465-5827 or 877-695-5827.

Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae in the main room; DJs Fingaz, J-Storm, and Charlie Rock spin underground hip-hop on the freestyle session patio. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

Galileo 101: Fridays, soulful funky deep house and urban grooves with DJ ALA and weekly guests. Saturdays, *G-Lounge* featuring Rage and Adam A*Muse in the hip-hop room and Le Roux and ALA in the upstairs lounge. 100 Harbor Drive, Suite 101, downtown. 619-702-7101.

Mass Appeal: Wednesdays, hiphop, funk, and breaks with DJs Hippoh and Still Life. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744.

MixLab: Sundays, DJ Dex's eclectic "listening session": jazz 'n' abstract, alt hip-hop, downtempo sonics, future soul, and ultraglobal vibes. Starts at 8 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins dirty South, hip-hop, and reggae.Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, reggae, and old skool with Boy Toy Jesse. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hiphop, R&B, old skool, and reggae. 740

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Therapy: Fridays, industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests; 21 and up; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego. 619-295-4163. Information, 619-465-5827 or 877-695-5827.

Those Funkin' Fridays: Fridays, house, breaks, and tech with DJ Busty St. Claire and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, the best in Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

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Unleashed/Unlabeled: Second Saturday of the month, DJ Joy spins alternative '80s inside; DJ Josh spins trance, lounge, and electronic outside. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown. 619-296-6789.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant, 2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-5036. Wednesday, the Dave Warren Group, jazz/acoustic rock.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Michael Buble. Friday, 9:15 p.m., The Mother Hips and Billy Midnight, alternative/rock. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., The Mother Hips. Sunday, 8 p.m. Primo, Latin/salsa. Wednesday, 8 p.m., The Breeders and Go Betty Go, alternative.

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Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie* Finnell & Co. East, jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989, Friday and Saturday, the Mixx, rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe. Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Hot Club of San* Diego, jazz

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., Lighter, rock

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Masterpiece*, pop/funk/R&B. Saturday, *Chapter 13*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Candye Kane* and *Sue* Palmer, blues/jazz. Friday, Calson, salsa. Saturday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues, Sunday, the Duo Tones, surf music Monday, Semisi e *Fulabula*, reggae. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Runnin* Blue, blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, the Jackson 3, rock.

Covote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Rhythm Method, classic rock. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Robin Henkel*, acoustic blues. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., David Beldock & Friends, jazz, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Ruby & the Red Hots, swinging blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Northstar, pop rock

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Johnnyfree Variety Band.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street,



Album Name: Acoustic Music (2002) Artist: Byrdie

Label: Emaionashon Records

Songs: 1) Ecstasy 2) Dreamin' 3) Movin' On 4) Turn 'Round 5) Shoddy Town 6) Where Do We Go

Price/Where Available: byrdacoustic@hotmail.com for \$8

Band Members: Brian Byrd (vocals, guitar)

Singer/songwriter Brian Byrd has a voice that is bright and lucid and well suited to the acoustic folkrock styles he experiments with on his debut. While his voice has the potential to enhance his music. Byrd often goes into a shrieking mode, which seriously detracts from the music. His

Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday,

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe,

and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday,

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Thursday, live blues. Friday,

Lower Up, the Turnoffs, Arneson, Hill

Street, and the Stranglers, alternative.

Sunday, open mike, acoustic.

Billy Watson, blues.

lapses into wailing are accompanied by a change in the lyrics – pointed words directed at societal criticisms or hackneved political statements. Between "Shoddy Town" ("We gotta get out there and live") and "Where Do We Go" ("Destruction everywhere, don't care about your race...everyone feels like they're

Tuesday, hip-hop. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike, bands.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday,

Ieff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues Saturday, Red Handed, rock. La Costa Tournament of **Champions Lounge,** La Costa Resort and Spa, Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad. 760-438-9111. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Cynthia Hammond Trio, jazz. mond Trio, jazz

dying"), much of the album succeeds in putting off the listener.

Byrd is much better when reminiscing about personal experiences. Removing himself from the situation keeps him from sounding distressed. He is not a great lyricist, but when he writes about things close to him, the picture of what he wants you to feel becomes clearer.

Byrd has an ear for melody, but only when he's not entangled in the same three chords. ("Turn 'Round" and "Dreamin' " are perfect examples.) Each song is as simple as it gets both melodically and instrumentally. The overall sound wavers between pure folk and softer acoustic rock. The starkness of the last three tracks surprised this listener. The album does have its moments, though none too lasting."How can we get to the top / and once we're

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand

Friday, the Heathens and the Wrongsiders, alternative. Saturday, 3

Against 1 and Foil, rock/alternative.

M3 Espresso Cafe, 3910 Vista

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8:30 p.m., Joshua I. & Lo, light music,

Sunday, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., live music, call club for information. Monday,

8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Blake Williams,

Way, Oceanside, 760-758-6363.

Monday, Random Logic, rock.

ue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576.



Brian Byrd

there, how do we get down?" The first song, "Ecstasy," soars when twisted around the same sharp little guitar riff. This first track, by far the strongest, is a departure from anything else this album has to offer.

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Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Eddie Spaghetti*, rock. Wednesday, *Goldfish*, retro funk.

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Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *John* Foltz, acoustic folk/rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., the Cradit Union, swing. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Third Coast Jazz Band, 9:30 p.m., rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop Sunday, 9:30 p.m., rock en español. Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

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Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-4996. Thursday, the Mystic Roots Band and One Foundation, reggae. Friday, Backyard, Fuzz Huzzy, and the Drapes, rock. Sunday, blues. Wednesday, hiphop.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, the Free-Range Chickens, rock. Saturday, the "Q," rock. Wednesday, open mike.

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Critical Me, Flight Risk, Sixteen Hour Drive, Skipjack, and Private Idea. Cannibal Bar. at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 9 p.m., Masterpiece, funk/jazz/R&B. Friday, 8 p.m. Common Sense, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., Rockola, classic rock.

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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 Ross*, jazz. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., flamenco guitar.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, Tubby, rock. Wednesday, Michele Lundeen, blues.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Missi on 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

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Modereko, alternative. Friday, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, jazz, and Israel Maldonado. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Blues Patrol*, blues, 9 p.m., *Jose Sinatra*, Monday, Electric Waste Band. Tuesday, The Original Booty Burglars, rock. Wednesday, Hamsa Lila.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Joe Byrnes, Irish folk, Sunday, open mike Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk, Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, Larger Than Leon, alternative.

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Brazil by the Bay, 3770 Hancock Street, Suite G, San Diego. 619-692-1410. Sunday, 4 p.m., Sergio Pessoa, Brazilian music

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Live music nightly. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sue Palmer, jazz.

The Caliph, 3100 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-9495. Friday, 9 pm, *Kevin Cavanaugh*, lounge piano. Saturday, *Blue Velvet*, jazz. Monday, Donell, piano. Wednesday, Del Crone, contemporary.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/heavy. Friday, 7 p.m., *Get Up Kids, Recover*, and Rocky Votolat

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, wn 619-238-2389 Thursday *a Flock of '80s*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Friday, 7:30 p.m., Lisa Sanders, acoustic, 9 p.m., the Jacques Lesure Trio featuring Hollis Gentry, jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m., Joev Pearson Anastasia, Brett Williams, and Natalie Hassey, folk.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, Rockola, classic rock. Friday, two shows, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., pop. *Diane Schuur.* Saturday, *Wild Child*, Doors tribute band. Sunday, Calvin Romance, Hollis



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Monday, Chet Cannon, blues. Tuesday, *Dr. Strut*, funk/dance. Wednesday, *Quiet Storm*, jazz.

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BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one stall, one urinal, one sink, and a mirror that was broken; powder soap and paper towels; two different band stickers ("Pilotman" and like I was a pervert when I asked her

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Santana, mural of Jim Morrison with words "Light My Fire," and a three-foot pair of sunglasses on wall with the word "Sol"

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 122 when band La Sombra was playing; 119 last week at the Tiki House

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ Sexo en la Azotea

OUOTABLE ➤ Two women were in front of me at the bar. One said. "I told you those assholes weren't going to meet us here." As I was leaving, I saw two guys show up.

alternative. Saturday, Rookie Card, Avion, and the View, rock.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights 619-282-0437. Thursday, the Biddy Bums. Friday, Pop. Saturday, Kova, Trevor Davis, and Pete Thurston, acoustic/folk. Sunday, *Gregory Page*, acoustic. Monday, open mike.

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I looked into that later and found out that the city inspectors are also focusing on clubs that offer women free alcohol.

The band at this place was rockin' The waiters and bartenders all had black bow ties and were very friendly. One said, "We don't usually have tourists in here. But we're glad to see you. You are always welcome here."

When I asked for the bar's phone number, he said, "We have no phone." When I asked for the address, he said, "You say, 'Plaza Fiesta.' Everyone knows that."

– Josh Board

Marriott Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, Mission Valley. 619-692-3800. Club Kicks: Friday, 8 p.m., Rising Star, pop.

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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

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Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D.* Boucharde, piano.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday, Jungle Boogie, pop. Saturday, the 80z All-Stars, pop.

Sassafras Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday, Victoria Rose, classic guitar and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue. downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Caribbean Breeze*, salsa. Wednesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*, Latin.

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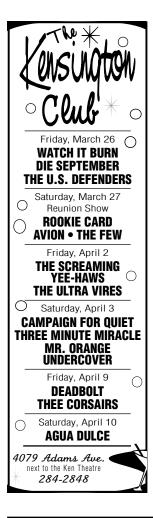


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The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown

619-239-4500, Lobby: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Reggie Smith*, jazz saxophone. Friday, 5 pm to 8 pm, *the Sam Johnson Trio*, bass/piano/sax, and Janet Hammer, vocals.



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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 onita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660 Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Cirro, Latin. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, Jesse Davis, variety. Saturday, Latin jazz/variety.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222 Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Dale Canonizado, piano bar.

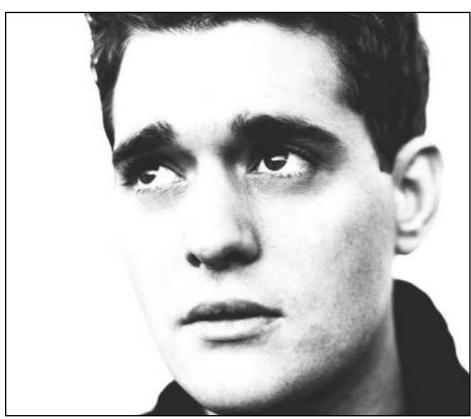
Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Thursday, *DJ T* and *DJ Beer*, rock. Friday and Saturday, *the Evil Twins*, rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon* Kohl, Kiell Holmes, or Vicki Eriaat, European and ethnic accordion

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.

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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, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, Two-Lane Highway, country.

El Cajon Grand Cocktail Lounge, 437 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-444-0949. Saturday, *King* Dub, blues/rock.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, Random Order, classic rock. Tuesday, Big Slam. 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.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466 2912. Friday, live rock/jazz. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Los Reyes del* Ritmo, Latin.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Saturday and Sunday, *the Ranch* Rockers, country.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *the Tall Dudes*, rock. Saturday, *the Daily Blues Band*.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Olde Highway 80, (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Coyote Moon*, country.

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, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

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10:30 p.m., Daniel Jackson, jazz.

Crown Room: Thursday, noon to



Another Take for Taka

It all started when I clipped out a small ad for Chef Taka and hung it on the fridge. "Is that the same Taka?" my boyfriend asked me, excited. It was indeed, the same Satate Taka, the Japaneseborn fusion chef who cofounded the popular restaurant of that name in the Gaslamp and then moved on to open Octopus Garden a block or so away. After selling the latter last year, he and his wife ventured eastward to search for just the right space. They found what they wanted at the former Odessa Russian nightclub in La Mesa — a comfortable kitchen, a separate banquet room, a parking lot, and even a barbecue in back, waiting for them to grill up some yakitori. In July, they opened Chef Taka, filling a much-needed culinary niche in the area.

It was a dark and stormy night when I arrived there, my partner in tow, both of us dripping in the doorway. A waiter came forward to greet us. "The posse's not far behind," I told him. "Their horses must be stuck in the mud."

It was a weekend, and despite the weather, Chef Taka was slamming, with a birthday party in the stately banquet room and most seats full in the small, bright adjoining restaurant and sushi bar. "Nights like this, people just want to stay local," I overheard someone tell the chef. The crowd was a mixture of sushi-scarfing collegians, Japanese-Americans from the neighborhood, members of "the greatest generation" (including at least two Yanks whose fluent Japanese astonished me), and a scattering of "salt 'n' soy" couples.

Once seated, you're greeted with a bowl of edamame, green soybeans in their pods. They're a standard sushi-bar snack, but cooked this carefully, they're a treat — cold, salty, and fresh, not a mushy bean among them. By now the rest of our gang had mushed on in, and we dived into the menu. Our first appetizer blew the rainclouds away. "This is the best soft-shell crab ever! It's soft, not crunchy," raved my sweetie, who's never cottoned to the crackle of molting blue crabs. Baked in a white porcelain oval cocotte, the "busters" had been caught just after shedding, before their new carapaces could start to harden. They were bathed in a mysteriously named "salsa cream aioli," a thick, suave cream sauce (known in sushi lingo as "dyna-



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mite") mixed with enough Mexican salsa to give it a spark. This dish is typical of Taka-san's cooking at its best: It starts with a Japanese culinary base and is adorned with French and Cal-Mex filigrees.

The mixed seafood tempura was pleasing, too, its airy batter surrounding ultra-tender prawns, scallops, and mysterious greens. "What are these?" asked Becky.

"Hmm, looks like Italian parsley," said Sang. "Tastes sort of like it, too," Lynn added. I peeked at the menu we'd secreted behind my boyfriend's wet windbreaker. They turned out to be *shungiku*, edible chrysanthemum greens.

Carefully fried to barely opaque, the tempura scallops were especially exciting — smaller but distinctly sweeter than the soporific specimens we've recently been getting from the Atlantic. Instead, these are from the ice-cold Pacific waters off Hokkaido in northern Japan, Takasan's home region. Taka purchases his seafood from an L.A. sushi-specialist fish jobber, so

chemically preserved scallops don't dare sneak into his kitchen. For the frying medium, Taka-san cleaves to Japanese tra-

ditions by using rice-bran oil, light-flavored and cholesterol-free. He shuns the cheaper, more common California substitute, canola, because of its unappetizing industrialgrease aroma.

Although the sushi bar is often packed at dinnertime, the priorities at Chef Taka run opposite to the sushi-centric slant of most local Japanese eateries: It's not a sushi bar with a

Chef Taka's ★★★ (Very good)

Mesa Plaza, 7520 El Cajon Blvd. (at Parks), La Mesa, 619-463-0231.

HOURS: Monday–Friday 11:30–2:00, 5:00–10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 11:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, \$6.50–\$13; sushi at standard price range; entrées, \$13.50–\$27. (Market price for live shellfish, Dungeness crab about \$25, lobster about \$65); desserts, \$2.50–\$7.50. Nightly specials at 15 percent off menu price. **CUISINE & BEVERAGES:** Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, Chinese touches. Japanese beers on tap; sakes and some California wines.

PICK HITS: Soft-shell crab, tempura, seafood chowder, *Teishoku* combination dinner.

NEED TO KNOW: Small staff; don't be in a rush. Reserve for weekends, but cooking may be better on quieter weeknights. Entrées include soup or salad. Happy-hour bargains nightly 5:00–7:00 weekdays, 4:00–7:00 weekends, 7:00–9:00 for nigiri at sushi bar. Banquet room bookable for catered parties of up to 150, with off-menu dishes available by request, including Italian, French, and Chinese food.

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restaurant attached, but a fusion restaurant that has a sushi bar. Still, we had to try a few rolls among our appetizers. Mrs. Taka, whose family owns a chain of sushi bars in Japan, is the sole sushi chef most evenings. At our first dinner, the *uni* (sea urchin) nigiri was ultra fresh and velvety, and the rice in the roll exhibited perfect firm-tender texture and fine flavor, with just a hint of sweetness, flavored by the Taka's







own seasoned sushi vinegar.

That night, though, our young "weekend waiter" kept losing track of us — halfway through taking our order, for instance, he went off to get an answer to a question and vanished for some 20 minutes. We'd ordered a Caterpillar Roll; instead, he brought us a simpler, less ornate Snake Roll (eel, eel sauce, and avocado). At least the eel sauce was less icky sweet than usual.

Dinner entrées come with a choice of miso soup or salad. The house salad is a lively mix of spring greens and enoki mushrooms in a subtle ginger dressing. The strength of the miso soup varies night by night, but the tendency is toward earthy power, softened by small cubes of silky tofu and fresh scallion greens floating in the broth.

We all fell hard for the Seafood Chowder. Its tomatoenriched broth is deep and complex, burgeoning with two types of clams, hosts of succulent little mussels, whole (head-on) shrimp, and calamari rings. Floating on top are buttered baguette toasts topped with a bit of melted cheese. "I love this," said Lynn, "but isn't it more French than Japanese?' Emphatically yes - the dish is actually a Provençal bouillabaisse by another name, with So Cal touches of jalapeño and cilantro. It comes in two sizes, and those who like to live large (and eat much) might consider

ordering the smaller size for an appetizer.

Another evening, the special was a fillet of Chilean sea bass. I felt guilt-stricken about eating an endangered species, but I needed to try it, and the poor fish was already dead. It was fresh and exquisite; I'd forgotten how wonderful this species can taste when it's cooked with kindness. Visiting our table, Taka-san told us that he used to go fishing for this species in Japan. "They're very large and swim very deep. They were down 1000 meters. It's a very rare fish now." (When I interviewed him later, we discussed the issue. and he said he might search for a less-imperiled substitute species.) He had marinated this one in sweet sake (mirin) and his housemade light soy mixture and grilled it on one side to barely sear the flesh. Then he flipped it to the skin side and cooked it to moistly done, with blackened skin that served as a built-in dish for the tender flesh. The fish came with a var-

ied vegetable assortment that recurred on most of our other entrées. It included lotus root (the actual root of the lotus flower, with an elegant lacy shape, an artichoke-like flavor, and a pleasantly spongy texture), plus baby corn, three types of fresh sautéed mushrooms, spicy broccoli rabe, and a scattering of rice noodles with spicy Japanese mayo. The most precious jewel of the array was a superb "risotto" - superb, that is, if you forget its name and just enjoy it for itself. The rice is gooey, with a mouth-feel almost as soft as mashed potatoes. It's topped with a crisp

frizzle, both charming and distracting, consisting of tempura-ed julienne veggies potatoes, carrots, scallions, and (in the batter) a bit of *sansho* hot pepper that burns just a little but lasts on the tongue. This isn't Italian risotto by a long shot but something new and very likeable.

With its increasing local success, the restaurant seems to be suffering from growing pains, and on busy nights some dishes may ache from them. On our first evening, the sous chef manning the grill for the weekend rush must have come straight from a day job at a crematorium. The results were a gallerv of good culinary ideas gone up in smoke. A "rack" of pork turned out to consist of one thick chop marinated in a honeyhoisin barbecue mixture. It was cooked to order, but the waytoo-hot grill carbonized the surface of the meat and left a faint chemical taste of the gas. A grilled salmon marinated in sake kasu (the lees left from sake making) was equally burned and blackened along the crosshatches, moist only in the center. On a quieter night, I enjoyed a reprise of the salmon in the multipart Japanese taiseki dinner, featuring sashimi and rare, tasty beef teriyaki as well. Untortured by the flaming inferno, the fish was tender and tasty.

The opposite problem beset a young New Zealand rack of lamb — a huge portion, consisting of a full seven- or eight-bone rack of ribs, partly "frenched" (albeit with more exterior fat left on than is customary) and sliced into individual ribs. The meat was long-marinated in a grated apple, soy sauce, and sesame oil-honey paste and served with an interesting miso-honey-sesame dipping sauce. We ordered it rare (following the French style), but it arrived close to stark raw. The meat tasted rather muttonish, perhaps because of its undercooked surface fat.

At my second visit, the crowd was lighter than on the weekend, but that evening's patrons were clearly dedicated to the mass consumption of sushi. Along with a full bar clamoring for rolls, at least two tables had ordered gigantic arrays of nigiri and futomaki. Suffering from the rush to roll, our nigiri were a little loose, the avocado in a Rainbow Roll was less than perfectly ripe, and a spicy scallop handroll was unevenly mixed. "This one has all the right ingredients," said my sweetie, the sushi maniac, "but they're left separate. I don't want each flavor individually; I want them mixed. It should be like a spicy ice-cream cone.' He may have been especially miffed because we'd ordered the sushi for an appetizer, and the cone arrived, instead, just in time for dessert.

The real desserts are a better bet to end the meal, since Mrs. Taka has studied French pastry. If you want to go beyond the standard crème brûlée, tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream, the most interesting choice is a roasted apple tart on puff pastry, with caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream. French-food fans will recognize this as a simplified *tarte tatin* by any other name. It's very pleasant, with a purchased puff-paste crust from Sysco topped with apples cooked with vanilla beans and caramel sauce, topped with ice cream and a scattering of raspberries.

After rush hour, La Mesa is only 10 or 12 minutes from the East Village edge of the MLK. Even a couple of years ago, though, its food scene was pretty much straight "boonies." Lately, I keep hearing that San Diego restaurants are finally "growing up." If Chef Taka is any indication — selling strongspoken, venturesome fusion food to La Mesa — I can almost believe that the dream may be coming true.

ABOUT THE CHEF

In 1968, Satate Taka was a teenage rock 'n' roller in rural Northern Japan hunting for a iob. One of his uncles was a chef who was happy to help him find a gig, so young Taka plunged into the restaurant business, doing the "dirty work" at a Chinese restaurant in his hometown. He worked his way up to chefdom and married a woman whose family was also in the restaurant business. He became a chef for a Tokyobased megachain, which sent him kicking and screaming to open a branch in Ohio.

He discovered that he liked America after all but preferred California to Dayton, so he found a job in San Diego. After stints as a teriyaki chef at Benihana and as a sushi chef in Rancho Bernardo, he opened and closed several small restaurants of his own. Meanwhile, he learned French cooking from a friend who worked as a sauce chef at the Marriott. He opened Taka in the Gaslamp, intent on serving Japanese fare with French and California influences, but the investors who backed him didn't want to wait to see a profit. After they sold out, Takasan found a new investor and lured away most of Taka's chefs to his new kitchen at Octopus Garden (named, of course, after Ringo Starr's ditty).

"I had trouble with my partner there," says Taka who went looking for a space farther east because he wanted a place with an ample parking lot. The transition wasn't easy. "We had a hard time here at first, but business is picking up now," he says. "We're still hiring more people. My son is a chef, but he's grown and doesn't live at home any more, so he has to make a living. He sometimes comes and works here, but I hope we'll have enough business soon: I can put him on the payroll, and he can work here full-time."

I asked whether the banquet room was reserved for parties and catered events. "The banquet room is open to the public unless somebody reserves it," Taka answered. "We can handle 150 people for a party, no problem. Right now I'm applying for an entertainment license, for disco, karaoke, and rock 'n' roll after the restaurant is done for the night. I've always loved music. I've been working a long time in restaurants; now I'm 51 years old; finally I can play. I play guitar, piano, drums — mainly old rock 'n' roll from the '60s; that's the music I like. Maybe I'll play in there after the kitchen closes."

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I Need Happy

"This is what I want this place to be," he says. "A place where big families come in and spend three hours eating."

ey. That's the Buena Vista Social Club," says Jerry. "You know, that great old band they discovered in Havana? Ibrahim Ferrer?"

It's not quite midday, Oceanside time. A couple of women and a family sit

among the three dozen tables. This is the Cuban place Jerry has been talking about for weeks. It has sponged orangey-pink walls, black iron chandeliers and grillwork, some bongos, a small ad for Hatuey Cuban *cerveza*, and a large poster of Guantanamo Bay, in-

cluding the base and the town, as if it was just another Caribbean tourist trap. Cuban music trumpets over the sound system.

But Jerry's looking at a big mural on the far wall, of what look like Cuban jazz players.

"Could that be them?"

"No," says this smart-looking guy with a sort of French professor's beard. "That's not them, but it's people like them."

This is Paul, the owner of Azafran ("Saffron"), Oceanside's only Cuban restaurant. Paul's half Argentinean, half Cuban. "But I choose the Cuban side," he says. "Cubans are more fun. They're happier. Argentina? It's the land of the tango. Tragic! Sad! I need happy."

I need coffee. I ask what he has. "Cuban coffee," he says. "Like espresso but Cuban." It's \$1.75.



I take it. Jerry asks for a Pepsi (\$1.75).

Paul leaves and comes back with a long loaf of bread in a basket and a little plate of *chimichurri* — parsley, garlic, and oregano in olive oil. I open the menu.

For starters they have traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches: hot pressed to mix the juices. All \$6.75. Cubano 1 and Cubano 2 are smoked ham, cheese, and pickles. Number one also has cured ham (like the Italian prosciutto), number two some pork roast. I like the sound of the *medianoche* ("mid-

night"), basically ham and cheese in a sweet bread. "Great with *café con leche*," says the menu.

Lechón (suckling pig) is a pork-roast sandwich with grilled *mojo* ("If you like it juicy!! ask for it"). Next thing that catches my eye is the "half-

sandwich and beans," half of any sandwich and a bowl of black beans. It's \$5.50. Roasted-garlic chicken's \$6.95, *picadillo* — Cuban-style ground beef — is \$6.25, and *ropa vieja* ("old clothes") shredded beef — costs \$8.75. "Spicy aroma and sweet accents...magically evoke childhood in Havana," says the menu.

'Course, the one I really want to try isn't cheap. It isn't even Cuban. Paella Valenciana. Eighteen fifty. Each. Minimum two. I console myself remembering how disappointed I've been with paellas in the past.



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All the time we're reading and wondering, we're ripping off bits of this appetizer bread and dipping it in the spiced-up olive oil. So-o good. My little cup of sweet Cuban coffee matches it perfectly. I'm starting to imagine myself in Havana, near Papa Hemingway's bar, with big-fin Caddies cruising by.

There are lots of steaks, a sampler for firsttimers (\$12.95), a stewed tongue (\$9.25), and a "Tail on Fire" — *rabo encendido* — an oxtail stew with a lot of peppery heat in it for \$9.25.

"What do you think?" I say to Jerry. "Sandwich. Think I'll have the Cubano 2."

I breathe a sigh of relief — I'm paying — and order the half-sandwich and beans for me. Cheapest thing on the menu. I ask Paul what the deal is if I take the *lechón* (pork roast) sandwich with the *"mojo* grilled."

"Mojo is a sauce with olive oil, garlic, onion, and sour orange," he says. "It keeps the sandwich moist."

Paul brings out the sandwich. Lord. This is a half-sandwich? Two big triangles of bread sit there bulging with pork meat, and beside them, black beans swim in a handle bowl. And here's the thing. It's not just that the meat is oh so juicy and oniony and garlicky, it's the bread itself. A beautiful crunch through the crust, a "bite me!" attitude.

And whatever they put in that *mojo*'s all right by me. I almost surrender to a Hatuey beer (\$3.75)

but check myself with fears of where the bill's at. Instead I go for Malta India (\$1.75), a thick, rich drink that's basically molasses, looks like a Guinness, and tastes like a sweet stout. I guess in the land of sugarcane, this drink's a natural.

Jerry's real happy with his Cubano 2 too. He's a big man. Six-six. But his full sandwich beats him. Me, I'm starting to love this place. Paul comes over and talks about how he gave up electrical engineering because he needed people. Interaction. He needed to see his kids. Now they race around here and even help out. He tells how last night a bunch of people came in and started singing and playing instruments. "This is what I want this place to be," he says. "A place where big families come in and spend three hours eating and getting together."

Rose comes over. Before she started here, she was in Puerto Rico helping the Red Cross. She loved that, and she loves working here too. It's her day off, but she came in to bring a CD for Paul to play on the sound system. "You ought to do what I do," she says. "Eat plantains and a flan every day. Flans here are the best."

Paul says his wife Sara makes the bread, every day. Now I want to try her sweet bread in the *me-dianoche* sandwich.

Jerry can see the talk's not going to let up for a while. "I'm going out for a cigar," he says. "A Cuban?"

"I should be so lucky."

The Place: Azafran Cuban Cuisine, 1001 South Coast Highway (at West Street), Oceanside (760-435-0005) **Type of Food:** Cuban

Prices: Cubano 1 sandwich (smoked ham, cured ham, cheese, pickles), \$6.75; Cubano 2, same but with roast pork, \$6.75; medianoche, ham and cheese in a sweet bread, \$6.75; lechón, pork-roast sandwich with grilled mojo, \$6.75; half-sandwich and black beans, \$5.50; picadillo, Cuban-style ground beef, \$6.25; ropa vieja, shredded beef, \$8.75; stewed tongue, \$9.25; rabo encendido, peppery oxtail stew, \$9.25

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The Queen **Of White Zin**

"During the weekends we get everybody, but during the week it's kind of a chick bar."

hen Father Junípero Serra and his fellow Franciscans started producing wine for Mission San Diego in 1782, his intentions were undoubtedly pious - he needed wine for the Mass. But it is not difficult

to imagine a little missionary revelry arising from those early California vintages as well. When Baja's Bodega de Santo Tomas started up about a century later, the winery capitalized on the association, producing a number of whimsical paintings featuring wine-happy priests and mischiefmaking acolytes.

A print of one of those paintings hangs inside Friars Folly, Tami Ridley's wine-themed restaurant at the far end of San Marcos' Restaurant Row: A Dominican addresses a group of gentlemen at an outdoor lunch. All are smiling, all have wine in their glasses. A band plays in the background, but one musician is having trouble - an altar boy is pouring wine though a funnel into the bell of the man's tuba.

Ridley named the place Friars Folly as a tip of her hat to the history of both San Diego and the California wine industry. Because of the Franciscans, she brings in the St. Francis Zinfandel, the Franciscan Merlot. She says that, "as long as the



wine is good," she likes to carry wines from producers who have been around since the early days. She wants people to "learn a story as they go through the wine list. I don't want to bury people with information, but I like history. I like

to support the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles because it's the oldest, largest winery in Southern California," still making wine in what used to be the industry's center. "It's still family-run, and I think it's cool that a family can still do that. They have vineyards throughout California and they

make three tiers of wines -- Maddalena, San Simeon, and Stefano. In the beginning, everybody was saying, 'San Antonio? Are you nuts? Don't you want to have a decent wine list?' But it's become the most popular wine.'

Still, history isn't everything — Ridley runs a restaurant, not a museum. "I don't want to carry wines that you can go and buy in the supermarket." That's why she doesn't carry Buena Vista, even though founder Agoston Haraszthy "is considered one of the fathers of the wine industry in California, and he was also the sheriff of San Diego County.'

That question about her sanity might also have been asked about her plan to put a cozy, bistro-style restaurant that emphasized wine in among the relative behemoths of Restaurant Row — places like Fish House Vera Cruz and Zip n' Zack's. "I used the Wal-Mart theory. I know Wal-Mart's got something of a bad name now, but in the beginning they went where nobody else went — into the smaller rural communities. I thought, 'Look at this neighborhood. It's the fastest-growing city in San Diego County. Huge developments, average home price \$500,000. People don't want to drive all the way to San Diego to drink wine, then have to drive back up here.

"Our beginning market was people walking past to get to the movie theater. I tried to make wine really approachable and really affordable so that it wasn't a big risk to come and try something." The zeal for things local that steered her toward San Antonio also brought in wines from Orfila and a few Temecula wineries, and the list offers plenty of California labels. But Ridley is herself something of a missionary, seeking to "get people off Chardonnay and Cabernet" and into wines from France, Italy, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand. ("I can't understand why nobody buys Champagne," she sighs, gesturing at her '96 Duval-Leroy.) She has featured some bottlings from Baja. "I'm building a Latino crowd, and they're fascinated by the Mexican wines.

To lure theatergoing passersby, she tried live music. "At first, I was a little afraid of my experiments. I thought, 'I'd better do what people want.' I thought that would be softer jazz for the stereotypical wine bar crowd." So she hired an old-timer who teased mellow standards out of the restaurant's piano. "I'd be working in my office all day, and I'd come out around six and the whole place would be filled with senior citizens. I was the queen of White Zin - I sold more White Zin than any other wine. Then I started to



Friars Folly

change the music." She still gets the seniors, in part for health reasons. "Their doctor has told them that a little red wine would be good." But her piano player is liable to break out "Stairway to Heaven" in between standards, and she has begun featuring full bands on weekend nights. "We have surf rock, blues bands, flamenco jazz, singer-songwriters like Gregory Page. That's brought in the 25 to 45 demographic.

That demographic is her demographic. "I'm just trying to use myself as the lowest common denominator and see what I would like. I was looking for what I called a fortified coffee shop. Ten years ago, I was in the coffee shop crowd. I was in law school, I didn't have a whole lot of money, and I had to study - so I drank coffee.



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Using herself as a guide has proved an effective tactic. "During the weekends we get everybody, but during the week it's kind of a chick bar. A lot of women come in during the week — a group of teachers, a group of nurses. The older clientele is here from around six to seven thirty, then it gets younger. People bring their laptops, plug them in, and sit at the counter - we're talking about doing wi-fi. People are always starting conversations with other tables. We have regulars. It's getting to be like a little Cheers-type place."

Ridley would like to expand, and she and her manager have been trying to figure out what makes Friars Folly work. "I think the key is providing a service in a neighborhood. I'd like to look at other neighborhoods that fit this same kind of profile. Places with lots of new people who need a hangout and who don't have an established place to go." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party, eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother, Michael, offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. (Be sure to try the house's chicha morada, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn.) The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées, most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly, and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; special wine dinners Friday nights, 10 p.m. to midnight. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy litte "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-toorder omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

(off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eatt"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firmtender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco

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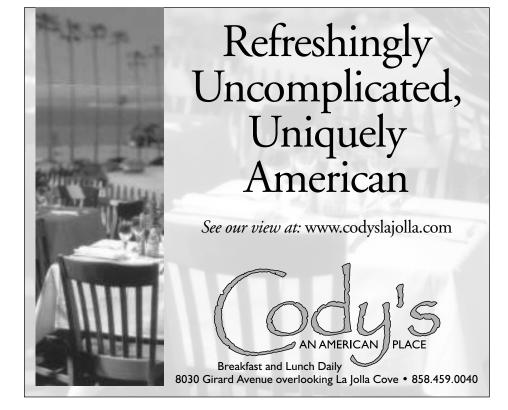
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Calendar restaurants

(squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through

It up, too). Open daily, breakfast througn dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)
 Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947)

Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn. potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompa-nying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honeybased sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

J. Taylor's Restaurant L'Auberge Resort and Spa, 1540 Camino Del Mar (at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-793-6406. On lush, lovely grounds, in an airy, country-inn dining room, Executive Chef Tom Atkins offers Northern California-style "comfort" cuisine, with simple, fresh flavors and prime seasonal ingredients (you'll think you're in the Napa Valley). Execution is expert. Appetizers and desserts are especially appealing, as is a multicourse tasting menu (with matched wines optional) that lets the chefs stretch out and show off a little. In fair weather, you can dine on a patio overlooking the herb garden that's the source of so many flavors on your plate. A rather steep wine list emphasizes California vineyards. Free valet parking at restaurant door. Three meals daily. Expensive. — N.W. (1/03)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatani mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Cuvee 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal if rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine, designed to accompany an interesting and very affordable wine list. All bottles on the regular list are under \$25 and available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind La Jolla branch. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

Fleming's Steak House And Wine Bar 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (1/00)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid e very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)



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Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry—those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858–454–0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B, (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed - they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green alapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and - voila! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/02)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the soundlevel loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Canlive tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

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Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why, Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations ac-cepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in madeto-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list Mainly moderate serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inex-pensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — N.W. (9/02)

THE BEACHES

Hanaoka 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (*8/03*)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Occan Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And





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Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open til :30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and dis-ciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when threeor four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various searood sandwicnes, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, black-ened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fish-eschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat -– cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Mary-land-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restau-rant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and blackbackground fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. -A.M. (5/01)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

May Day Cafe 1860 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, 619-448-2707. Talk about hidden jewels: This place is in a hangar at Gillespie Field next to a road hardly anybody uses. Yet go early for breakfast and TV news, country music, and a relay from Gillespie tower make it



Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these stripmall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares*(Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida:* "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it.









feel like Grand Central Station. Then you'll notice most everyone else there is talking planes. This is a fliers' hangout. The menu is simple, and cheap. Eggs and toast a couple of bucks, "May Day Melts" (sourdough bread with eggs, cheese, ham), not much more. For lunch, it's hot pastrami or a grilled ham and cheese sandwich. But what you're really here for is the talk. Take-off's, landings, getting lost. Breakfast and lunch. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Sunny Garden Cuisine Of China nont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - A.M. (4/02)

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

FAR EAST

Burning Tree Native American Grill 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard 619-766-3442. This place feels like some Boulevard, one's baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of Califor-nia live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mot tled yellow windows - you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Dulzura Cafe Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient eggbeaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think wintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve



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alendar **RESTAURANTS** into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices.

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For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. – E.B. (8/03) Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94,

Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (12/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yel-low and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination - pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

Bread And Cie 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anisefig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot - inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/02)

Cafe On Park 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfinstuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California

wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Up per moderate to expensive. *N.W. (10/02)*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional spe-cialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the out-standing *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (9/02)

Liaison 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an a la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excel-lent service. Patio dining, weather per-mitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (3/00)

Mister Sisters 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-4647. You somehow think "Chicago" when you walk into this cool, dark-woody place. The idea is a kind of social get-together locale "where the food tastes great and is not so good for you," according to the twin sisters and the mister who started it. They are trying to recreate small-town West Virginia, where they're from. The big deal is Happy Hour's "Pint & Pound," a pint of draft beer and a pound of wings. Sandof draft beer and a pound of wings. Sand-wiches have Hillcrest-type names: "Stacked Up Sister," "The Queen of Hill-crest," "The Priss," "The Tomboy." If in doubt, check out the Philly cheese steak. It comes with "Whiz" cheese. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this col-orful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers, Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887; also 6618 Mission Gorge Road, 619-528-8301. It's proba bly no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones' owner Anh Long had two good ideas: One, to provide rice with just about everything. Interesting rice, usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank, and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to Califor nia bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or, a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/03)

Sassafras 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restaurant claims to serve "Continental Ameri-caine" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafavette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out. He's pioneering a "new" Cajun cooking: kinder, gentler, and more sophisticated. His Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house smoked andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville feature barely-warmed oysters with a lush spinach topping. Also superb: paper-wrapped shrimp, seafood Evangeline, and crab-corn soup. Among the entrées, the must-try is the signature Sassafras Chicken, stuffed with jambalaya. On Wednesday nights during the season (January to June), there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Dinner nightly. High moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge

of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as ap-petizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

Whaley House Cafe 2482 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-542-1698. Sit down on the little porch of this ancient lean-to store, say late afternoon when the sun turns the pepper trees luminous green, and look out for Anna Whaley's ghost. She'll be watering those trees, which she supposedly planted around 1856. Don't freak. Order a Mediterranean burger, delicious with feta cheese and roasted garlic, or a grilled chicken Gruyère, with bacon and caramelized onions. Better still, if they're doing afternoon tea, order smoked salmon and cucumber sandwiches, crumpets, scones with jams, Darjeeling or Gunpowder tea. Open 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Sunday to Thurs-day; later on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

DOWNTOWN

Assaggio Italian Bakery 835 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Ciao, baby. How's the Vespa? Cool people bop in and out of here like it's their neighborhood café. Maybe it's the free focac-cia bread. Or the reasonable Tuscany breakfast (toasted bread, two-egg cheese omelet) with Segafredo Zanetti coffee. Or sandwiches such as the Assaggio (assaggio means "the taste") of ciabatta bread with turkey breast, Italian sauce, greens, and tomato) or the Parma (prosciutto ham, goat cheese, and arugula on Toscano bread) or, best of all, a *crespelle* (crepe stuffed with Gor-gonzola cheese, broccoli and béchamel sauce). The Mediterranean salad (chicken, artichokes, and prosciutto) and Spaghetti Bolognese (with bread) are both filling; a slice of pizza is the fallback when you're broke. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03)

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy white table cloths, linen napkins - but you can fill up on just a bowl of fakee, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't de-spise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. E.B. (2/03)

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825

Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of pop-ular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first-rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice-stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts is minuscule, but any of those far outshine the lunky purch ised American pastries on the dessert tray. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and nner. Moderate. — N.W. (1/03)









Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpois murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — *E.B.* (5/02) Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp,

619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes here in alta cocina, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, includ ing a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conven-tioneers. The choices are more Dudefriendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on week-ends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. -N.W. (1/04)

Caparell's Cuisina 1428 First Avenue (at Ash), downtown, 619-237-8081. This place puts on a good show of being Italian, except Greek flavors keep popping up in items like "Caparell's Mediterranean Pesto Pizza," with grilled chicken, tomatoes, onions, kalamata olives, and feta. Confusion? No, fusion: Turns out owner Sam Caparell's dad is Italian but his mom's Greek. And there's plenty Italian. His "Sam's Calzone," a fold-over with Canadian bacon, sautéed mushrooms, onions, cheese, pepperoni, and a meatball, is scrumbo, and his halfand-half spaghetti-lasagna dinner would satisfy the Colossus of Rhodes. Outside is scrubby, waiting for the developer's ax, but inside it's smart, varnished wood with low art-deco chrome lamps, and a satisfyingly long bar. Honest Mediterranean food. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middleof-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a









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Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorne Street), down-town/Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downwn, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, aboveaverage wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (12/02)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mix-ture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Sat-urday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-af-ternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Nectar Prava Hotel, 911 Fifth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-615-3146. In this handsome, stately room carved from the former hotel lobby, the clean-flavored California cuisine emphasizes wild fish, free-range meats, and organic produce, artfully cooked to showcase the fine ingredients The kitchen can be inconsistent, but when it's on, it really cooks, with fine lobster bisque, crab salad, tempura cala-mari, roast quail, and cedar-planked wild salmon among its glories. Interesting wine and beer list, with plenty of afford-

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able off-beat possibilities. Valet parking price is ridiculous (but Horton Plaza is a short walk). Ambiance slightly dressy. Three meals, until 11 p.m. weekends. Dinner expensive to very expensive. N.W. (1/04)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini*—veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, rosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Westgate Gourmet Deli**catessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown,

619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green car-pets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasona fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Fri-day cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch.

Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01) Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

What the Chef Eats

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Christensen and Otten once every week or two to assemble the meals that their customers take home to heat and enjoy later.

Katherine: My sister's mother-in-law told her that the secret to a good chili is to put some cocoa in it, and that's our secret ingredient. I've been making it for years and years and years. My sons

grew up on it, and we've used it here at the Dinner Studio.

Gloria: In fact, it's on the menu this month. It's simple. You can throw it in the Crock-Pot and do nothing. I mean nothing, and it comes out wonderful.

Katherine: This is an all-around good recipe. It can be an easygoing

supper for a family, or you can have guests over and serve sour cream and chopped onions and cheddar cheese to use as toppings. Serve corn muffins or crusty bread with it.

Gloria: The other thing we like about this is

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado 619-522-0612. This little round-the-cor-Coronado. ner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious egg-plant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your di-gestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And

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fruit. And especially seeds. She creates 'tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed paté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (1/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kim-chee. But beware of the *haupia* cake it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny in-

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door-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chi-nese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01) McDini's 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawl-ing bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, play ing pool, cozying up to the all-encom passing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily, serving to about midnight. Inexpensive. - N.W. (4/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at McKinley Avenue), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the ro-mantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own lumpia, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and din-nertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/02)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474 This gor geous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut

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Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th

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Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the

bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle;

the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is

merely standard, the kitchen, too, is de-

voted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the sa-

tay, for instance, is classically balanced;

the complex but soothing coconut-

chicken soup can wash away all cares;

and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve

sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally

fragrant brand. Unless you specify oth-

erwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. In-

expensive to moderate. - N.W. (9/00)

Katherine: It's better the second day. Wine and beer go well with it. It's good with full-bodied beers, for people who like the darker beers, but it's also very good with the pilsners, the light beers.

HOW TO DO IT Place all ingredients except the cheese into your slow cooker or Crock-Pot. Heat in Crock-Pot, set at low, for 6 to 8 hours. Keep the cheese refrigerated until the chili is ready to serve and then use as a topping. Alternatively, place all ingredients except the cheese in a Dutch oven or large soup pot and heat on the stove to a low boil. Reduce heat to simmer and continue cooking for 45 minutes.

Remove the bay leaves before serving. This recipe serves six.

INGREDIENTS

1½ cups onion, chopped1½ teaspoons dried oregano1½ teaspoons ground cumin

- ⅓ cup (2 tablespoons) chili powder
- 2 whole bay leaves 1 tablespoon cocoa powder,

unsweetened ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

4 cups tomatoes; canned crushed tomatoes can be

used 2 cups lower-sodium chicken stock (e.g., Swanson's Natural Goodness)

1 cup tomato sauce 2 cups canned garbanzo beans

2 cups canned pinto beans 2 cups canned black beans

¹/₄ cup cheddar cheese, grated

of Revolución sits next to *Transmisiones Continental*. It is not part of the classier La Vuelta restaurant across the street, but it does serve up classy *tortas* (large round buns filled with good things like beef loin), *carne asada*, *pierna* (pork leg), *milanesa* (veal), chicken, ham and cheese, or even vegetarian fillings. There's something about sitting in this little dark recess surrounded by cars and the oilyhanded mechanics who service them. La Vuelta also does *hamburguesas* with fries. But no burger matches a *mula* ("mule"), a large folded tortilla with *carne asada*, ham, avocado, and tomatoes. Seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Vallarta Natural 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, caldo tlalpeño soup, taquitos panzones (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially milanesa. The milanesa is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca Di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is childand teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (*6*/00)

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and

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salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B.* (2/03)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Ca-jon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks - the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch dinner. Inexpensive. and NW (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major na-tional chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

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Cien Anos Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own dis-tinctive flavor (not all of them spicy) You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04) Los Nortenos Plaza Santa Cecilia

(at 2nd Street, opposite McDonald's), Tijuana. Yes, it's a tourist trap, but think of San Diego's Old Town or LA's Olvera Street — by comparison, Plaza Santa Cecilia is the real thing. And Los Nortenos, the café with it s stylish pillars and solid terrace seating, is one of the classier places. Their garlic shrimp soup or burrito plate (it comes with refried beans and avocado salad) is great. And the vegetable soup alone will fill you up. It's stuffed with potatoes, carrots, zucchini, chayote, etc. No beer or alcohol, but just watching the world go by as the antique lamps light the evening is a thrill. — *E.B.* (*8/03*)

Rosticeria Los Pollos Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You

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can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01) **Taurino Steakhouse** 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución). Tijuana

Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steakhouse, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria*, or try *empapelada*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily, noon to midnight. Continuous service. In-

ster. — E.W. **Tortas la Vuelta** 1961-ZC Avenida Revolución, Tijuana. Don't expect atmosphere unless you're into mufflers and transmissions. This place at the top

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Short and Sour

Where the movie ends is where it should have begun.

aybe it's just as well that the new Coen brothers' film, *The Ladykillers*, was not screened early enough for my latest deadline. The opening rounds of the NCAA basketball tournament would

have left me little time to give it its due, or what I presume is its due. The following films are not due too much.

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Jersey Girl. We have been through something like this before with Kevin Smith. It went by the name of Chasing Amy, and Ben Affleck was again Smith's on-screen stand-in as a Responsible Adult. Here those responsibilities extend to the filial and the parental, but only briefly the marital. (The sole time and place where Jennifer Lopez was destined to be wed to Ben Affleck, before her expedient — and symbolic — death in childbirth.) Smith, it goes without saying, has a perfect right to a sappy mood on occasion, but his right is not an excuse for the routineness, the staleness, the secondhandedness, the sitcomminess of the treatment. There are touches of tartness spaced throughout the goo (two kids showing one another their privates), and the running gags to do with



the filmmaker's hardcore loyalists are going to be. His nonloyalists and his active adversaries, on the other hand, are apt, even more, to be taken aback by his display of taste in employing one of our very finest cinematographers, Vilmos Zsigmond. Not just taken aback, but torn in two between the outward beauty and the sludge underneath.

Will Smith (a bit of *Back to the Future* hindsight ca. 1994: "Like the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air is ever going to have

a movie career!") yield a satisfying payoff in the actor's as-himself cameo

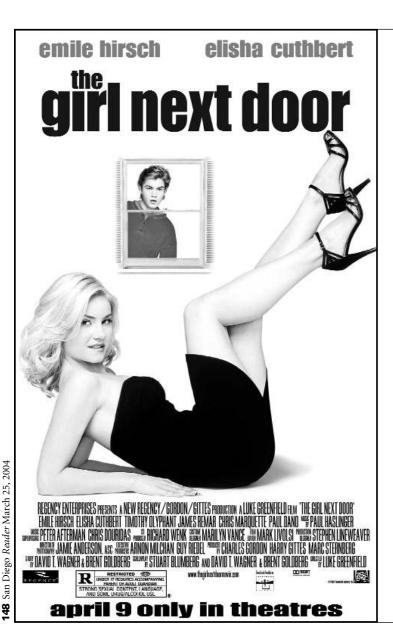
Dawn of the Dead. Shorter, straighter-faced, altogether squarer remake of the George Romero zombie bash. The "commentary" on American consumerism, or anyway the locality of a Middle American shopping mall, remains as pertinent today as in 1979, if scarcely as fresh. And the cannibalism now seems to pertain not so much to the society at large as to a depleted



Dawn of the Dead

film industry overly dependent on blood-sucking remakes. The same could have been said, in fact I said it, of the 1990 remake of Romero's *Night of the Living Dead*. Little has changed in that respect. In another respect, the escalation of video-game violence on screen (whether or not this can be connected to things like Columbine off screen) makes the mowing-down of the zombies seem so far from fresh as to be downright rancid. The most boring revision of the material is no doubt the juicing-up of the walking dead the wobbling, staggering, stumbling dead, in Romero's version — with a new, athletic speed and strength. A more constructive new idea was to locate the gun shop across the street from the mall instead of inside it: the first step in the eventual migration toward a nearby island sanctuary. Where the movie ends is where it should have begun.

Taking Lives. Copycat serial-killer film. But let's be clear: it's not really the killer who's a copycat — one of



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those diabolically clever, games-playing, wits-matching superfiends - but rather the film itself, with its strained performances, transparent tricks, jackin-the-box jolts, and palpable, sliceable, spreadable sense of dread. The big influence is Seven, from the jumpy credits through the pockets of murk and gloom pierced by probing shafts of light. The series of killings, ranging across the breadth of Canada, goes back twenty years; but the first one in the bleached-out overlong prologue is no help in identifying the killer, since the actor will afterwards be replaced by a bigger name with an unmatching face. The FBI profiler on loan to the Montreal homicide cops is Angelina Jolie (a Silence of the Lambs influence), whose laser-eyed perceptiveness produces a lot of microscopic closeups but no real insights.

Never Die Alone. Pretty good title for your basic black-folks-killing-blackfolks panorama, stretched out to an hour and a half (or close to it) by flashbacks in illustration of a drug dealer's tape-recorded autobiography: "Payback's a motherfucker," he ruminates in DMX's hacksaw monotone: "The Hindus have a word for it. Karma." (DMX is not a name designed to look good on a marquee, where it might easily be mistaken as a successor to THX.) Director Ernest Dickerson, who used to be a decent cinematographer, oversees an image so grainy that it sometimes looks as if we're peering through the snow on an antenna-less TV.

Intermission. Multi-character Irish stew, heavy on the working-class and criminal-class elements. It boasts, if that's the word, an antsy camera, an anemic image, a gaudy narrative, impenetrable accents, and across-theboard competent performances. Kelly Macdonald supplements competence with comeliness.

The Same River Twice. Roughhewn, disorderly documentary by Robb Moss, a sequel of sorts to his 1978 documentary Riverdogs, which chronicled a summer idyll of often nude white-water rafting on the Colorado River. Five members of that sizable expedition submit now to follow-up interviews, and to examination of the changes in their lives over a quarter of a century: children, divorce, cancer, more or less respectable jobs and, excepting their undeviating river guide and erstwhile guru, conventional roles in society. It's all quite human, and mostly quite mundane and dull. Even with extensive footage from the earlier film, it runs barely an hour and a quarter. It did, however, make me wonder whether it isn't almost time (not that I'm in any hurry) for the next installment — 49 Up, that would be - in Michael Apted's series of "reunion" documentaries.

Rana's Wedding. Second in the Madstone program of Premier Pics, a look at the divided city of Jerusalem through Muslim eyes, more specifically the eves of a liberated Palestinian woman. Like Buster Keaton in Seven Chances, though for very different reasons, our protagonist has a nuptial deadline, Tuesday at four o'clock, and a list of approved candidates drawn up by her traditionalist father. She has her own idea, from off the list. The thin trickle of narrative is nevertheless eyeopening, even mind-broadening, about the setting; and it is graced by the multifaceted central performance of Clara Khoury, and a funny and touching finale. Not Keaton-funny, to be sure, but under the circumstances the effort is appreciated.

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; 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; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE) **The Battle of Algiers** — Gillo Pontecorvo's re-staging of the Algerian struggle for independence tries for a journalistic effect — an historical epic in a newsreel idiom. But this effect really owes less to the grainy black-and-white image than to the selectivity of information, the slanting of same, and the editorializing. The cast well-chosen faces of frozen intensity — is nonprofessional with one notable exception. The exception is Jean Martin, as the mastermind of the French anti-terrorist clean-up operation, who makes a persuasive case for the use of professionals, through his firm, magisterial command of the screen. 1966. $\star \star \star$ (KEN, THROUGH 3/25)

Big Fish — Big bore. Tim Burton, to inhibit erosion of his "fan base," needed to bounce back in a big way from the commercial conservatism of *Planet of the Apes*, and in Daniel Wallace's slender novel he has found a fund of peculiarity: the sententious and sentimental memoirs of an Alabama fabulist, none of whose tall tales and fish stories — literally tall in the case of a twelve-





foot giant, literally fishy in the case of a freshwater Moby Dick known as The Beast - explains how the moles on his cheek and forehead vanished between the time he was Ewan McGregor and the time he was Albert Finney. (Helena Bonham Carter remains roughly the same age opposite each of them.) The narration-heavy narrative is inescapably bookish, demoting the director to an enslaved illustrator, much the same, come to that, as in Planet. And inasmuch as his come-and-go visual gifts have on this occasion mostly deserted him, there is not a lot to recommend it. The perilous parachute mission into a Red Chinese encampment in the middle of a variety show (ventriloquist for warm-up, Siamese twins for headliners) is funny, but not notably Burton-y. With Billy Crudup, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman, Danny DeVito, Steve Buscemi. 2003. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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., sar-

donic 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.

(PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Cooler — Las Vegas fairy tale, from first-time director Wayne Kramer, full of hand-me-down ideas about the old-school gangster who still believes in busting kneecaps to keep order, the failed showgirl and the tail-for-sale, the poor-man's Sinatra and "the next Harry Connick, Jr.," the changing economic landscape: "There comes a time to decide whether you're running a museum or you're running a casino." The title character, tailor-made for William H. Macy, is not so smudgingly marked by fingerprints: such an accursed loser that he is employed by the Golden Shangri-La to contaminate its customers by his mere pres ence, like the passing vampire who withers the flowers in his path. After one good roll in the hay with a willing cocktail waitress (Maria Bello), he loses his "magic," however. And suddenly the always empty creamer for his coffee is brimming over, and his flattened hair has acquired some fluff. Completely unacceptable, completely unswallowable from its opening premise to its final outcome (one hates to agree with the hero's ne'er-do-well son: "It don't com-



pute"), the textbook script lays tracks for an emotional roller coaster, depressing in its regularity and predictability. Because the film is an "indie," the sex is smellier than in the mainstream, but the sentiment no less flowery: "You put me up on a pedestal. It sure puts the gutter in perspective." Alec Baldwin, Shawn Hatosy. 2003. • (LA PALOMA, THROUGH 3/25)

Dawn of the Dead — Reviewed this issue. With Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames, Jake Weber, and Mekhi Phifer; directed by Zack Snvder.

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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 ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless

Mind — Charlie Kaufman, scriptwriter of Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, and Con fessions of a Dangerous Mind, drills a new tunnel into his favorite fictional locale, the human brain, this time by way of the science-fictional device of an illicit memoryerasure service called Lacuna, Inc. ("Technically speaking, the procedure is brain

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damage, but it's on a par with a night of heavy drinking.") Both halves of a failed romance avail themselves of the service, first the female half, and then (in distress over his former lover's failure to recognize him) the male, who belatedly changes his mind and begins to struggle against the erasure in midstream. The old theme of cold-scienceversus-warm-humanity emerges. And inasmuch as the protagonist is asleep for the op-eration, the flow of fragmentary memories, riddled with surrealistic dislocations and juxtapositions, takes on aspects of cognitive dreaming as well as psychoanalytic free association. The French origins of director Michel Gondry, who earlier collaborated with Kaufman on Human Nature, prompt us to draw a connection to Alain Resnais quicker than we otherwise might. The latter's explorations of the mind in general and memory in specific are, fittingly enough, far more cerebral (Hiroshima Mon Amour, Last Year at Marienbad, Providence), though he himself was not above making use of a science-fictional device: the haywire time machine in Je T'Aime, Je T'Aime, pinballing its

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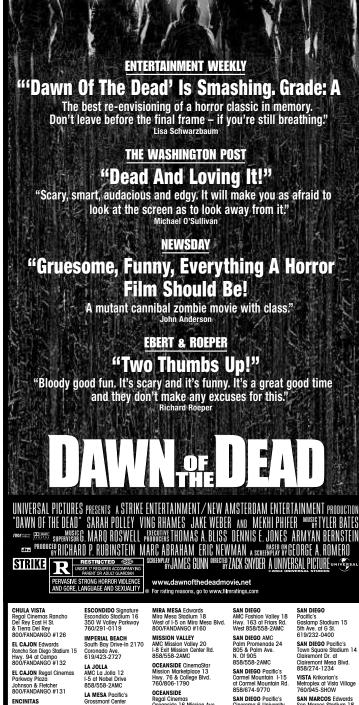
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human guinea pig through the lowlights of an unhappy love affair. (The theme of coldscience-versus-warm-humanity emerged there, too.) Gondry, a music-video and TVadvertising veteran, with a common weakness for the wacky and the tacky, has none of the refinement of Resnais, but that's no reason to condemn him out of hand. A popularized, a vulgarized version is preferable to none at all; it might even inspire the odd viewer or two to follow the trail back to the fountainhead. Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo, Tom Wilkinson, Elijah Wood. 2004.

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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. (OCEANSIDE 16; VOGUE)

50 First Dates - High-concept romantic comedy about a love-'em-and-leave-'em ladykiller, a marine-park veterinarian in Hawaii, who tumbles for a brain-damaged blonde who can retain no short-term memories since her year-ago car accident and who is doomed every day to relive the day of the accident with no knowledge of intervening days: a scoop of Groundhog Day, a dash of Memento. It showcases the unique comic gifts of Adam Sandler, namely the ability to be funny only when attempting to be tender, touching, heart-tugging, etc. (With that in view, don't leave your seat, if you insist on taking one in the first place, until the longwinded "dedication" to his late father in the closing credits.) He gets little help from Drew Barrymore's self-infantilization, Rob Schneider's two-toned eyes, Sean Astin's lisp, or running gags to do with walrus genitals and the androgyny of a braided German fräulein. Blake Clark, as the heroine's guiltridden father, doesn't even try to be funny and comes off, by comparison, looking like John Wayne. Directed by Peter Segal. 2004. CARMEL MOUNTAIN: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-

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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 eighty-five-year-old former Secretary of Defense (a/k/a "Mac the Knife") throughout the first phase of the Vietnam War (a/k/a "McNamara's War"). What you think of it will be difficult to disentangle from what you think of him in specific, and war in general. The eleven lessons, taken straight from the horse's mouth, run along the lines of "Empathize with your enemy" and "Rationality will not save us" and "In order to do good you may have to engage in evil." Each of these and the eight others are neatly tied in to events from Mc-Namara's life, illustrated with well-chosen archival footage to supplement Morris's nose-to-nose (or rather, nose-to-lens) inter-view material. Basic biographical information gets filled in along the way: infancy in World War I, college during the Great De-pression, marriage and military service in World War II (when he would first team up with that Vietnam ogre, Gen. Curtis LeMay, architect of the firebombing of Tokyo), postwar prosperity with the Ford Motor Company, and then an invitation to Camelot to sit at the Round Table with Kennedy and Kennedy and Company. The movie compels your interest. But it might be better to say that the man compels your interest: an imposing man, and in the eyes of history an important man, by all accounts a brilliant man, seemingly, at this stage, selfassessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. But the movie can't, or any way doesn't, supply sufficient information

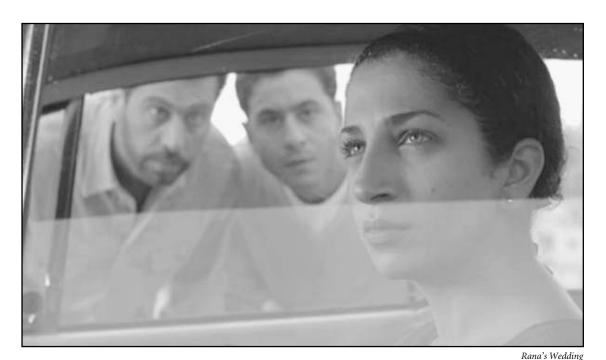
to sort out his motives or his truthfulness in here reshaping his legend and his legacy. It is no small thing for a man in his position to confess that his understanding of the essential nature of the conflict in Vietnam was incorrect — and no small "scoop" for a documentary. But although he, together 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)

Girl with a Pearl Earring — Envisioning a chain of events that might have led to the Vermeer painting of the same name: the coming to the Master's household of a chaste young maid, daughter of a blinded Delft tile painter, and her inch-by-inch entrée to the artist's atelier by virtue of her demonstrated interest in and sensitivity to and appreciation of his work — a privilege withheld from his baby-machine wife even to the extent of improving the composition of a work-in-progress by taking it upon herself to reposition a chair (yes, Xrays have shown that Vermeer indeed painted over a chair in *Woman with a Water Jug*, but they don't show that it wasn't his own idea), and finally becoming the inspiration and the model for the titular masterwork. The mutual attraction between master and maid, a matter of pregnant looks and the close proximity of fingertips, never approaches the sexual, unless you count the symbolism of the ear piercing and its hymenal (or hymenesque) spot of blood. It may just as well have been sexual, however, to judge by the way the maid's breath quickens and catches and the way the wife rages when she gets wind of the secret portrait and storms into the inner sanctum: "It's obscene!" The whole thing manifests itself as understatedly ludicrous, quietly overwrought, demurely melodramatic, blushingly novelettish, a would-be bodice ripper in impregnable Calvinist clothing. And it is hard to escape the essential impression of an





envious and covetous outsider, trying, out of the most reverential motives, to horn in on the artistic process, to experience vicariously the power of genius, hopefully to get a particle of it to rub off somehow - in short, an impression of the art-studio equivalent to the locker-room jock-sniffer. (A smock-sniffer, maybe?) The foregoing is a profile that fits alike the original novelist Tracy Chevalier, the screenwriter Olivia Hetreed, the first-time director Peter Webber, and naturally the wish-fulfilling heroine who serves as their appointed deputy. There is undoubtedly some elementary educational value in the documentation of the clothes, the interiors, the daily tasks, the painting techniques of 17th-century Holland, although it might be questioned whether Scarlett Johansson's lips are suitable for casting in any period prior to the Age of Collagen. The air of scrupulous research is everywhere undeniable: a nice way of saying that the movie feels stuffy, lifeless, bone-dry. And the technically proficient photography of Eduardo Serra, in constant competition with the Dutch Master in quest of that sideways white light, has the inevitable effect (again out of the most reverential motives) of diminishing the precious few Vermeers that survive, first by suggesting that any old



someone could have noticed and reproduced the painter's visions, and second by flooding the market with facsimiles. Colin Firth, Judy Parfitt, Tom Wilkinson. 2003. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA, FROM 3/26) **Good Bye, Lenin** — Wolfgang Becker's political comedy on the fall of Communism in East Germany. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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

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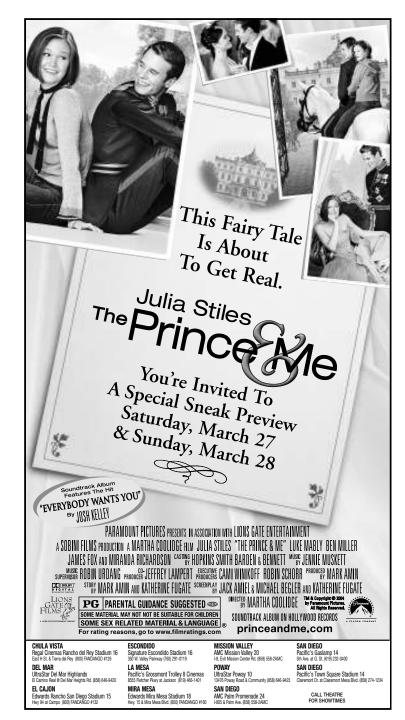
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and in particular the facial veil of a sheik's daughter named Jazira ("Why do I feel that you truly see me when others do not?"). Spurred on by the blustery music of James Newton Howard, horse and rider outrun a computer-generated desert tsunami (curse of *The Mummy*), dodge a couple of cartoon leopards (sons of *Gladiator*), and tilt into a three-way photo finish after a race of three thousand miles. Fact-check, anyone? With Omar Sharif and Zuleikha Robinson; directed by Joe Johnston. 2004.

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Intermission — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Colm Meaney, Cillian Murphy, Shirley Henderson, and Kelly Macdonald; directed by John Crowley. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/26)

Jersey Girl — Reviewed this issue. With Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler, George Carlin, Raquel Castro, and Jennifer Lopez; written and directed by Kevin Smith. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CEN-TER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/26)

The Ladykillers — The Coen brothers' remake of the 1955 British caper comedy, starring Tom Hanks, Marlon Wayans, and Irma P. Hall.

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The Last Samurai — Tom Cruise as "one of the most decorated warriors this nation has ever known," circa 1876, a tormented Civil War vet and Indian fighter who is hired as a mercenary to train the troops of the Japanese emperor to combat a renegade samurai, and who is then taken captive by his new enemy, learns their strange ways, masters in a few lessons their martial arts, and joins them in their hopeless fight against the forces of progress. In short, a sort of Dances with Akitas. This glossy, glamorizing, vulgar, overblown, pompous, and presump-tuous epic is, in addition to all that, intermittently stimulating. The cornerstone Japanese theme of trampled tradition in the onrush of Westernization is knowledgeably handled. And Ken Watanabe cuts a fine figure as the hidebound samurai. In the last analysis, though, the sprawling, transpacific, two-and-a-half-hour war story is all about Tom. Even as he gives himself up to his fascination with the enemy (who allow him to live only because of their fascination with him), it is the fascination itself, and not the objects of it, that rivets the camera: never mind what's so fascinating, let's fix our sights on who's so fascinated. (Cruise's head looks about to burst from the effort.) And despite his embrace of Bushido - his spiritual growth, his embodiment of the lost concept of "honor" — he remains a bit of a dilettante and a poseur. (Where does his humility, his subservience, come into it?) In the larger view, despite the lip service paid to an alien and ancient culture, despite the stacking of the deck in that culture's favor, the horning-in hero remains a sterling representative of the American imperialist, similar to the interlopers and appropriators in such cultural hybrids (highbrow and low) as The Challenge, The Karate Kid, Ghost Dog, Bulletproof Monk, and Kill Bill. The quest is ultimately not so much for his peace of mind as for his piece of the action. Timothy Spall, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly; directed by Edward Zwick. 2003. ★ (VOGUE)



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 excite ment 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Lost in Translation — Sofia Coppola's sophomore effort marks an advance over The Virgin Suicides: a phlegmatic comedy about two American outsiders who fall into an ill-defined relationship in Tokyo, a bond forged of loneliness and misery between an over-the-hill Hollywood action star (a sadsack Bill Murray, who surely should have been written as an over-the-hill comedy star), in town to collect a cool two million for a series of whisky ads, and a neglected young wife (the seductively throaty Scarlett Johansson), who spends a lot of time lolling around her hotel room in transparent pink panties while her photographer husband (the dependably dreadful Giovanni Ribisi) busies himself with work. The "satirical" touch tends to be lighter this time, with perhaps a few exceptions: the suspected anorexic blond starlet (with so many to choose from, couldn't a better fit have been found for this role than the robust Anna Faris?), the tutti-frutti television host misleadingly labelled "the Johnny Carson of Japan," the S&M call girl ("Lip my stocking!"), and the imported guitar-and-vocal lounge act billed as "Sausalito." Truly on the lighter side, however, there are large numbers of points scored, even if easy ones, with the advertising campaign ("For relaxing times, make it Suntori time"), the language difficulties, the faxes and FedExes and phone calls from the all-business wife in California, the exercise machine, the local cuisine, and the inevitable karaoke bar (Murray reverting to *SNL* form for his 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Made-Up — The star is Brooke Adams, the director is her actor-husband Tony Shalhoub (who also appears on screen), and the scriptwriter is her sister Lynne Adams (who also appears, also). Sort of a Henry Jaglom-y home movie, or home video rather, and sort of a Christopher Guest-y mockumentary, in which a team of student filmmakers film themselves making a documentary on issues of beauty and aging, mothers and daughters, older men and younger women, divorce and dating. In short, sort of formless and messy. It has some humor; and Brooke Adams, exposing the ravages of time on her own person to close scrutiny, has some nerve; and Eva Amurri, real-life daughter of Susan Sarandon, represents Insouciant Youth with charm and modesty and a modicum of gloating. 2004. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 3/25)

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There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copper-skinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger — gateway to another world — before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the

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Galápagos (the flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violin-and-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the man of intellect. Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany. 2003. ★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Miracle - On its face, this looks to be just another float in the never-ending parade of Disney sports films, otherwise known as triumph without sweat: the Inspirational True Story, as so many of them are, of the hockey game that was more than a hockey game, when Team USA met Team USSR in the medal round at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. In short, Rocky on skates and indeed the best the movie can do to illustrate the superiority of the Soviets on ice is to depict them as huge, glowering, and robotic (see Rocky 4), and forget about their fluidity and finesse.What lifts the movie well above the norm, however, and rescues it from its abundant clichés (the telephoto shot of the teammates in uniform striding shoulder to shoulder toward the camera, the slow-motion-happy action highlights, the freeze-frame final image of raised index fingers), is Kurt Russell's portrayal - and screenwriter Eric Guggenheim's and director Gavin O'Connor's portrayal — of the American coach, Herb Brooks, who would perish in a single-car accident not long after completion of the filming, and, as we are told in a printed coda, would never get to see it. Everything you could ask for, and more, is here: the benevolent despotism ("I'll be your coach, I won't be your friend"), the my-way-or-the-highway mentality ("I'm not looking for the best players.... I'm looking for the right players"), the angry locker-room tirade at intermission ("You guys are playing like this is some throwaway game up in Rochester!"), the grim undemonstrative ulcer-cultivating demeanor, the terrible checkered pants and sports jacket, the tunnel-visioned obliviousness to a pop-cultural phenomenon such as "the Coneheads," the suffering but supportive wife (indie queen Patricia Clarkson), the arcane strategizing, the well-detailed practice sessions, the repeated refrain to each of his new recruits — "Who do you play - to which a satisfactory answer (after for?" 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. ★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

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. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Monster — Dramatized legal brief on behalf of the bisexual streetwalker and serial killer and (outside the scope of the movie) death-penalty *cause célèbre*, Aileen Wuornos, who just wanted, like anyone else, to love and be loved and of course, as per the first-person voice-over at the outset, "be in the movies." (Well, one out of three, at least.) The title, you will gather, is ironic. Already a sometime hooker but not a killer when she discovers her inner lesbian with a broken-winged college girl, she goes back on the streets only to fund her budding relationship, to buy a little privacy. As depicted, the first killing is unambiguously an act of kill-or-be-killed self-defense, to cap off a graphic bout of torture at the hands of a misogynistic john. In truth, the killing is far more understandable than the relationship What's the attraction, on either side, between this boisterous prole and this timo rous 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 maxi mum 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 osten sible partner, poor little wasted-away Christina Ricci, has roughly the presence of a pet parrot. 2003. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; RANCHO DEL REY 16)





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documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twenty-five years after his father's death, when the filmmaker had been but a boy of eleven, to disentangle the strands of his father's private life — there is yet a third offspring, Alexandra, by yet a third mother - and to visit all of his father's major edifices, of which, owing to the man's lifelong contentiousness, there are not a lot. ("Three or four masterpieces," opines I.M. Pei, "[are] more important than fifty, sixty buildings.") The film offers a good overview of the works themselves: the Salk Institute in La Jolla comes off well on screen (or as well as anything can in the pallid and fuzzy DV image), with the son roller-skating around the courtyard to Neil Young's "Long May You Run," and the capitol of Bangladesh makes a fitting climax both emotionally and artistically. We might have hoped for more out of the arranged meeting between the three half-siblings, and many questions remain unanswered or unasked. But one way or another the filmmaker completes his mission and has something to show for it: a compelling film to show for it. 2003 ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

My Architect — About as "personal" as a

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 Rob bins, 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 continu ously 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. ★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18)

Never Die Alone — Reviewed this issue.
 With DMX, David Arquette, and Michael Ealy; directed by Ernest Dickerson.
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The Passion of the Christ — A work of devotion, and a big gamble, for Mel Gibson,

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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 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-

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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; CIN-

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Rana's Wedding — Reviewed this issue. With Clara Khoury, Khalifa Natour, and Ismael Dabbag; directed by Hany Abu-Assad. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/26 THROUGH 4/1)

The Reckoning - Medieval detective yarn about an innovative troupe of travelling players, including an incognito fallen priest, who deviate from Bible stories and (pioneers of the modern docudrama) tackle a local serial-murder case: "We'll perform this afternoon, and use the morning to find out more of what happened." Excitable, not to say exciting, visual style: wide-angle lenses, overhead shots, rack focus, slow-motion, shakily hand-held camerawork, flashy flashbacks, shock cross-cuts. It's much more exciting just to see Willem Dafoe's contortionist limbering-up exercises. With Paul Bettany, Gina McKee, Brian Cox, Vincent Cassel; directed by Paul McGuigan. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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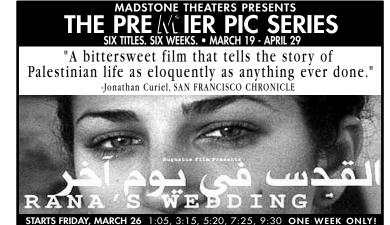
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The Same River Twice — Reviewed this issue. Produced, directed, and photographed by Robb Moss. ★ (KEN, 3/26 THROUGH 4/1)

Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters

Unleashed — Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, et al., return for a sequel; directed by Raja Gosnell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; 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 3/26)

Secret Window — Cheap-trick chiller from a Stephen King book. A Mississippi hick, an amusing John Turturro, shows up at the doorstep of a Stephen King-like popular author (Johnny Depp, playing a lot to the camera) to accuse him of plagiarism: "Ye-oo stowl mah stow-ry." Plagiarism as a subject might have been as amusing as the accuser, but in the end that's not really the subject. Handsome photography by the dependable Fred Murphy. With Maria Bello, Timothy Hutton, and Charles S. Dutton: written and directed by David Koepp. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18;



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Something's Gotta Give - Wrinkly romance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be "almost" twenty years older than an explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The self-caricaturing stylization of the stars' mannerisms, the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as "the most successful female playwright since — who? Lillian Hellman?" and his as the head of the second largest hip-hop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported hu-



manness 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 titat-for-tit — younger suitor in the bargain (Nicholson's cardiologist, Keanu Reeves, fudging a bit himself as the aforementioned thirty-six-year-old), giving the man an earful to think about (a dinner-table diatribe by Keaton's sister, the anomalous Frances McDormand as a Columbia professor of Women's Studies), filling his eyes with nearly as many tears as the woman's. The sexual politicking and posturing do tend to get in the way of the comedy. But with that said, let it also be said that this is at all levels a polished and professional piece of work, and pleasant enough to sit through for the starry-eyed or the brownnosed. 2003.

companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton's

daughter: consummation would have been altogether too wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hos-

pital dressing gown, giving the woman a

tit-for-tat - or perhaps that ought to be

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Spartan — A connoisseur's thriller from writer-director David Mamet, distilled almost to a state of abstraction. The President's daughter, a wing-spreading college

student in Boston, has had the bad fortune to get herself shanghaied as a sex slave, ticketed for the Middle East, on the same day she has had her hair cut short and dyed blond; her abductors apparently do not know who they've got on their hands. There are numerous points — this being one or two of them — at which the plot-ting might seem far-fetched, but there is no point at which we are allowed the leisure to measure precisely how far. Exposition is minimal (familiar appellations such as "First Daughter," "Delta Force," "FBI," "CIA," even "President," are never uttered), and we must strain to pick up our facts and our clues on the fly, from characters too deeply immersed and too pressed for time to be bothered to bring us up to speed. Links in the chain of events are not always securely fastened, and not all questions will be answered, nor all t's crossed and i's dotted. (Eyes crossed, more likely, as in the Picasso-esque self-portrait with which the missing girl signs her missives.) The effect is exhilarating, and frankly a lit-tle flattering. Mamet trusts us to catch up and keep up; expects us to suck it up and tough it out. The gappy plotline, needless

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tle than the all-purpose present one) open-ing up the whole older-man-younger-

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10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives: Dawn of the Dead: Eternal

Sunshine of the Spotless Mind; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; 50 First Dates; Mystic River; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives: Dawn of the Dead: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind; Secret Win-dow; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; Dirty Danc-ing: Havana Nights; 50 First Dates; Miracle

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind $\left(R\right)$ Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; In the White **City** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 7:05, 9:25; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45 Power Trip Fri.-Mon. 1:10, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; Tue. 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; Wed. 1:10, 3:00, 9:40; Thu. 1:10, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40; **Rana's Wedding** (Nor Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; **The Reckoning** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:05; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives; Dawn of the Dead; Eternal Sunshine of the Spot-less Mind; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; 50 First Dates; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; Sat. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:10; Never Die Alone (R) Fri. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:10; Sat. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:10; Sun. (11:20, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:20) 7:30; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. (3:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sat. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:30) 8:15; **Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters** Unleashed (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 9:50; Sat. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 9:50; Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:40) 7:45; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:55) 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (11:50, 1:50, 3:55) 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (11:50, 1:50, 3:55) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 7:55; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri. (1:45, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. (11:45, 1:45, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (11:45, 1:45, 3:55) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:35

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **The Battle of Algiers** (Not Rated) Thu. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; **The Same River Twice** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 2:00,

4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 6:00, 8:00,

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas 3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; **Good Bye, Lenin!** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Intermis-sion (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Latter Days** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Monsieur Ibrahim (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) They Live by Night, Friday, 7 p.m., and Sat-urday, 9 p.m.; Christmas Holiday, Friday, 4:50 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Fri. 8:30; Sat. 5:00; Sun.-Mon. 2:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 5:00; **Africa: The Serengeti** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00: Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 3:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00; Sun, 12:00, 3:00; Mon, 12:00, 4:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00; **Coral Reef Adventure** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 4:00; Sat. 1:00, 3:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 4:00; Mon, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00, 4:00; **Dolphins** (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 7:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 6:00; Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) Wed.-Thu. 6:00 To Worlds Beyond A.M. Sat. 10:00; Top

Speed (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 9:30; Sat. 11:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sun.-Mon. 10:00; Tue.-Thu.

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. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25; Confessions of a Teenage Drama **Queen** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:05, 4:25) 6:45, 9:05; **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:05, 4:45) 7:25; 10:05; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **The** Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 3:40) 8:00; Never **Die Alone** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri - Thu (12:30, 12:45, 3:45, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 10:15, 10:30; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:20, 1:10, 1:30, 3:20, 3:40, 5:30, 5:50) 7:40, 8:00, 9:50, 10:10; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Starsky & Hutch

(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00

LA MESA

Grossmont Center 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 8:00, 10:15; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:05) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. Alone (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:00, 5:25) 8:05, 10:10; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:05. 9:45; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; (Pd) FH.-Sun (12:00, 2:23) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20,
 Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:40) 7:00, 9:20; Seccet Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 5:05, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 5:05, 7:50,
 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 5:05) 7:50,
 10:00; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:00; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:50, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:25, 9:40

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:10) 4:30, 6:45, 9:05; Sun. (12:00, 2:10) 4:30, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:10, 4:30) 6:45; **Agent** Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri. (11:50, 1:50) 4:15, 6:50, 9:10; Sat. (11:50, 1:50) 4:15, 9:10; Sun. (11:50, 1:50) 4:15, 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 1:50, 4:15) 6:50; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (11:20, (11:20, 21:3) 5:00, 7:30; 10:05; 5:01, (11:20, 2:15) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 2:15, 5:00) 7:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:45) 6:35, 9:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 6:35; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:25) 7:10; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Sat, 7:20; Sun. (1:40); **Se**cret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:00) 4:10, 6:30, 9:00; Sun. (11:45, 2:00) 4:10, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 2:00, 4:10) 6:30; **Starsky &** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sun. (11:35, 2:20) 4:35, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 4:35) 7:00; Twisted (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:35) 4:45, 7:20, 9:35; Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 4:45, 9:45; Sun. (11:25) 4:45, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:45) 7:20; Walking Tall (PG-13) Sat. 6:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 10:20; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:40; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Thu. 6.45. 10.25

to say, is not the product of oversight or neglect; it is a conscious and calculated style, and it is all Mamet's own. It finds its root, and its resonance, in such murky realities as the seventeen-minute break in Nixon's White House tapes, or Reagan's under-oath memory lapses on the Iran-Contra affair, or the senior Bush's convenient position "out of the loop" on that same affair. We never get the full story on these things. And we do not get the full story here. Whatever the film lacks, however, in solidity of logic, it more than makes up in steadiness of pace and of rhythm: that unmistakable Mametian rhythm, the rhythm of hard-boiled wit ("If I want camaraderie, I'll join the Masons") and the rhythm of incantatory poetry ("I am here to get the girl back, sir, and there is nothing I will not do to get the girl back"). Val Kilmer, Derek Luke, Ed O'Neill, William H. Macy, Kristen Bell, Tia Texada. 2004. ★★★★ (GASLAMP 15: LA JOLLA 12)

Starsky and Hutch - 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 you have never seen the TV show and have no proprietary interest in it. Ben Stiller, always a willing horse's ass, comes off the better of the two stars as a by-the-book undercover cop who acknowledges no such thing as petty crime, while Owen 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. Vince Vaughn, Snoop Dogg, Fred Williamson; directed by Todd Phillips. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION

VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Taking Lives — Reviewed this issue. With Angelina Jolie, Ethan Hawke, Olivier Martinez, Gena Rowlands, and Kiefer Sutherland; directed by D.J. Caruso. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HOR-TON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

They Live by Night — Nicholas Ray's first film, a Bonnie and Clyde precursor (not to mention its literal remake, Thieves Like Us), with a lyrical emphasis on Young Love, First Love, True Love. Farley Granger and Cathy O'Donnell are awfully soft and dewy as the star-crossed couple, but fortunately there's also Howard da Silva with his marled eye and boiling surface of pathology. 1949. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/26, 7 P.M., AND 3/27, 9 P.M.)

Touching the Void — Kevin Macdonald's documentary cliffhanger — in the most literal sense possible --- on the amazing-but-true story of Joe Simpson (based on his memoir), a British mountaineer who breaks his leg on the descent from a Peruvian peak in 1985, slips over a precipice at the end of a rope a hundred feet above a bottomless crevasse, is cut loose by his climbing partner, Simon Yates, and left for dead, yet lives to tell the tale. We know the outcome from the outset, though not the ghastly details. Dramatic re-enactments and high-grade nature footage illustrate the talking-head and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect. 2004. ★★ (LA TOLLA VILLAGE)

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, Kauf-

man'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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: MIRA MESA 18: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 7:45, 10:15; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10); Sat. (11:15, 1:50, 4:25); Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10); **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:15, 2:25, 2:50, 5.00, 5.25) 7.35, 8.05, 10.05, 10.35; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:05, 4:50) 7:25, 10:10; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:15, 10:30; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00; The Ladykillers (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:15; **Never Die Alone** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:55, 5:15) 7:45, 10:05: The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. (12:05, 12:45, 3:15, 4:00) 6:15, 7:05, 9:35, 10:00; Sat. (10:30, 12:05, 1:20, 3:15, 4:10) 6:15 9:35, 10:00; Sun. (10:30, 11:10, 11:20, 4:10, 4:50) 7:05, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 12:45, 3:15, 4:00) 6:15, 7:05, 9:35, 10:00; The Prince & Me (PG) Sat. 7:30; Sun. (2:00); Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:50, 2:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:30) 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:50, 2:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:30) 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:50, 2:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:30) 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:20; Walking Tall (PG-13) Sat. 7:00

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 10:00; The Ladykillers (R) Fri.-Thu 4.00, 10:00, 11:10, 11: 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 10:00; **Taking** Lives (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives; Dawn of the Dead; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind; Secret Win-Sunshine of the Spotless Mind; Secret Win-dow; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; 50 First Dates; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 6:55, 9:30; Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 9:30; Sun. (10:15, 3:50) 6:55, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 6:55, 9:30; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri (10:10, 12:50, 3:45) 7:05; Sat. (10:10, 12:50, 3:45); Sun.-Thu. (10:10, 12:50, 3:45) 7:05;

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 4:20) 9:55; Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 1:05, 3:40, 12:35, 3:30) 6:45, 7:20, 9:25, 10:00; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:50, 3:40) 6:50, 9:35; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 3:00) 6:45, 10:10; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 10:10; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 12:55, 3:35) 7:05, 9:50; The Ladykillers (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55; Mon-ster (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20) 7:10; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu, (10:40, 11:00, 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50, 9:45, 10:35; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Sat. 7:00; Sun. (1:05); Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:55, 4:00, 5:20) 6:55, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri - Thu (10.20, 12.55, 3.50) 7.30. 10:15; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:35, 1:10, 4:05) 7:25, 10:05; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 1:10, 3:55) 7:15, 9:40, 10:25; Walking Tall (PG-13) Sat. 7:05

Vogue 226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436) **Eurotrip** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:15; **The Last Samurai** (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 9:45; **Twisted** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00

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Galaxy 6 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Jersev Girl (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (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; **Starsky & Hutch** (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; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:15,

CARMEL MOUNTAIN Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:10; Sun.-Thu. 9:45; Agent Cody Banks 2: Desti-nation London (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:10) 4:30, 7:20; Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:35, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:35) 7:20; **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:45, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:45) 7:05, 10:00; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00, 4:40, 5:55, 7:40, 8:45, 10:25; Sun.-Thu, 11:05, 12:05, 1:55, 3:00, 4:40, 6:25, 7:40, 9:30; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25, 9:50; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:50) 4:35, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30,

10:15; Sat. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40) 4:35, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40) 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:45) 7:10, 8:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:45) 7:10, 8:30, 9:50; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35, 6:30, 7:45, 8:40, 9:55; Sun.-Thu, 11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35, 6:30, 7:35, 8:40, 9:55; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:30) 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu (11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:45) 7:50, 10:00; **Starsky &** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:30, 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Sun.-Thu. (11:10, 1:30, 3:55) 7:00, 9:40; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15, 7:35, 9:55; Sun. (11:30, 1:50) 4:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 1:50, 4:15) 7:30, 9:45

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Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Eternal Sunshine of the** Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30; 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:50, Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; The Prince & Me (PG) Sat. 7:00; Sun. 2:00; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00: Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00; Walking Tall (PG-13) Sat. 7:00

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The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 5:45, 9:45: Monster (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:30, 9:20; Never Die Alone (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15, 9:25; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30 12:50, 3:45, 4:05) 7:00, 7:20, 10:15, 10:35; **Peter** Pan (PG) Tue.-Wed. (2:35) 7:20; Scooby-Doo **2: Monsters Unleashed** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:45, 1:30, 2:10, 3:40, 4:25) 6:00, 7:05, **&** 110, 9:15, 10:20; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:50, 4:30) 6:55, 9:20; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:45, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:10) 6:45, 7:45, 10:10

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Rd. (858-646-9420)

50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 7:00; Agent Cody Banks 2: **Destination London** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30; Sun. 11:30, 4:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30; Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Sat. 7:00; Sun. 2:00, Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Un-leashed (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; **Taking Lives** (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

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Hi-dalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **The** Ladykillers (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; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:00, 7:45; Spartan (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 5:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Dawn of the Dead; Secret Window; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri. 6:45, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 6:45, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221) 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; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Scooby-Doo 2:** Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 7:15

OCEANSIDE

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Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters San Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives; Dawn of the Dead; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind; Secret Win-Diego dow; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London; Starsky and Hutch; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; 50 First Dates; Eurotrip

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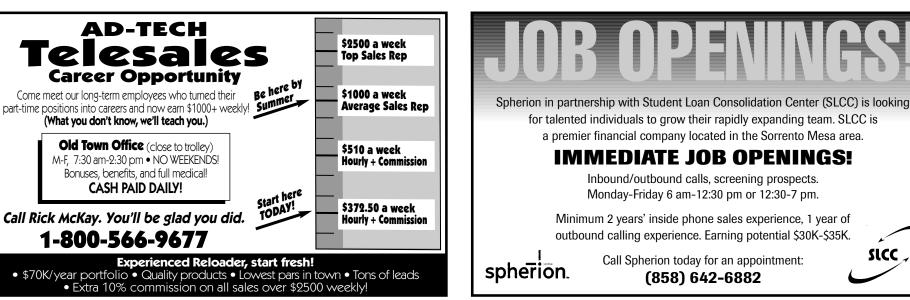


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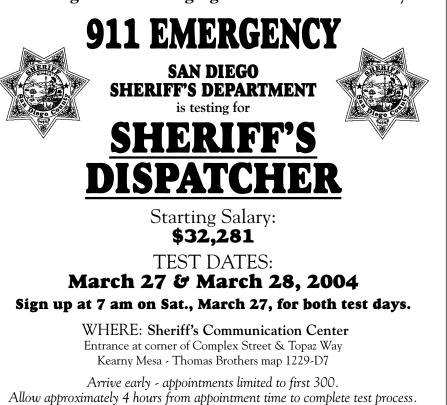
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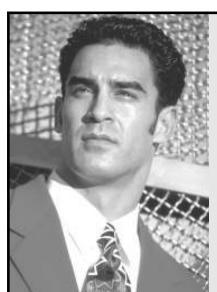
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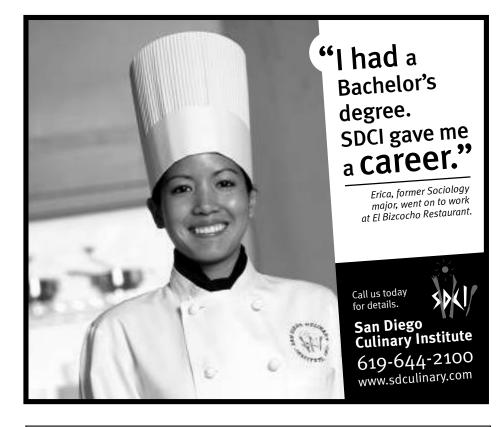


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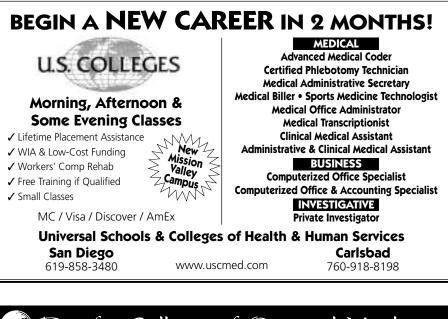
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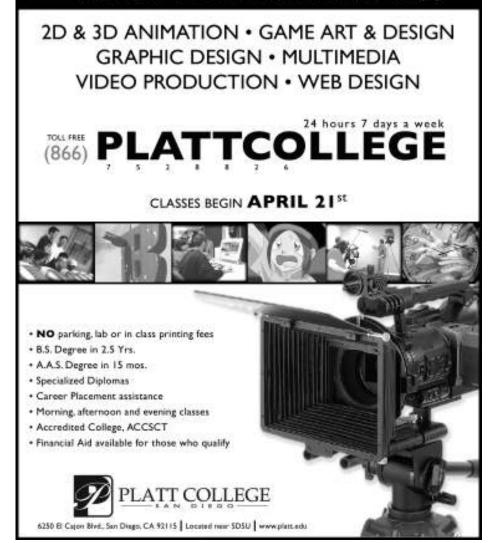
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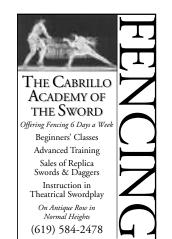
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successful gentleman, to share romantic time together, enjoy life to the fullest, 43-

PASSIONATE, PRESENT, PERKY, posi-

tive, pretty, playful, petite, sensuous, shapely, spontaneous, smart, voluptuous, funny. Desires mature, humorous, roman-tic, intelligent, expressive, kind, easygo-ing, white, professional, nonsmoker, 57-67. (4/7) 20121

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geous, petite. Seeking successful, truth-ful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous (com)passionate, no bag-gage/previous kids, friendship, sportive, spiritual, non-religious man, 38-49, 5'9"+. (3/31) **T**20073

BIG, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN looking for someone that loves to cuddle. I love to

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLACK female, romantic heart, seeking energetic, well edu-cated, romantic male, age 42-54, movies, travel, theater, dancing, camping and spiritual. Nonsmoking, no games. (4/7) 720122 **7**20122

MATURE GENTLEMAN SOUGHT by cute free spirit, with 30-something looks, intelli gence, insight, sincerity, playfulness Love books, ideas, conversation, dance communication, relationships, honesty compassion, love, (3/31) 20096 BEAUTIFUL, PASSIONATE doctor, 39

5'5", 125lbs., loving, energetic, fun, fit, well traveled. Seeking a very successful, well educated, loving, supportive, monogamous man under 45. (3/3) **a**200 PETITE, ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED, easy

going, 51 years, widow with herpes. Seeking professional, stable, loving, hon-est gentleman for serious relationship, age 52-65. (4/7) **2**20115

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QUEEN-SIZE BEAUTY in search of quality king. I'm 26 with caramel brown skin, brown eyes. You intelligent, charming, willing to spoil and pamper me. (3/31) **2**20086

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ADVENUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim tall, Jewish female, nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 39-50, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, cul-ture, and travel. Let's talk. (3/31) **7**20075 ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, YOUNG 55, 5'5",

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seeking friendship, fun times with healthy, happy, successful, 57-65, generous, de-cent guy. I like movies, music, dancing, theater, travel, exotic places. (4/7) FOOL ON THE HILL, 33, tall, blonde

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ment? Energetic, spirited, compassionate woman seeks sensitive, honest man to share commitment, laughter, excitement, dreams. Let's embrace the journey to-gether. (3/31) **2**20069 AM LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL man

Beautiful black lady, 40, no children, sin-gle, seeking a man with special talents, 6' or taller, handsome, seeking. (4/7) taller, 20113

☎20113
KIND, FUN LOVING, 38, Christian, Iove outdoors, beach, animals, priorities, family, friends. Looking for honest, real, compassionate, fun, active. Not interested in games, egos. (3/31) ☎20087

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VOLUPTUOUS WOMAN, considerat sex appeal, thriving intellect, passionate heart, open to adventure. Seeking multi-faceted husky hunk, 35-42, capable of connecting on many levels. Ready? (4/7) 20112

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA WIDOW, 58, sexy, educated, secure, homeowner, enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, Affec-tionate, will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (3/31) **2**20063

LET'S SHARE OUR BLESSINGS! Me: 39 still gets carded, educated, loves Christ, laughing, dancing, You: 37-41, Christian, degreed, enjoys life, conversation, travel, romance, humor. (4/7) 20117

NICE GUYS FIRST IN MY BOOK! Big, beautiful woman seeking sweet, funny, in-telligent man to spend my life with. Blue/ brown, 5'4". Photo/ad online. (4/7) **2**20107

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A WONDERFUL BLACK LADY, who is outgoing, centered, poised, extremely ro-mantic, enjoys, sunsets, dining out, long walks. Seeking gentleman, honest, sin-cere, sweet, upbeat, 45-65. (3/31) 20092

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55, smoker, blonde, voluptuous, fun lady, oves art, music, dining, home, and traveling. Looking for gentleman who oves the same kind of fun. (4/7)

PRETTY TEACHER, blonde/blue, 41, 5'8", slender, bikini looks, two teens home part-time, oldest at college. Seeking fun loving, successful, Republican, nonsmok-ing, Christian, 32-50. (3/31) 220066 LOVING SWEETHEART WANTED. Beauti-ful blonde/blue 50 lasts 21 ful, blonde/blue, 59, lady. Share exciting adventures, never boring relationship. Handsome, upbeat, secure, intelligent, romantic gentleman. I could be the one. (4/7) 221116

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open-hearted. (4/7) 220127 WIDOW, 59, looking to meet John Good-man-type, his personality/looks/attitude. Smoker, non-drinker. I'm apartment man-ager, Chula Vista. For companionship and friends. Meet, coffee? (3/31) 20078

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OFFICER AND GENTLEMAN, well, educated, accomplished, sought by above-average female, mid-50's (looks 40), at-tractive, bright, for social activities, travel, etc. Possible long-term relation-ship. (3/31) 20095

I AM FUN, GOOD LOOKING, humorous sincere, value family, 5'8". Enjoy dining, conversation, movies, theatre, fine arts. Seeking gentleman with similar qualities and interests, 65-78. (4/7) 20100 GORGEOUS, FIT, HOLISTIC, seeks san in stocky, relaxed, unselfish, financially secure soulmate, 45-50 for outdoor ad-venture, hiking, traveling and quiet evenings. Marriage minded. Non-bimbo. (3/31) 220080



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COUNTRY GIRL WITH SOUL seeking sweet music man, 45+, strong, eartny, passionate, gypsy vagabond to make me laugh, inspire my heart and rock my

I'M FULL-FIGURED, black. Interests: sports, movies, concerts, outdoors, quiet times and you tall, slim, financially secure white man. No smoke, drink. 50-65. (3/31)

DATE? YOU: MUSCULAR, 30-39, home owner with dark hair/skin. Me: blonde, 34, very pretty, toned, genuine. Both: spiri-tual, never want kids, intellectual, into per-sonal growth. (4/7) 20106

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ing, Christian, loves a movies, music, 4x4in gatherings. Margari man, age 30-39, ests. (4/7) 20104

PADRE FAN, going on opening day? I want to go. 47, medical professional, 5'7", 130lbs., fun, cute. Take me with 130lbs., fun, cute you? (4/7) 20108

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IF YOU'RE REAL, I'm ready. 40, nice looking, 6', 178lbs., green eyes. I'm good ing, 6', 178lbs., green eyes. I'm good company. Seeking an easygoing, realistic woman over 35. (4/7) 20836

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CROSSROADS? Ready for the life's best part, tall unencumbered, sparkling! I'm 6'+, sensitive, witty, monogamous, spiri-tual, romantic, retired professional, world traveled, happy, searching for you. (4/7) 2085

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Spontaneous, considerate, physically, emotionally and financially fit, 40-year old male. Seeking active, witty, balanced, available, outdoorsy type female for fun and adventure. (4/7) 20820

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IF YOU LOVE TRAVEL, trips, cruises, are retired, 70s-80s, this nonsmoker widdower, 80s, seeks compatible, counterpart to see rest of the world together; long-term. (3/31) 220806

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ADVENTUROUS, AFFECTIONATE, dedi cateu, attractive, 54, 5'8", 154lbs., seek-ing petite princess to share our common interest. Like cooking, dining out, camp-ing, desert, beach, cuddling. (4/7) **2**20830

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BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 53, parcipitory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, mid-West values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (3/31) ★ 20791

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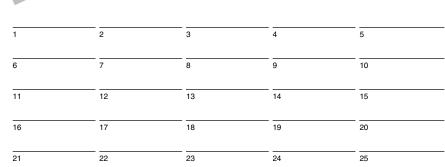
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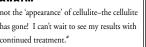
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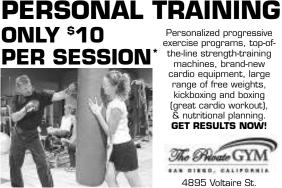
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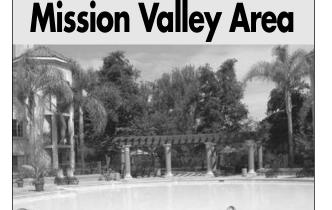
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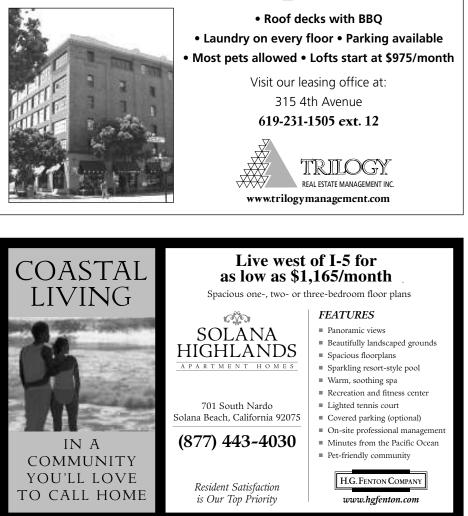
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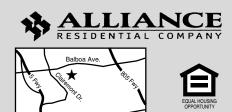
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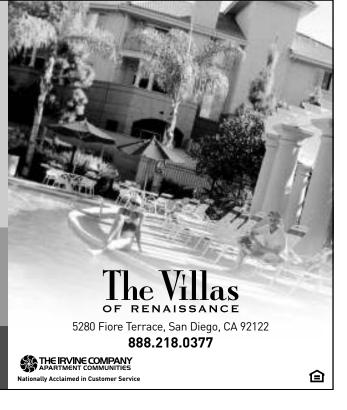
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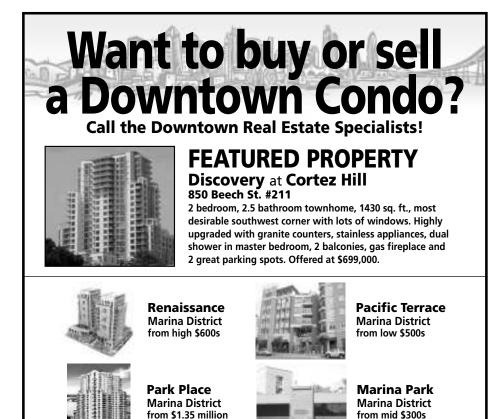
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HeatherAtkins Fast-food employee El Cajon

was at a party about a week ago and some guy came up to me and said, "That must be a keg in your pants because I've been wanting to tap that ass all night." I was refilling my beer at the keg, so I turned and walked away when he finished his line. I give him credit for the compliment, but I didn't talk to him after he said that. It was more like he was making a joke than actually trying to talk to me. Trying to have a conversation with someone is a much better way of picking up on someone.



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One of my friends wanted to use the line, "Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see." He asked me what I thought of the line; he was about to use it on this girl. I told him that he probably shouldn't. To have success with girls, you have to be real with them, and that doesn't mean that you can come at them with a cheesy pick-up line. Sometimes a line is okay if you're trying to get a laugh out of a girl. I have girlfriends who've told me that something worse than a pick-up line is to be at a club and have a guy come up and grab them when they're not looking.

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- Adding to the Disney-fanatic adults who have appeared in "News of the Weird" is George Reiger of Bethlehem, Pa., who has been tattooed with Disney-related images 1600 times (about one per week). Reiger said he spends \$50,000 a year on his Disney habit, owns 19,000 items of memorabilia, and has fitted his house with Disney touches. In February, Reuters news service asked his opinion of chairman Michael Eisner and of potential Disney owner Comcast Corp. Reiger denounced both as indifferent to the original Disney magic. "A lot of people ask me," Reiger said, "if I got [a tattoo of Eisner], where would I put it."

Least Competent Good Ol' Boys

 In December, on their second try, six men managed to set fire to a cross in the vard of a Dade County, Ga., white woman whose daughter was dating a biracial man. When they couldn't control the flames that threatened an "innocent" white neighbor, one of the men called 911, which led to their arrests. The county, in Georgia's northwest corner, is known as the "state of Dade" for its isolation and insularity (99.4 percent white), but Sheriff Philip Street did bring himself to denounce cross-burning as "old school."

Life Imitates "Christine"

- On Jan. 30, as Angel Eck, 20, drove her Pontiac Sunfire on Interstate 70 toward Denver, she could not slow down. The car was locked in overdrive and climbed to 100 mph, the ignition would not disengage, and the clutch and accelerator were stuck. A half-hour later, two Denver police officers, having been alerted by cell phone and reprising a tactic from CHiPs, slowed the car by allowing it to repeatedly bump the rear of their squad car until it came to a stop. A few days later, idling in the shop at Green Mountain Auto Service, the car jumped gears and pinned a mechanic against an inside wall until a col-

league set the emergency brake. **Latest Religious Messages**

 Separation of Church and Clinic: At a November hearing on Thomas DeVol's business practices, Missouri's State Committee of Psychologists also heard evidence that the marriage counselor had described himself as a "Christian psychologist" who estimated that, during his 20year practice, about 150 of his clients were possessed by demons and other "evil spirits." The committee was deliberating DeVol's fate at press time. ... In February, in Genoa, Italy, Catholic Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone announced the formation of a committee of three priests and three health professionals to decide, in possible cases of satanic possession, whether the parishioner should be referred to counseling or to an exorcist.

- Update: Indian sadhu Lotan (a.k.a. Ludkan) Baba was reported in "News of the Weird" in 1995 for his 2500-mile holy journey through the Indian countryside traveling by lying on the ground and rolling over and over and over, the entire distance (doing from 6 to 13 miles a day). In September 2003, he set out on a 1500-mile trip, rolling from Ratlam, India, to Lahore, Pakistan, where he said he hopes to thank President Pervez Musharraf for his India-Pakistan peace initiatives.

- From an underreported profile of Mel Gibson in The New Yorker (Sept. 15, 2003), discussing his then-upcoming film, The Passion of the Christ: "There is no salvation for those outside the Church. Put it this way. My wife is a saint. She's a much better person than I am. [But] she's Episcopalian. [S]he believes in God, she knows Jesus. [A]nd it's just not fair if she doesn't make it [to heaven]; she's better than I am. But that is a pronouncement from the chair [that she will not be saved]. I go with it."

Bright Ideas

- Mile High Outfitters, a backcountry expedition organizer in Challis, Idaho, has petitioned the U.S. Forest Service for permission to install three commercial recreational hot tubs smack in the middle of an unspoiled wilderness area, and the service is now considering the proposal (the public comment period having ended early this month). Each tub would require 1250 gallons of water, heated by wood-burning stove, replenished every three days during the season. Motorized vehicles to bring the water in are not currently permitted.

- Burnsville, Minn., according to city planner Mike Niewind, hopes to solve some garbage, energy, odor, and environmental concerns all in one project by expanding its landfill to create an electricity-producing methane plant (to power 3000 homes) underneath an 18-hole golf course that will be built on a manmade 100foot-high plateau offering views of the Mississippi River Basin.

Least Competent Criminals

- At his trial in November for stealing the equivalent of \$150,000 worth of jewelry from a house, Daniel Dady, 20, defended himself by saying he lacked a motive because he had just inherited the equivalent of \$30,000 and did not need more. The jury found him guilty anyway, and at his sentencing in January, Judge Peter Jacobs not only sentenced him to 4 1/2 years in detention but also ordered him to hand over the inheritance to his victim as partial restitution (an inheritance the judge would not have known about had Dady not spoken up in November).

Recurring Themes

· A suspected prostitute became the latest police detainee to commandeer a patrol car and drive it away after twisting her body to move her cuffed hands from behind her to the front of her (all in a briefer time than it took officers to walk around the outside the car) (Kensington, Pa., February). ... A Harrods Estates broker announced that he had sold a private, one-car parking space in the tony Knightsbridge section

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of London for the equivalent of \$187,500. **Precocious Kids**

A 7-year-old boy was arrested and charged with sexually molesting a 5-year-old girl (Morristown, N.J., November). ... An 8-year-old boy, accused of fondling four 7-year-old girls, agreed to enter sex-offender rehabilitation (Mount Clemens, Mich., December). ... A 12-vear-old girl, who was improperly touched by a 40-year-old man (resulting in his conviction for lewd conduct), was revealed by court investigators to have voluntarily performed oral sex on, or intercourse with, at least 40 men (Monterey, Calif., February).

In the Past Month...

- Ms. Farrah Daly, 27, who told officers (upon her arrest for allegedly stealing \$1 million in jewels from her employer) that she was too "cute" to go to prison, was sentenced to three years in prison (Akron, Ohio). ... A 30-year-old man challenged as unconstitutional the police search of his 18-month-old son's diaper that produced a stash of cocaine. Police defended the search as legal in that they had noticed a "large load" in the diaper (Evansville, Ind.). ... A restaurant selling only dishes made with Hormel Spam opened in an upscale shopping mall in Manila, Philippines.

(CORRECTIONS: Three weeks ago, I reported that serial killer Andrew Cunanan had been a "former lover" of Gianni Versace when in fact no such relationship has ever been established; and I reported that an owl with cataracts had been fitted with "contact" lenses when the owl had been surgically provided with "artificial" lenses. I apologize for the errors.)

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THREAT OF FORCE Location: [3500] College Avenue

Time/Date: 10:48 p.m. on 3/5/04

Officer's Investigation: While driving southbound in the 3500 block of College Avenue, Officer Lara #5591 and I saw a black male wearing white pants and a checkered shirt standing on the east curb line. This was the same description of the suspect on the initial



radio call. The black male fled the scene prior to us making a II-turn and attempting to contact him.

[We] contacted the victim, Tammie W. She was hysterical and would not stop crying. She told us that her husband, Richard W., was on parole.

Victim's Statement: We have not been getting along for about two weeks. He was outside the neighbors' house. I went over to him and he started velling at me. He grabbed my sweater by the collar and ripped it. He told me, "You gotta watch out for your Mama now. You better tell your Mama to move now."

I'm tired of being scared. Richard has been a member of the "Skyline" gang. All he does is drink all day long. I have been meaning to call his parole agent and let him know what [Richard] has been doing. He doesn't work, and all he does is drink. I can't stav home because he might come back here and do something to me. He has been in and out of prison since I've known him.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 5000 Brighton Avenue, Ocean Beach Time/Date: 11:38 p.m. on 3/12/04



Officer's Investigation: Robert M. and Gabriel L. got into a fight with Paul H. M. knocked H. to the ground and punched him multiple times in the face. L. struck H. in the head with a golf club. H. sustained a broken nose and lacerations above and below his right eye and a small laceration above his left eye. As I was checking on H., he appeared delirious. M. interrupted me and told me he was involved in the incident. M. said, "It's not what you think. We were boxing around, doing body shots, having fun, and it got carried away." M. later changed the story, telling me that H. was attempting to attack his friend Gabriel L. M. told me he punched H. in self-defense. I learned that L. fled the scene and left the area in M.'s

Acura Integra. M. denied seeing L. strike H. with the golf club. M. and L. are both in the U.S. Navy and are active duty.

As I was starting to depart the scene, a blue-colored Acura Integra drove by. M. was in the back seat of my car. He said, "Hey that's my car and that's him [Gabriel L.]." L. looked right at me and continued to drive. I turned on my overhead red lights and made a U-turn. I heard the Acura accelerate northbound

onto Bacon. I saw [the Acura], still traveling at a high rate of speed, run a stop sign and collide with a second vehicle in the intersection. This was the 4900 block of Long Branch. The Acura came to a rest after it struck a house. L. blew a .09% on the Intoxilyzer. [He] declined a blood or urine test

VERBATIM POLICE REPORTS

ROBBERY — KNIFE

Location: 1100 C Street, Downtown Time/Date: 10:00 a.m. on 3/11/0



Victim's Statement: I was riding the trolley from Spring Valley. I always keep my money in one pocket and my wallet in another. I noticed a black male who was getting people to play some kind of bottle-cap scam. He would shuffle the bottle caps and ask someone to pick which one an object was under. At first, he told people to play for fun. I played one time. Then the guy asked people to play for money. He specifically asked me to play, but I told him I did not have any money. As I told him that I grabbed my pocket with the money. When the trolley arrived at Park and C Street, I exited. The same black guy came running up behind me to get my attention. I saw the guy had a knife in his left hand. It looked like a switchblade that was already flipped open. He said, "Give me vour money. Let me see

what you've got." With my hands up, I told him I did not have any money. He said, "Keep your hands there." Then he reached into my front left pocket and took my \$100 bill. He said, "Now get the fuck out of here." I was so scared I turned around and kept walking toward my bus stop. I saw he was walking toward Park Blvd. but I don't know where he went.

DISTURBING THE PEACE

Location: 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Del Mar

Time/Date: 11:00 p.m. on 3/13/04



Officer's Investigation:

Jean H. caused a disturbance at the Hilton Hotel. I met security quard Brent F. F. said H. was very drunk when she fell into the Jacuzzi and the pool. F. said she revealed her genitalia to numerous juvenile[s] in and around the pool. F. said he escorted her to her room. I applied a wristlock to H.'s left wrist to affect the arrest and handcuff her in her room. H. refused to stand or sit while at [Las Colinas] jail. She kicked me two times 15-20 seconds apart upon my left knee. H. was very intoxicated throughout our contact and only acknowledged being in a police car after about two hours' time.

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Yellow Cruiser

Steve Volker is a big guy who drives big cars, all made by Chrysler, which makes me wonder if Chrysler products are roomier or what?

He says, "Well, Chryslers were what the family used to own for years and years, so I had an affinity for them. I like the fact that not everybody else owns one. You don't see yourself coming and going on the street every day.

"I've had a string of Dodge Chargers. This will be my fourth. It's not the one they used on The Dukes of Hazzard. That was a '69. Mine's a '71, the style Richard Petty used to drive in the NASCAR Winston Cup races.

"The first Charger I bought was a beat-up old '74 model. It looked like an angry rhinoceros with a bent front fender. And the driver's side door didn't open. But I never got more respect on the freeway than when I drove that car. People would look at this thing and conclude, 'This guy doesn't give a damn.' With the first Dodge, I was hooked.

"I got rid of the first one because it wouldn't pass smog. And I lucked into another one, a '73 Charger with the high-performance 400 with a big four barrel and dual exhaust. I picked that up for \$750. Ugly paint, but a great car. I put on even louder mufflers. You could go through a parking structure and set off car alarms with it.

"The 400s, instead of a forged crank, had a cast crank, and those are weaker. With a lot of miles on it and some oiling problems, I bent the crank, and it would've cost too much to fix. So I sold it and got a Dodge Dart station wagon with a slant six. That was a snappy little car, white with red interior and the whitewalls and the full hubcaps. It wasn't very fast — it was a station wagon — but it looked good. And the slant six just goes forever. I had 350,000 miles on that station wagon, and when I sold it, it was still getting 20 miles to the gallon and it wasn't burning any oil.

"When I sold the Dart, I got the Charger I have now. It's stock, except I put in a bigger carburetor and electronic fuel injection, trying to gain horsepower through efficiency rather than do anything radical. I want it original, since it's my car for cruising.

"There's been a resurgence of that American Graffiti kind of thing in San Diego County in the past couple of years. You can find cruise spots in El Cajon, in La Mesa, and Escondido. I used to go to Escondido when I was living up there. Now that I live in the College Area, next summer, when the cruising heats up again, I'll probably go out to La Mesa and El Cajon. They're

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- CAR: 1971 DODGE CHARGER
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closer, and my car's gas mileage is terrible - 10 or 11 miles per gallon. But the mileage doesn't bother me much, because I believe that a truer form of recycling is to fix an old car and restore it, rather than taking it to the scrap yard and melting it down so they can make it into a new car."

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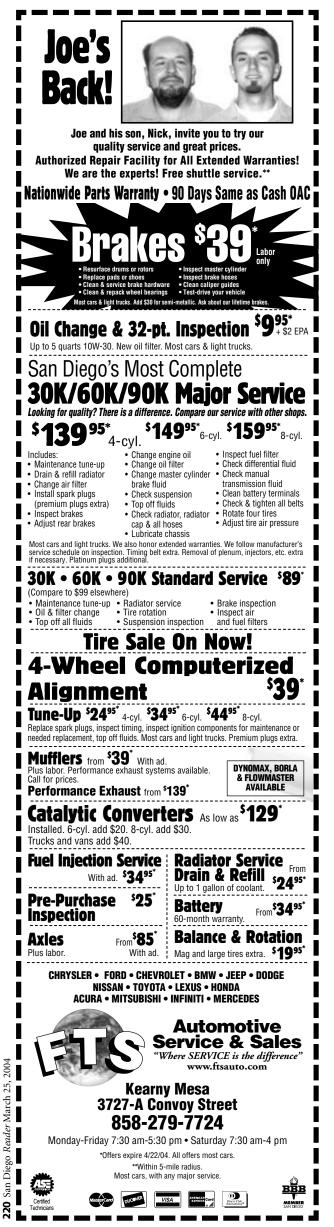
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I do whatever it takes to get the story.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

The schedule for showtimes seemed to go on for pages as I scrolled down the website for the San Diego Natural History Museum. It looked as if a show on chocolate (its natural history, I suppose) was going to run all year. From March through at least July, it said, and included an invitation to write the first review of the chocolate show. Well, that will be me, it looks like; but no rush, and besides, the schedule included many other days of the week besides Friday.

Not that I would have allowed that to faze me. I'm not chained to my column title. Many times I have taken huge journalistic risks as I covered, for example, an orchid show on a Thursday and allowed the reader to assume it was the following night. Or that Turtle Club meeting back in '01? Maybe it was Friday, maybe it wasn't. None of your business is the way I see it. Hah! Yeah, I've done lots of stuff you don't even know about. And I'd do it again, too.

If you're new to this column, you might say I'm a bit of a free spirit. Oh, there are some who call me a ramblin' kind of guy and a knockaround, twofisted, hard-loving reporter, a maverick, that sort of thing. But I do whatever it takes to get the stories, and some of these stories break hard, daddy-o. Like those bingo-operation Friday nights at Saint Matthew's in El Cajon last year. In that piece I proved once and for all that crime knows no retirement age as I posed the moral/ethical hot potato of a question, "How different is stealing rhubarb pie in church than off a truck on the New Jersey Turnpike in the dead of night?'

"I'm taking a piece for Madge; she's in the hospital."

Or "It fell off a truck."

You be the judge.

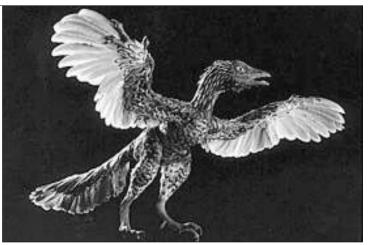
I would look too foolish, I figured, if I covered this chocolate show at the museum because, although its scheduling is all over the Internet, it doesn't actually start until February of 2005. A fact you the consumer would never have known, since that single digit 5 appears nowhere in the online material. The old bait and switch: get 'em in for chocolate (who wouldn't show for that if only on the off chance of free samples?) and bilk them for some lame exhibit about "feathered dinosaurs." Right. And chickens have lips, too.

I ferreted out the scam with a little old-fashioned reporter's footwork. I took the #7 to Balboa Park and was informed by the (what's that word for museum workers again? falukas? tortillas? dachshunds? ducats?) docent (!) that I was a tad early. I smiled at her feeble attempt at humor and gave her the ole "Du-uuhhh. Heh-heh," and immediately we had a certain "moment" together, not unlike Bill Murray and that chick in Lost in Translation.

The charming little huckster would have done P.T. Barnum proud as she handed me a flyer on feathered dinosaurs as if it were the most natural thing in the world. Every schoolboy knows that dinosaurs were armored like tanks, for heck's sake; and if they were covered in feathers, they'd probably set themselves on fire every time they used their flamethrowers or even their laser beams.

On the back of the handout, in large letters, the museum touts, "Come see the life-size THERIZINOSAURUS, a feathered dinosaur that stands over 13 feet tall with a 20-FOOT WINGSPAN and CLAWS 3 feet long!" This was followed by stuff about the opening of the show in February and visiting Chinese scientists.

Just to nail down a quote from a reputable source on the subject, I decided to call my old science teacher, Mr. Fiedermeyer, in Chicago. He's retired now, in his 80s, but I had his number after I used him to settle a bet last year about the number of Greyhound buses that could theoretically fit into the Bermuda Triangle. He answered the phone at the top of his lungs. He's almost deaf.



"Feathered dinosaurs," Right, And chickens have lips, too

"Brizzolara! My God, do you still have a job? No. Feathered? What are they calling it? There is no...somebody's screwing around with you again. Are these things supposed to be in a Grevhound bus?

Senile, but he still knew his stuff.

My reminiscences about chocolate would be drawing to a close about now, the part about donuts alone. And that's what it would have been, a long reminiscence. Rather than reviewing their damn chocolate exhibit, which may turn out to be another chimera (and isn't that exactly what a feathered reptile might be called? The hoax is on many levels). Anyway, just under my closing sentence at the bottom left here, I see an '89 Corolla with low mileage, looking too good to be true and about to collide with the humorous double-entendre closing line of the type I try to include every week.

Like this one: If chocolate were a chimera then you might say - what happened to the '89 Corolla? Somebody in Classifieds probably glommed it - that flying dragons on Fridays are the ultimate.

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Like yesterday. When I dropped my three girls off at school in the morning, Johnny asked, "Can Johnny D. come over to play this morning?" Johnny D. is one of my Johnny's friends from his afternoon kindergarten class.

"Sure," I answered. I asked Johnny D.'s mom if he could come over.

"Sure," she answered, Johnny D.'s mom held Johnny D.'s little sister Claire against her hip. Claire looked at me with imploring eves. Would Claire like to come

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over, too?" I asked. "She could play with Ben." Claire nodded her head "Yes."

On the drive home, Johnny and Johnny discussed Bionicles. Ben, who is three, explained the finer points of The Lord of the Rings to Claire. "Gimli is a dwarf," he said. "Legolas is a elf." I thought about all the chores I wanted to get done: clean the kitchen, fold and put away the five loads of laundry I'd washed and dried the day before, call the furniture-warranty company about the tear I'd discovered in our brandnew sofa, make the beds, sort through the stack of papers the kids had brought home from school the week before.

When we got home, the kids piled out of the car. I headed for the kitchen and started to unload the dishwasher. "Can we have a snack?" my Johnny asked.

"A snack? You just had breakfast an hour ago."

"But I'm still hungry."

I looked at the two Johnnys and Claire and Ben. They looked back at me. "Are you guys hungry, too?" 'Yeah.'

"Okay, play for a little bit, and I'll make some peanut butter and crackers."

Claire dumped out the dollhouse furniture and arranged it on the family room floor. She found the mommy and daddy dolls and had them set up housekeeping with an array of children that included not only the dollhouse babies but Mickey Mouse and Ernie and Bert. "Now that's what I call a blended family," I muttered as I spread chunky peanut butter on Ritz crackers. "What kind of milk?" I asked."Regular, chocolate, or strawberry?"

"Strawberry," Johnny and Johnny answered together.

"Strawberry," Claire echoed.

"Just plain milk in my baby cup," Ben said.

By the time I'd smeared a few more rounds of crackers and made second helpings of milk, the clock read 10:30. I revised my morning chores in my head. "I thought I might get that phone call made. But, if I can get the clean dishes put away and the morning dishes into the dishwasher, maybe I can get the beds made and some of the clothes folded before I take Johnny and Johnny to school."

I was just wiping the last crumbs off the counter and getting ready to head upstairs to the bedrooms when Ben asked, "Mom, can you please push me?"

I looked at Ben and Claire sitting on the family room floor. "You guys have been playing so nicely," I told them. "Claire, do you want to swing outside?"

Claire smiled and jumped up. Ben pushed open the sliding glass door. Claire and Ben ran to the swing set in our back yard. Claire clambered onto the ladder swing. Ben chose his favorite, the yellow swing with the blue chains. "Push me high," Ben commanded.

"You don't need to push me," Claire told "I'm a big girl." me.

I pushed Ben for 20 minutes. "Really high," he said over and over again.

"You don't need to push me," Claire said just as often. "I'm a big girl."

The two Johnnys ran out into the back yard firing imaginary bazookas at imaginary enemies. "I got him," Johnny D. cried.

"All right," my Johnny said, giving Johnny D. the thumbs-up.

"I need to go inside and make the beds," I told Ben and Claire. "But you guys can stay out here and play if you want to.'

All four kids followed me into the house. "Come on," my Johnny said as he charged up the stairs. The other three trailed him. By the time I walked into my bedroom to make the bed, Ben had plopped down in the middle of the rumpled comforter.

'I'm tired," he said.

"Go show Claire your train set," I told him. He hopped off the bed and ran down the hall to where Johnny, Johnny, and Claire played in the boys' room. "Wanna see my train set?" Ben asked.

"We're playing Rescue Heroes," Johnny D. told Ben.

"Okay," Ben answered. "I'm Billy Blazes." "NO," my Johnny protested. "I'm Billy Blazes.'

I straightened out the sheets and the comforter on Jack's and my bed. I plumped the pillows and threw a few stray socks into the hamper. "MOM," Johnny called from down the

hall, "Can we have lunch?" By the end of the day, I had taken the two

Johnnys to school, deposited Claire back with her mother, pushed Ben for another half hour on the swing, folded some of the laundry, picked up the kids at school, folded the rest of the laundry, fixed dinner, cleaned the kitchen, and (with Jack) put everyone to bed. I never did make that phone call.

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