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# Marathoners of the Sky

"How long have you been racing pigeons?" I asked Gene Hamilton.

- "Eighty years."
- "That's quite a while."
- "Actually, it's 80+ now. I'm 91."
- "What got you started?"

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# LETTERS

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# **Credibility Injury**

Let me get this straight: The UC system has a program that allows faculty members to finance mortgage housing loans ("Faculty Row," March 25). According to the chart on page 34, all campuses in the UC system are using this program. The fund is a short-term investment pool, and just 13 percent of the available money is tied into these housing loans. The current interest rate is (a modest) 3.8 percent. This story runs on the cover of the Reader as an exposé.

I'm sorry; I don't see any problem here except that the *Reader* injures its own credibility, and that of writer Matt Potter, by printing this tempest in a teapot.

Michael-Leonard Creditor via e-mail

# **Mortgage Insanity**

Am I crazy or are we (the taxpayers) funding almost a half billion dollars in mortgages for Prof@uc schools while they perform research that helps big business ("Faculty Row," March 25)? Aren't there now thousands of qualified students being turned away from campuses due to funding shortages? What do our governor and representatives have to say about this?

> Todd Floyd via e-mail

# Good Thing

An excellent way to attract top-notch academics to San Diego is to offer them fairly modest help in securing housing in an area of the country where real estate prices are unreachably high ("Faculty Row," March 25). UCSD should be commended for setting up a win-win program wherein it invests wisely and its faculty secure a place to live. Why the *Reader* story that initially looks like a front-page ohmy-God! exposé but reads

like a good thing for clearly very good people, ultimately an okay-so-what subject? Hasan A. Benler Poway

# **Space Waste**

Would you please inform the readers in the next issue what was the point of the article "Faculty Row" (March 25)? It seemed to be a complete waste of space. Paul Diamond

# No Story

I look forward to the *Reader* every week because of the high quality of writing and the information on local entertainment. I haven't sent in a letter before, but I was disappointed by this week's cover story ("Faculty Row," March 25).

Matt Potter's story seemed to warrant nothing more than a simple sentence: "Professors at UCSD offered lowinterest home loans." Big deal. I once saw a headline in the *National Enquirer*: "The Secret of Eternal Life Found." I looked inside, and there was no story. Similarly, Matt Potter's research consisted of excerpting from the professors' websites and getting a quote from an administrator and a professor. This is journalism? I fail to see what makes this innocuous story newsworthy. Bethany White La Mesa

# **Great Moore Work**

I just wanted to thank you for the fine article on the Putnam sisters by Ms. Moore ("The Mystery of the Putnam Sisters," March 25). I really appreciate the work she did in getting that article together. Thank you very much.

Name Withheld

# Don't Need Stronger Mayor

I just want to say one thing about the article that Don Bauder wrote — he always does a good job — called "Uberuaga Was Not the Problem" ("City Lights," March 25). The only point I make is that the mayor, Susan Golding, told him not to bring this up in the budget or not to do that ---maybe other mayors did the same thing. It was a crime that the city manager could not bring in the information about the budget and continued on page 74

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# CITY LIGHTS

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America's finest seats For years, members of the San Diego City Council and their



pals partied hearty in the so-called City Box at Qualcomm Stadium, chowing down on free hot dogs, steaks, chicken, wine, beer, desserts, and all manner of other goodies laid out in a scrumptious buffet courtesy of Service America Corp., which had the contract to sell food and booze at the stadium. But that was

San Diego city box at Icomm Stadium, 1996 (City manager Jack McGrory with guest)

before Jerry Mailhot and his attorney, ex-city councilman Bruce Henderson, sued the council in 1998



for accepting the freebies in violation of state financialreporting laws. As a result, the council was forced to stop partaking of the food and drink and later agreed to a settlement with Henderson under which the council members agreed to file amended financial-disclosure reports revealing

Bruce Henderson

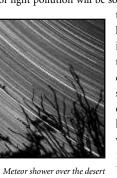
their acceptance of what they admitted were gifts from Service America. Because Qualcomm is owned by the city, the councilmembers were allowed to keep their free tickets to the box, and they have continued to attend football and baseball games, as well as all other special events, ever since.

Next week is the grand opening of the city-financed Petco Park baseball stadium, and the council is all set to keep on partying. Tucked away in an obscure document called the "Joint Use and Management Agreement" between the city and the Padres adopted back in February 2000 is a small clause establishing an exclusive new venue for the council to play. The "City Suite," according to the agreement, is "a Private Suite on the Club Level between first-base and third-base with a seating capacity inside and outside of the Suite of not fewer than 22 persons." In addition, "the City as an owner shall be entitled to one admission ticket for each seat in the City Suite for each Event at the Ballpark Property, including Padres Games, free of charge." And while common citizens are being urged to carpool or take the trolley to the new stadium, or otherwise fork over big money for parking, the city council will be able to "use and occupy 15 VIP parking spaces for all Events at the Ballpark Property, at a location to be designated by the Padres in the immediate vicinity of the Ballpark Structure."

None of this sits well with Henderson, who frets that the arrangement bears at least an appearance of impropriety, coming as it does against the backdrop of the case of fallen councilmember Valerie Stallings, who pled guilty to charges that she had accepted improper gifts from Padres owner John Moores. "None of this was in the original ballot measure approved by voters," notes Henderson. Stadium manager Steve Shushan, who reports tht the box is still getting its final finishing touches this week, insists the council will pay for its own food and drink.

Killing the messenger Bruce Henderson has not been forgotten by some die-hard Padres fans, who are warming up for the season by using the Padres official website to beat up on the longtime foe of John Moores's sweet financial deal with the city of San Diego. "Why not post a colossal Bruce Henderson Charity Dart Board!!" says a message by fan David Stanforth. "Selling darts on opening day for an opportunity to throw a celebratory pitch into the face of Mr. Henderson would, I think, raise quite a bit of money to help a charity. We are not trying to be mean spirited or anything, just give fans an opportunity to have fun and generate money to a good cause. Mr. Moore's [sic] and company could throw the 'First Pitch'!" Another fan signed "Motes1" chimed in: "Don't forget Mike Aguirre, wasn't he in league with Henderson? BTW, great idea, I'd be more than happy to contribute a few bucks for a good cause!" (Aguirre was actually co-chairman of the pro-ballpark ballot campaign.) "Padres04" added his two cents: "Yeah, Mike Aguirre, Donna Frye's whipping boy who may become our next city attorney. I pray that does not happen." Wrote "Cropdusta": "I hope Klesko hits a homer that manages to shatter Henderson's windshield. That guy is a poo eater. What is happening with the Padres' lawsuit against him?" Concluded "Titans04": "During the ballpark tour, I searched for the Bruce Henderson memorial urinal and couldn't find it. If they haven't dedicated one to him yet, I'm sure they will."

Light of day Local astronomers are up in arms over plans by the federal authorities to throw a little more light on the border. "With no concern for local residents and institutions, the Border Patrol is preparing to install 24 diesel-powered, 4000-watt, portable light towers over a halfmile stretch of the Mexico/US border just one mile from one of San Diego's few astronomical educational outreach facilities, the San Diego Astronomy Association (SDAA) Observatory at Tierra Del Sol," writes association president Scott Baker. "Observing the sky in the presence of that kind of light pollution will be something like using a



telescope under the lights at Petco Park in other words, practically useless." A border patrol spokesman says the portable generators powering the lights will be equipped with oil drip pans and mufflers, and ways are being examined to

keep the disruption from the lights to a minimum. Before they are deployed, he says, a public meeting will be held.

Matt Potter

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# Why Do They **Sneer at Shipione?**

By Don Bauder

ederal examiners are looking into possible "pay-to-play" shenanigans in the pension-consulting business. And one of the pension consultants bequestions."

ing studied is Callan Associates, the San Francisco-based firm long used by the woe-be-



set San Diego City Employees' Retirement System.

Former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur Levitt says that the "pay-to-play" issues are "very, very serious and very widespread — they are all related to conflict-of-interest

# **Neal Obermeyer**

into the pension-consulting industry, the San Diego pension board's whistleblower, Diann Shipione, was asking her colleagues tough questions about Callan's potential conflicts of interest.

As it turns out, long before

the Securities and Exchange

Commission began its inquiry

She was dismissed as cavalierly then as she was later

when she pointed out that San Diego's deliberate underfunding of the pension plan was a road to perdition. She has been vindicated on the latter point — although she is still under attack — and, if local officials truly want reform, she will eventually be appreciated for raising good points on potential "pay-to-play" matters. But the pension board is still disregarding her diligence, as will be seen below.

First, what's this "pay-toplay" all about? Well, about \$2





Dick Murphy

Ronald Pevton





trillion reposes in state and local government pension funds. Those funds hire concontinued on page 4

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Diann Shipione

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# **Don't Puke In My Limo**

By Joe Deegan

ou'd think they would learn. But according to veteran San Diego chauf-

still engage in practices that have brought class-action lawsuits against four of them in the past seven years. He cites an incident that happened to him and another chauffeur two months ago. The limousine company he works for, which he declines to identify, had a dinner job that required two vans. It had only one van available. So the company's dispatcher called another limousine service for help, a common practice in the industry.

"The kid working for the other company," says Boss, "got out of his van and came over to me while the people were at dinner. And he asked me, 'How come you guys posted this job so cheap?' I said, 'What are you talking about?' He said, 'My paperwork shows that you booked this at \$45 an hour.' " Boss continues, "So I called my dispatcher, and she said, 'No, \$60 an hour, and that's what we're paying the other company."

At a built-in 20 percent of the job's price, the gratuity the client had paid to Boss's company for the chauffeur was

**News IQ?** 

C. long-haul truck drivers

2. Federated Department

Stores has announced that it

will shift more of its adver-

tising from newspapers to

television, in an effort to

reach a younger market seg-

ment. Federated owns

which department-store

D. utility repair crews

By Robert Kumpel

A. physicians

B. clergy

chain?

What's Your

feur Greg Boss, local limousine companies \$36, \$12 an hour for a threehour job. By quoting the service at \$45 an hour, however, the second company could give its driver a tip of \$27 for three hours, also 20 percent. It kept the difference between that amount and the original \$36.

> At least the second company's driver did not lose wages. "They only cheated the poor guy out of \$9 on his gratuity," says Boss, "but that sort of thing happens in this business over and over. It adds up."

> Still working its way through superior court in San



Diego since 2001 is a class-action lawsuit against La Jolla Limousine by 415 former

California state law allows which pro-

A. Nordstrom

C. Robinsons-May

D. Saks Fifth Avenue

3. The Oakland Raiders an-

nounced that former Red-

skins head coach and

Chargers offensive coordi-

nator Norv Turner will be

their new head coach.

Turner is not the first for-

mer Chargers coach to

coach for the Raiders.

B. Macy's

fession to break the speed limit in emer-

gencies, provided they do not drive recklessly?

\$4,000,000 gross revenues, a profit margin of 62 percent,

limousine drivers. The drivers

are seeking recovery of "un-

paid wages and overtime pay

and of gratuity moneys

wrongfully withheld by the

Defendants," according to

court records. But despite

Which other previous Raiders coach also coached

A. John Madden B. Al Davis C. Tom Flores D. Mike White

childhood illness is making

A. hepatitis B B. polio C. diphtheria

5. A California state senator has proposed a new law that would lower the state's voting age, giving those younger than 18 a partial vote. What is the lowest age he proposes for voter

and no past indebtedness, La

Jolla's owner Calvin Steria re-

sponded to the lawsuit by fil-

ing for Chapter 11

bankruptcy. He admitted in

court that the reason for his

bankruptcy filing was that he

faced the class action. In the

words of the plaintiffs' attor-

ney David Gallo, Steria's ac-

tion had "the sole and im-

proper purpose of frustrating

William Pate awarded the

plaintiffs \$495,534 in "gross

litigation proceeds" - not

Last Friday, Judge

jurisdiction of [the] Court."

B. 16 C. 14 D. 13

6. The American Association from 2002?

B. 15 percent

on May 26.

The first class-action suit by chauffeurs against a limousine company in San Diego also resulted in bankruptcy proceedings, but not before the court granted compensation to the plaintiffs in 1997. The company went bankrupt, and owner Frank Mattarocci sold it at reduced value to Black Tie Limousine, a Bay Area firm. It still operates in San Diego under its original name, Presidential Limousine.

A year ago chauffeurs won a similar class-action suit against Cloud 9 Shuttle. It was typical, says Cloud 9's owner John Hawkins, that the deal gave the employees pennies and most of the proceeds to lawyers. "One driver actually received 18 cents in the settleGreg Boss

ment," he says.

But Greg Boss received \$2600 in the Presidential settlement. At the time, he had worked for the company a year and half; subsequently, he worked another three years. Now he is awaiting a \$200 setcheck tlement from Limousines by Linda. Though he worked for Linda's only one month in 2000, he became part of the class that in 2002 sued the company for lost wages and tips. A year ago, Linda's was purchased by La Costa Limousine, a company Boss has also worked for.

"One of the reasons that these companies get sued is that often they don't pay you completely for your time," says Boss, who maintains that a continued on page 12

Gavin Newsom

Marcellus Wilev

D. a hardware store that sold chainsaws

8. Grocery workers went back to work last month after reaching an agreement  $\frac{\Box}{\Xi}$  with Vons, Albertsons, and Ralphs in a protracted strike. How long did the strike last? April 1, 2004

A. 10 weeks

B. 20 weeks

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yet subtracting court costs. But according to Gallo, due to the bankruptcy filing, the Presidential Limousine amounts individual drivers having a yearly business of can expect to receive in the future remain uncertain. The court will set attorneys' fees

for the Chargers?

4. According to Brian Pascual, a public-health specialist with the Centers for Disease Control, which a strong comeback, even though it is preventable by vaccine — a vaccine many parents are refusing for their children?

D. whooping cough

eligibility? A. 17

of Plastic Surgeons reports that more than 8.7 million Americans had cosmetic surgery in 2003. That marks an increase of how much

A.11 percent

C. 23 percent

D. 32 percent

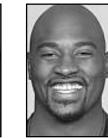
Norv Turner

7. Cal Tech student William Cottrell was arrested March 9 for destroying what?

A. 125 sport utility vehicles B. a waiting room at an abortion clinic

C. a fur display in the window of a Pasadena department store





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sultants, such as Callan, Mercer Investment Consulting, Frank Russell Co., and Watson Wyatt, to help select the moneymanagement firms that will invest the funds. For example,

one money manager — say, San Diego's Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management might be deemed best to manage a portfolio of U.S. stocks, and another would be considered better equipped to steer

money into foreign stocks. Or

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bonds. Or real estate. The consultant comes up with purportedly objective performance measurements so that it can make the recommendations for each kind of investment manager. And that's where "pay-to-

ing firms rake in profits from money managers, too — the very firms whose performance they are rating. So regulators have questions. Do the consultants take money directly from the money managers,

play" comes in. The consult-

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and, as quid pro quo, tout them as savvy investment pickers to the pension funds? That would be playing both sides of the street — making money on both ends.

More than likely, the concontinued on page 6



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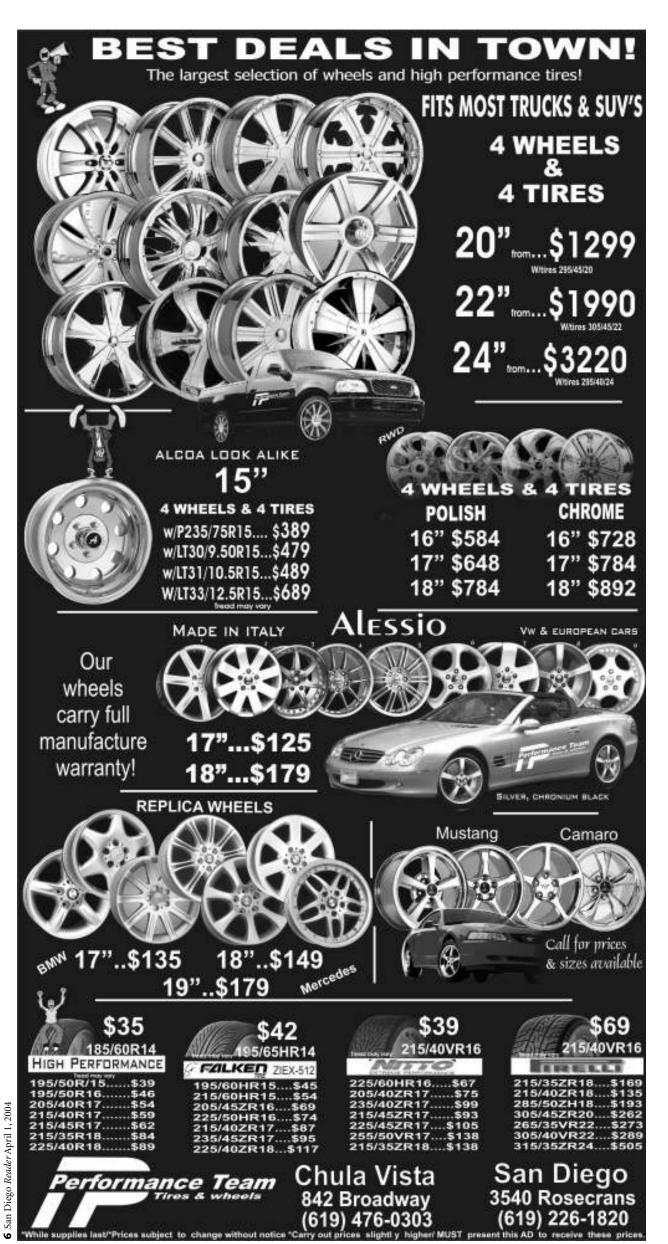
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nection is indirect. The pension consultants sell services — seminars, software, sales promotion materials to the money managers. What's to stop the consultant from making a bundle of money selling software to a money manager, and then recommending that same money manager to the pension fund? That's what the Securities and Exchange Commission wants to know.

On February 19, Callan's president, Ronald D. Peyton, wrote the firm's clients to update them on the government's probe, which includes Callan. "It appears that at the heart of this examination is the manner in which consultants are compensated," wrote Peyton. Callan has provided "tens of thousands of pages of information and electronic documents" to the securities agency, he said.

The San Diego board passed the letter on to its members, but Shipione wanted the issue to be discussed publicly at a March 19 board meeting. But it never came up until she asked about it. Then it was only mentioned in passing. Two days after that meeting, she wrote a letter to the board, demanding that it write its agendas in plain English, publicly discuss critical issues such as the government probe, and fully disclose any conflicts of interest of trustees, staff, attornevs, and consultants.

In her letter, she pointed out that the government is now probing the same kinds of issues that she had raised earlier, particularly in a letter to Mayor Dick Murphy two years ago. Among those issues is "the 'pay-to-play' practice that involves Callan's recommendations of investment managers (even when they are gross underperformers or inexperienced), possibly because those managers compensate Callan for doing so," she said in her March 21 letter.

In her 2002 letter to Murphy, and in subsequent correspondence with Richard H. Vortmann, another pensionfund trustee, Shipione did what trustees are supposed to do. She raised questions based on copious research. Callan had formerly had a brokerdealer affiliate. Money managers were encouraged to steer their trades to Callan's affili-

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ate. Thus, Callan raked in commissions. In 1998, Callan's broker affiliate was sold. In its filing with the government, Callan noted that it had appointed the brokerage as its "exclusive agent for the conversion of brokerage commissions paid by Callan's clients," and "Callan is obligated to advise all of its investment manager clients of the availability of such arrangement," and, further, Callan was obligated to introduce its other clients to the new owner of the former affiliate.

As a barbershop quartet would hum in its warm-up, "*Hmmmmmm*." This was clearly a conflict of interest. Shipione wanted to know if Callan was still steering its money-manager clients to this brokerage, and, critically, whether under the terms of the sale, Callan might still be making money from those brokerage commissions.

This was essential information because Shipione was puzzled about Callan's enthusiastic recommendation of a money manager that had badly underperformed for three years. Callan didn't deny the sorry performance but said that the manager "would work through this period," according to a Callan memo to the pension board.

"It turns out this investment manager had agreed to place trades through a Callanaffiliated brokerage firm generating big commissions from trades done in the [San Diego pension system] account alone," Shipione says. As the barbershop quartet hums, "Hmmm."

I asked Callan about its past brokerage affiliation and whether it was still reaping benefits from it. A spokeswoman would only say, "Callan does not have a broker-dealer affiliate nor do we have arrangements for any brokerage compensation from any broker/dealer." Callan's president used similar language in his February 19 letter to clients.

But according to San Diego City Employees' Retirement Systems records, this brokerage raked in \$152,394 in commissions in 2002 — 11th on the list of brokerages making money off trades by the local pension fund.

Murphy never responded to Shipione's 2002 letter. Vortmann scolded her for not rais-



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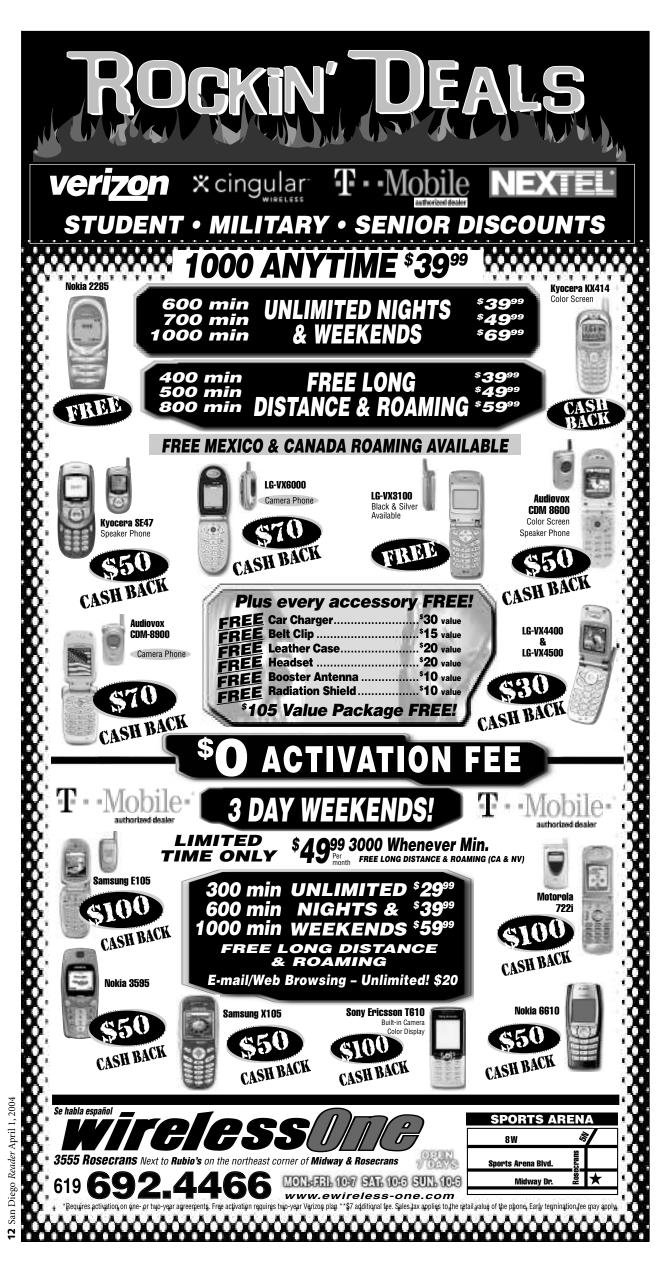
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ing the issue at a board meeting before sending it to the mayor. "Confronting the Callan representatives publicly rather than raising your issues with the board and staff without Callan present, I believe, leads to less dialog and understanding of your concerns," Vortmann wrote to her, somewhat disjointedly, although he agreed that Callan was "slow and inadequate" in answering her questions. It was the old San Diego penchant for secrecy at work.

In her 2002 letter to Murphy—outlining her concerns about Callan and other matters — Shipione requested a comprehensive audit of the entire pension system. Frederick W. Pierce IV, president of the pension board, then wrote Murphy about Shipione's audit request. "I, as well as an overwhelming majority of the board, do not share Ms. Shipione's concerns regarding the integrity of the retirement system," wrote Pierce indignantly. "Mayor Murphy, I can assure you that the retirement system is operationally and financially sound. There are significant safeguards in place to regularly monitor and audit all retirement system activities."

But after she challenged the accuracy of city-bond prospectuses in September of last year, and the city confessed to cooking the books early this year, an audit is finally underway.

However, the pension-system board continues to sneer at Shipione's questions about Callan and belittles her role in bringing the underfunding problems to the fore. Would you expect anything else from a San Diego institution?

Callan acknowledges that it takes money from its money-manager clients as well as from its pension-fund clients. For example, its Callan Investments Institute provides educational services and is a big moneymaker for Callan. Each money manager is informed that "membership in the Callan Investments Institute does not entitle the member to any preferential treatment in manager search activities conducted by Callan Associates," insisted Peyton in his February 19 letter. "Callan has never engaged in any payto-play practices."

Maybe. But Callan, along

with other pension consultants, has inherent conflicts of interest. And any pensionfund boardmember that doesn't ask questions is not doing his — or *her* — job. ■

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chauffeur has to work for more than one company at a time to make a decent living. The companies pay a wage, usually the minimum wage of \$6.75 an hour, for a "transfer," meaning something like a trip to the airport to pick up and take a traveler home. "And they allot one hour to do that," according to Boss. "But they don't account for time in traffic or time waiting on luggage. One day that I worked for Linda's, I did six transfers. It took me eight hours, but I got paid for six. The companies don't use time clocks. In the lawsuit against them, Linda's was hit for not paying fairly."

Several chauffeurs interviewed complain that when they unwittingly cause a fender bender or put a crease in a limo's side panel at a gas station, the companies deduct the repair costs from their paychecks over time. They do that instead of submitting claims to insurers, because their deductibles are high, sometimes as much as \$5000.

If limousine firms have this kind of fractious track record with their employees, one wonders how customers fare in their hands. Boss knows of cases where chauffeurs went to pick up customers in the wrong cars. "Some of these companies purposely overbook during big events like proms, since they can farm jobs out to other companies," he says. Often they give the jobs to smaller operators with older and less luxurious limousines. Then the customer is disappointed, wanting to know what happened to the brand-new limo or the one with specific features they may have picked out ahead of time.

Says Boss, "It makes a big difference, especially when you're paying hundreds of dollars for a limousine. I mean, your kid's prom or mom and dad's 50th wedding anniversary or a wedding, these are special once-in-a-lifetime things. And it's important that you get a nice limousine and

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# Don't puke in my limo

you get a good chauffeur."

Not all chauffeurs are honest either. Some have been known to tinker with gratuity amounts, which are written ahead of time on credit card slips. When Boss worked at Presidential Limousine, a customer once tipped his driver in cash and told him to take it off the credit card slip. But the driver left the amount on the slip anyway, hoping the man would forget. A manager at Presidential found out, remembers Boss, because the outraged client called up to complain when he got his Visa bill. Presidential gave the

chauffeur a warning. They later fired him, because he tried the same trick again.

Since retiring from a personnel job in the Navy in 1994, being a chauffeur has grown on Boss. That may explain why he is so outspoken about limousine business blemishes. He calls it a "constructive criticism" that got him fired from La Costa Limousine last year in June. As Boss tells it, "One of the owners said, 'If you're not happy here, we don't want you working. Goodbye.' And that was after working at La Costa for two years and one month. I never had an accident, never had a complaint. The sad thing is that it's so much easier to fire a guy, because that door is going to

open 15 minutes later with someone else walking through in search of a job. The guy wanting the job may have no experience. But [the owners] don't care about experience."

What is so important about experience in a job as simple as driving people around town? Emerald Limousine might be willing to answer. One of its chauffeurs forced his company poast year into a "personal injury" lawsuit over an incident downtown. A woman returned to her rented limo from an excursion. She got into the car but still had the passenger door open and one foot on the street. The chauffeur suddenly pulled away as she talked to a friend at the curb. The limo's

right rear tire ran over her foot, breaking it and tearing its ligaments and tendons. Though a court started to hear the matter, in January both parties to the dispute agreed to a dismissal. So much for court records. The chauffeurs' grapevine says the company got lucky in a \$92,000 out-ofcourt settlement due to a degree of culpability on the woman's part for drinking at the time of the accident.

Sometimes, says Boss, passengers get out of the limousine at an illegal spot, such as halfway around the corner in an intersection. "And you've got the drivers who let the clients dictate to them," he says. "The client will say, 'We want to get out here.' See, a lot of times chauffeurs are so concerned about their gratuities that they let the clients run the show instead of telling them, 'No, you're not going to get out here. That will get me a ticket.'

"So you keep the doors locked," Boss has learned. The limos have childproof locks on all the doors so that the driver can prevent passengers from exiting whenever they feel like it or from stepping straight into traffic from the left side of the car.

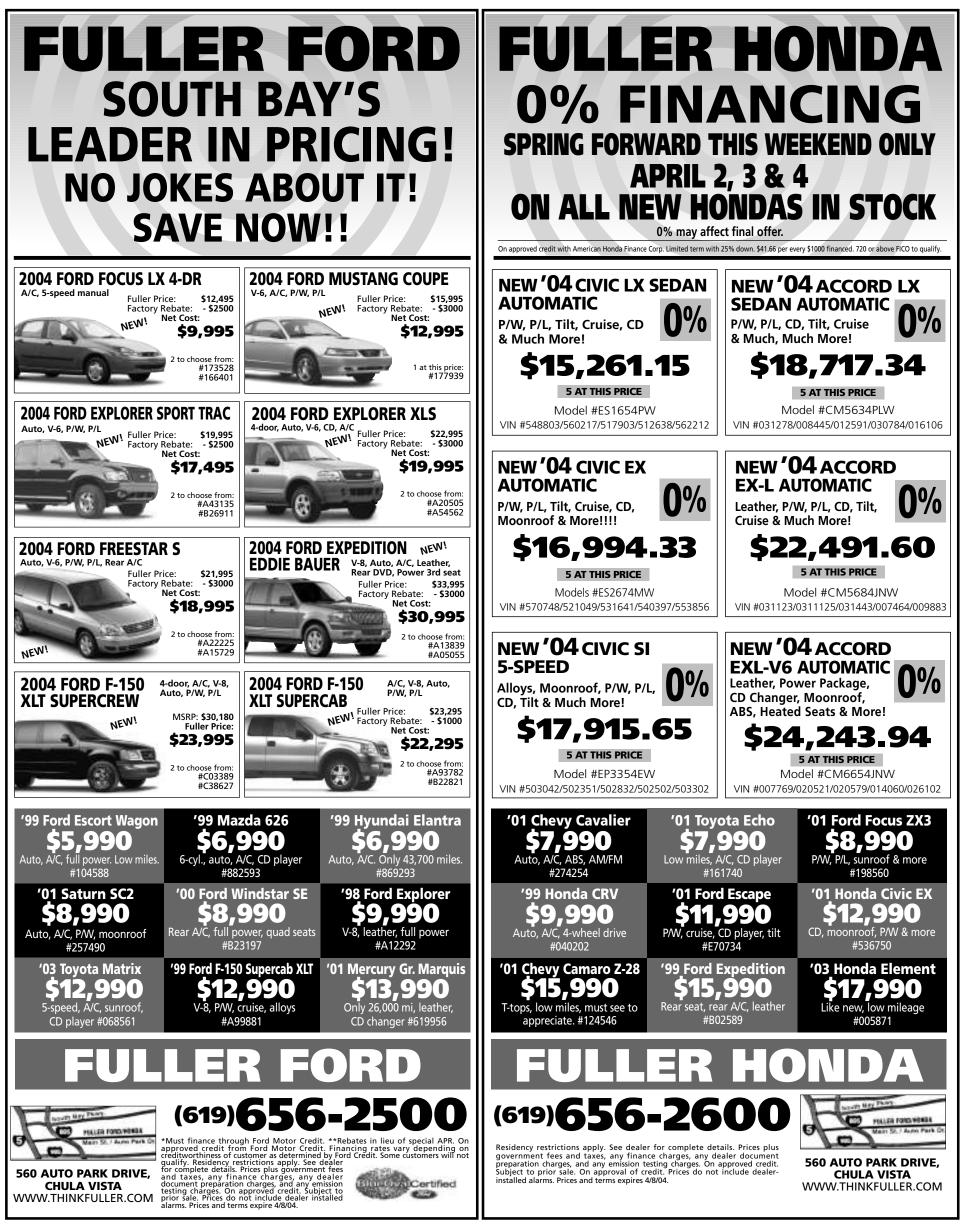
Passengers can become obnoxious and destructive, too. "I had one guy I made sit next to the back window," says Boss. "He was very drunk, but he was not going to puke in my limo." Other incidents are less dire. Like the time Boss,

who also drives for a bus company, was driving a busload of women being entertained by a dancer. "We were in the Gaslamp," Boss says, laughing, "and I had to turn the lights out, because he was completely naked dancing for the girls." Perhaps the limousine companies have been the most hazardous to chauffeurs. The courts have given drivers some redress in recovering wages and tips lost to the companies. But that may be ending. After losing its case in court, Cloud 9 Shuttle discovered a technique for keeping the upper hand by avoiding paying drivers "wages" at all.

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Cloud 9 Classics," his company

has operated for the past year

on a franchise plan in which

chauffeurs work as subcon-

tractors. They must either buy

their own vehicle or lease it

from the company, which then

collects from them a service fee

for booking their jobs and al-

lowing them to drive on its

Public Utilities Commission

permit. This approach is widely

used on the East Coast, says

Wagner, with the addition that

chauffeurs buy from munici-

palities a medallion that gives

them permission to operate.

Taxicab owners are required to

pany in San Diego, so far, to

make chauffeurs independent

owner-operators. In the new

approach, says Wagner, "There

are responsibilities the drivers

have. But hard workers should

be able to do well." However,

Greg Boss, who is still driving

both a bus and a limousine,

thinks that chauffeurs may

sour on their independence

when it dawns on them that

their responsibilities as busi-

ness owners include paying all

of their own Social Security,

prepaying their taxes quarterly,

and assuming their own lia-

bility. They're not likely to get

help from the courts anymore,

9. San Diego County used an

electronic voting system for

the first time for the March 2

primary election. When the

polls opened at 7:00 a.m.,

only 64 percent of the polls

had properly functioning

machines. At what hour were

100 percent of the voting ma-

10. Three teenage students at

Palm Middle School in

Lemon Grove were arrested

when it was learned that they

planned to kill a teacher with

a .25 caliber handgun they

had hidden beneath a bush

on school property. For what

reason did the two youths want to kill the teacher?

chines finally operational?

A. 8:00 a.m.

B. 10:00 a.m.

C. 11:00 a.m.

D. noon

News IQ

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C. 25 weeks

D. 28 weeks

either.

Cloud 9 is the only com-

do that now in San Diego.

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# **Don't puke**

A. The teacher verbally attacked them in class. B. They had earned bad grades in her class.

CITY LIGHTS

C. The teacher had given them too many detentions. D. They did not like the teacher's race.

11. Which pop star has announced that in the future, all of his recorded material will be released for free on the Internet?

A. Beck

B. Christina Aguilera C. Sheryl Crow D. George Michael

12. San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom has drawn national attention by permitting same-sex marriages at city hall. Out of all households in San Diego, what is the percentage of those made up of same-sex couples?

- A.1 percent B. 4 percent
- C.9 percent
- D.11 percent

13. The House of Representatives approved a bill that would increase the fines levied against broadcast companies and entertainers for indecency from the previous level of \$27,500 per incident. How much will the new fines be for each incident?

### A. \$50,000 B. \$100,000 C. \$275,000 D. \$500,000

14. On March 12, which Asian nation impeached its president?

A. Indonesia B. South Korea C. Taiwan D. Sri Lanka

15. Poway's Gateway Computers recently merged with what company because of increasing losses?

A. eMachines B. Dell C. Nanotech D. Harvest Systems

16. Downtown's Petco Park made its debut in March by hosting a college baseball game in which San Diego State defeated which college 4 - 0?

# CITY LIGHTS

B. Colorado State C. Houston D. Cal

17. Which city has become so cash-strapped that it is considering selling the rights to use its name to companies such as Lexus and Pepsi for advertising?

A. Chicago B. Los Angeles C. San Francisco D. Denver

18. After being released by the Chargers, popular defensive end Marcellus Wiley signed a four-year, \$16 million contract with which team?

A. Tampa Bay B. Tennessee C. Green Bay D. Dallas

19. Susan Lindauer was charged by federal prosecutors with being a paid Iraqi intelligence agent. Lindauer is a distant cousin of which White House staff member?

A. Gale Norton B. Karl Rove C. Donald Rumsfeld D. Andrew Card

20. eBay halted an Internet auction last month when it was discovered that a Taiwanese user was attempting to sell what kind of items from Vietnam?

A. rare monkeys B. teeth from the corpses of American POWs C. girls D. relics of Ho Chi Minh

### Answers:

1. A. physicians 2. B. Macy's 3. B. Al Davis 4. D. whooping cough 5. C. 14 6. D. 32 percent 7. A. 125 sport utility vehicles 8. B. 20 weeks 9. C. 11:00 a.m. 10. B. They had earned bad grades in her class. 11. D. George Michael 12. A. 1 percent 13. D. \$500,000 14. B. South Korea 15. A. eMachines 16. C. Houston 17. B. Los Angeles 18. D. Dallas 19. D. Andrew Card 20. C. girls 🔳





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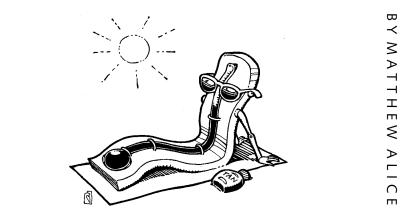
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# STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



### Heymatt:

tion by Rick Geary

Does the temperature have any bearing on how much sunburn/sun damage a person receives? If I'm outside on a sunny, cloudless 60-degree day, won't I get as much of a tan as I would on a sunny, cloudless 85-degree day?

— Gettin' Baked, University City

We took the elves down to the beach and made half of them sit on a giant block of ice. Grandma gathered up all the extension cords, and we plugged in a bunch of big old fans. We got their little teeth chattering like the bad valves in Pa Alice's car. We left 'em there for two, three hours. Meanwhile, the second group of elves lounged around on towels and made rude noises at chicks. When we gathered everybody up and got back home, we had an elf lineup and asked Ma Alice to pick out the cold experimental elves from the rude control group, and she was stumped. Both groups were equally fried. Temperature itself has nothing to do with sunburn. You can be freezing your butt off and still get a sunburn, of course.

A "burn" from the sun is actually a chemical reaction to skin-cell damage caused by the dreaded UV radiation, not the heat of the sun. Various enzymes and proteins respond to the damaged area by enlarging small blood vessels and marshalling inflammatory cells, causing redness, swelling, and pain. Do enough damage to your skin cells and they'll die and peel off. Damage the DNA from repeated overexposure to UV, and you end up with brown skin patches, wrinkles, and maybe cancer. And you definitely can do this while sitting on a giant block of ice with all of Grandma Alice's fans blowing on you.

### Yo Matt:

How come so many Arabic words with a "k" sound are spelled with a "q" instead? Qaddafi, Qatar, Iraq, al-Qaeda, etc. Since these are Anglicized spellings and not Arabic ones, who decides on these spellings?

### — Sqott, San Diego

As we learned from our friend Moammar-Muommar-Mohamar-Kadaffi-Qadaffi-Ghadaffi, there's more than one or two ways to spell some Arabic words, so it looks like lots of different people decide which is the correct way. For some languages, there is near-worldwide agreement on how it's to be done. Chinese, f'rinstance, has two standard forms developed by language scholars. Nobody has to use either of them, but it makes life easier for everybody if you do. But so far, for Arabic, there are many systems but no single standard.

The Arabic alphabet has more letters than English, and the letter sounds are not entirely equivalent. There is a hard "K" sound in Arabic, which is usually represented in the roman alphabet by a K. So when we get to the Arabic letter sound that's like a guttural K — like a K that you say way back in your throat — we need a different roman letter. That's usually Q, sometimes G, since the letter sound is somewhere between a K and a G. The resulting spelling doesn't help us pronounce the word with the proper Arabic sounds, but that's probably too much to hope for between two such different languages.

### Dearest Matthew:

What constitutes a generation? Did the "powers that decide" already know that 1946 through 1964 was going to constitute a generation, or did they realize that after the fact and then name it "baby boomer"? Do all generations span 19 years?

— Scott Rones, Duluth, MN

### Mattster of Fact:

My mom is always telling me about cousins I've never even met and never expect to meet. Second cousin once removed? What's up with that? What's the definition of cousin, anyway? And how do you get "removed"?

### — Only Child, San Diego

Well, cuz, a cousin is anyone who shares a common grandparent with you (or great-grandparent, etc.) So Ivan the Fertile has a bunch of kids. The kids are siblings; the kids' kids are all first cousins because Ivan is their common grandfather. The kids' kids' kids are all second cousins because Ivan is their common great-grandfather. Et cetera. But say Ivan is Llewellyn's grandfather and Wynona's great-grandfather. They're separated by one generational level, so they're first cousins once removed. First cousins because one of them is the grandchild of Ivan, once removed because the other is the great-grandchild. You get removed by being related to a common ancestor in a different way.

"Generation" doesn't mean much. If Loretta has a kid in 2004, and Loretta's mom has a kid in 2005, genealogically Loretta and Mom's baby are in the same generation because they're both Mom's kids. Loretta's baby is the second generation, even though she's a year older than her aunt. As for named generations, like X-ers or B, well that's just a bunch of people notorious for the same gooney behavior. They may tend to be born in the same broad time period, but "generation" in this case is an after-the-fact label.

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# SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty Now In Its 23rd Year

eaders who forget to feed their pets may recall several columns I wrote last April about an unregulated sports-centered criminal enterprise, specifically, the Valhalla & Great Western Fantasy Baseball League. My participation in said fantasy baseball league was a reckless and out-of-character quest to find an answer to a question I'd long pondered, to wit: "What is it about baseball that causes onlookers to voluntarily endure three hours of tedium?"

Baseball, for me, has always been a game better played than watched. Yet, millions of Americans pay to watch baseball and never consider picking up a bat or a ball. So I decided to recheck my baseball assumptions. Over the course of spring and summer and fall, I attended college, minor league, and Major League Baseball games; talked to coaches, players, fans; read baseball books; played video baseball games; and, along the way, sucked five years from my allotted life span.

Looking back, I should have known it would only be a matter of time before I found myself in bad company. Within days of the official commencement of my quest I was hanging with a gang of baseball enthusiasts, the above-mentioned Valhalla & Great Western Fantasy Baseball League, made up of of eight men, undead creatures who have been participating in the same fantasy baseball league for the past 22 years.

Think of it: 22 years! The enormity of that time span! Time for two wars with Iraq. Time to move from marijuana to whiskey to vodka to lite beer to spring water. Time for divorce to girlfriends to remarriage to significant others to speed-dating. Time for an IBM Selectric typewriter to an Apple II computer to a Velocity Micro Vision FX AVD. Time to conceive and raise children; indeed, enough time to put the ungrateful money-traps through college.

I do want you to know that I achieved my performance goals in regards to the 2003 baseball season. I did not come in last. I take immense pride in that. I finished second to last, in eighth place, and, as soon as I put away the money, I shall commission a handsome plaque that will state that fact to the people of this planet and to generations yet unborn

Other than the plaque-to-be, I can say that participating in a fantasy baseball, alongside eight starving, merciless sharks, was an odious experience, one I'd rather not discuss. Suffice to say, I was harangued by crazy people, insane league inmates who would only speak on one topic, making the same observations over and over and over

and over and over again, every day, all day, all night — all through spring, summer, and fall — by way of a ceaseless avalanche of baseball e-mails. Finally, it ended in October, after the World Series was devoured.

Time passed and I began to feel better. Not normal; I will never feel normal again, but better. And then, two weeks ago, I found this in my inbox.

"Owners: A proposal has been brought forward to modify the rule re: how we determine what position a player may play. At present, the rule is based, albeit loosely, on the three weeks of games played THIS season only before we draft. For Frank Thomas to be eligible at 1B, for example, he must start at 1B at least once before the draft. The proposal before you would expand eligibility to include last season: did Frank start at 1B anytime last season? If so, AND if he is listed on the MLB depth chart at 1B for his team, he would be eligible at that position this year. This proposal applies only to hitters. What say you?

Two hours later, I received this: "The draft requires everyone to draft one player in each position, mimicking -LOOSELY mimicking — 'real baseball.' This slovenly adherence to that fantasy has been cited Every Damn Year as The Reason we shouldn't allow trading of, say, a pitcher for a left fielder.

"But after the draft, WHO GIVES A FUCK?

"If the goal is to win the pennant, and a real major league team needed three new pitchers, ANY manager would trade whatever he had to get 'em — the first baseman second baseman and shortstop, for instance, in exchange for the league's premiere starter. And whoever is left in the dugout would be forced to cover whatever positions are open.

"Makes perfect sense. "We are playing a GAME OF

STATISTICS, gentlemen! It's nice to START with some remote, 'poetic' semblance of a real baseball team, BUT IN THE END, WINNING OR LOSING IS DETERMINED SOLELY BY STATISTICS and finding ways to cobble as many of them together as possible!!!!!!!

"I make a motion for Open Trading as I have been every year since 1985. A one-year trial if yer so damned conservative and orthodox. Ya bunch o' candy-ass, milquetoast, namby-pamby, panty-waist, lard-butt, hoity-toity, mealy-mouth, over-hyphenated, yellow-bellied WUSSES!!!!"

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8 to 1	Mike Weir	8 to 1	Phil Mickels	

<u>Player</u>	<u>Odds</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Odds</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Odds</u>
Tiger Woods	5 to 2	Vijay Singh	5 to 1	Ernie Els	6 to 1
Davis Love III	8 to 1	Mike Weir	8 to 1	Phil Mickelson	9 to 2
Ratief Goosen	15 to 1	Chris Riley	15 to 1	Darren Clarke	15 to 1
Charles Howell	15 to 1	Justin Leonard	15 to 1	Chad Campbell	15 to 1
Thomas Bjorn	20 to 1	Kenny Perry	20 to 1	Robert Allenby	20 to 1
Jim Furyck	20 to 1	David Toms	20 to 1	Sergio Garcia	20 to 1
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Senior pastor: Reverend Mark Strauss Congregation size: 300 Staff: 1 full-time, 1 part-time Sunday school enrollment: 35 Annual budget: \$350,000 Weekly giving: \$6700 Singles program: yes Diversity: white Dress: dressy casual to dressy Services: Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

"Alonzo Horton gave this bell to the church." Last Sunday morning, George wrapped the bell's long black cord about his hands.

"There was of course a strong Roman Catholic presence in Old Town. But Horton wanted to make sure there was a Protestant presence in New Town, which is what we nowadays call downtown. So, in 1869 he

offered a bell to the first Protestant church to erect an edifice in New Town. We were that church."

Dressed in suit and tie, George grunted, bent his elderly knees, and pulled the cord. The bell, hanging some 30 feet above our heads atop a round concrete bell tower, swung and rang. George grinned. The bell called First Baptist Church of San Diego to worship.

The church that belongs to the bell was completed only four years ago and is the fourth incarnation of First Baptist. The structure resembles several triangular forms stacked on top of each other: the nave's interior walls meet at odd angles. Huge bay windows in the eastern wall look directly into the tops of eucalyptus and pine trees. The cool light filtering through those branches makes the church feel almost like a treehouse.

Given the unorthodox architecture and given that First Baptist is a Baptist church, I expected a no-frills modern service. At 9:30 a.m. an organist began a prelude written by Martin Luther. A few minutes later a half-dozen robed choir members stood before the podium and played "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" on handbells. Fifteen robed choir members then gathered in the narthex. Belting the processional, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," they marched through the nave to their seats behind and to the left of the podium. (It was at this point that I noticed the lighted candles on what looked like an altar.) On and on the liturgy went. A children's chorus sang "Kyrie Eleison." There was an offertory hymn and an offertory soloist. There was even a Bach postlude.

More surprising, the church's baptismal tank rests on top of a 12-foot wall behind the altar. I didn't know the tank was there until, midway through the service, interim pastor Reverend Mark Strauss waded into it with several candidates for baptism. While far above our heads Revered Strauss proceeded to baptize these people, a cell phone rang in the purse of a woman sitting near me. She answered the phone. Bending low in her pew, she carried on a hushed conversation for several minutes. She snapped the phone shut and looked around with an expression that seemed to say, "Can you *imagine* calling someone in church?"

Reverend Strauss, who teaches New Testament at Bethel Seminary in the College Area, constructed his sermon around Barnabas. Reverend Strauss explained that the name Barney derives from Barnabas and that most individuals named Barney are likable.

"Think of Fred Flintstone's likable companion, Barney Rubble. Or Barney Fife, Andy Griffith's comic sidekick. And then there is of course the purple dinosaur, Barney. This is one nice guy who would defuse any conflict by singing, 'I love you, you love me.'" Barnabas was also a resourceful charmer.

"He was a bridge builder," Reverend Strauss said. "He built bridges between rich and poor in the Church. He built bridges between Jew and Gentile in the Church. He was the epitome of what it means to be a Christian. Barnabas means 'son of encouragement.' Bridge builders cross cultural and racial barriers. Like Christ, they reach out to people with needs. They strive for peace, although peace-making can be a risky business. Remember Anwar Sadat, Yitzchak Rabin, and Martin Luther King."

A broad green lawn borders the church. After the service, folks milled about the lawn, chatted, and lined up for several kinds of donuts, several kinds of coffee, and for lemonade. Reverend Strauss was pressed for time, but he managed to explain to me that American Baptist Churches USA, the denomination to which First Baptist

belongs, considers itself "irenic."

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"And by that I don't mean that we're just peaceable. We're strongly evangelical and this particular church tends to be conservative in its theology. But as a denomination we tend to concentrate on the essentials that bind Christians together. We're not as political as the Southern Baptists have grown to be."

I said I was surprised by the elaborate liturgy. I asked if he ever yearned for traditional forms to observe Lent and Easter.

"I think you'll find that among many evangelicals there's a greater interest in traditional forms."

And did this greater interest override the famous Baptist fear of tradition and its associations with Rome and hierarchy?

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— Abe Opincar



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# Dear Aunt Trudy,

I am involved with a woman who married early in life and divorced a few years ago. After her divorce she had a period of sowing her wild oats, as the expression goes, and she has given me the impression that she had a lot of sexual partners. I tell her I don't really need or want to know about all the men she was with because it will make me insanely jealous. And she's been good since I said this about not mentioning her past exploits and old boyfriends. But sometimes one of these guys will appear on the scene, either in conversation or in person. One of them is a married guy who has his mail forwarded to my girlfriend's house so his wife doesn't see his credit card bills. How do I deal with my jealousy? My girlfriend says that if I love her I should be understanding. I have no reason to doubt her fidelity now, nor do I. But all those previous guys...thinking about them makes me feel awful. Help!

JEALOUS IN DEL CERRO

# Dear Jealous,

The checkered past of one partner in a couple can often be a source of strife and confusion. Your girlfriend has been honest with you, and you say you have no doubts about her current fidelity to you. So if she is straightforward and true blue in the present, then that's what counts, right? What will it take for you to be at peace with her past? Maybe you just need some time. Neither you nor your girlfriend has the power to change her history. Her past is the journey she took to find you. Even though it might seem like a mighty strange path, one you feel you would never have taken, it is the road that eventually brought you together. That's one way to think about it. Do you feel that she should be jealous of your former girlfriends? Hopefully your answer is "of course not." When you love someone, part of making the relationship work is figuring out, over time, how to be okay with your lover's past. Not jealous, not annoved, not resentful. Her past is part of her and helped make her who she is, the person you adore. Her old flames are just that: snuffed out relationships. I bet she learned a lot from those quick flings and mistaken, failed romances. And if I were you, I would suggest that the married ex who is having his mail forwarded to her house get a post office box. There's no reason for your girlfriend to be getting his mail now that they're not involved. If he wants to pull the wool over his wife's eyes, that's between him and his unfortunate wife, but your girlfriend needn't aid and abet him in his deception. And I trust you two lovebirds are having safe sex, since your girlfriend has been around the block a few times

# Dear Aunt Trudy,

My boyfriend and I were housesitting for some friends of my parents. Claude, my boyfriend, accidentally broke a couple of glasses (one juice glass, one wineglass) while we were there. He's a sweetie but clumsy. I told the people we were housesitting for what happened and offered to replace what broke, but they said those particular glasses aren't made anymore. I offered to give them money, but they said to just forget it. My mother thinks I should still give them some money. Do I have to if they said it's okay not to?

SHATTERED IN VISTA

### Dear Shattered,

Why not go buy a couple of pretty glasses that are similar to the ones that got broken? You can have them wrapped nicely and present the owners with the replacements. I hope your mother feels that constitutes proper restitution. And maybe Claude could chip in, since he's the lovable oaf who actually did the damage.

## Dear Readers,

Below is a response to a previous column in which a man wrote in about his friend who had high hopes for an Internet flirtation that he'd begun with a Russian woman. The letter writer was worried that the woman in Russia was not on the upand-up and might be trying to con his friend.

## Dear Aunt Trudy,

Re: Suspicious Pal in Cardiff's letter to you in the March 11 issue about his friend Ryan's pursuit of the Russian woman he met on the Internet — I just happened to catch a TV show discussion of Russian mail-order brides the other day. The chilling information they gave out is that Russian wives comprise the highest percentage of hubby murderers amongst mail-order brides in the United States! So the suspicious friend does indeed have a good reason to be cautious!

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# **BestBuys**

## -EVE KELLY

**S**noops is a menace. My friend Bernice's English springer spaniel destroys her landscaping, barks the neighbors awake, and terrorizes company with her incessant pawing and sniffing. Bernice doesn't walk Snoops; Snoops walks Bernice. The woman looks like a rag doll being dragged down the street by her canine master. So when Bernice's birthday popped up on

the calendar, I offered her the gift of dog obedience classes. She jumped on the offer. I started asking every dog owner I knew for sugges-

tions, and eventually came around to David Ruiz, owner and director of ABC (A Better Canine) School for Dogs (619-466-1877, www.abcdogtrain-

ingtruths.com). Ruiz, whose background is in training guide dogs for the blind, has been training dogs in San Diego for 25 years. He started things off with his philosophy of training: "The whole idea behind training is the reversal of patterns - who owns who? In the majority of households, it's not the human who trains the dog, but the dog who trains the human. By six to eight weeks, dogs know what to do, if only by osmosis from the human badgering-"Sit, sit, down, down." But getting them to do it is another story. The home setting is no different from the wild. Dogs are pack animals, and when you transfer them from dog pack to family pack, you've got to have a leader." Without training, "the dog assumes that leadership

position." "So," continued Ruiz, "you break the dog, by teaching him obedience and by behavior training. By 'obedience,' we mean that the dog learns to heel — to walk beside you like a little lady or gentleman — to sit, to stay, and to lay down. Also, the 'come' command."

The first obstacle to overcome is aggression. "Most dogs that come to me have aggression, be it friendly aggression like jumping on people, or be it aggression aggression." Ruiz offered an example. "Maria was torpedoed in here by her highly exuberant Dalmatian, Daisy. Her legs were covered with scratch marks and bruises; the dog was all over her. I said, 'Maria, what you're experiencing is a total and complete dominant behavior.' Maria said, 'Daisy's not dominating

me, she's tenderizing me. Look, she even bites my legs.' I told her, 'Maria, stay seated, but grab hold of your knees. The next time Daisy puts her head between your legs, come in on her as if your legs were a springloaded guillotine and loudly say, NO!' Maria did it twice, and then Daisy lay down and

remained there for the rest of the interview." Ruiz calls the method, "Shock-love training. The dog learns through the shock factor, the element of surprise. There are three parts. First you have the correction — always in a shocking way, never in a hurting way. We're never out to hurt the dog, just shock. The degree of shock has to be commensurate with the degree of the offense and the power of the dog. The methods will vary depending on the situation — the training is very individualized, because just as every human is different, every dog is different." "Daisy's not dominating me,

she's tenderizing me."

"After the shock, you come back with a little bit of passive love. You say" — in a stern but encouraging tone — " 'Be a good dog!' and you give a little pat on the head. The third part is the most important — ignore the dog. Most humans nullify the correction by saying, 'I'm sorry, puppy,' or giving hug-hug, kiss-kiss, cookie-cookie. The dog will never remember the correction, only the cookie. You must let them remember that they were corrected."

"Some trainers," said Ruiz, "play on the sentimentalities of the human — because we all love our dogs. It's okay to love your dog you should love your dog. But it's not okay to kill your dog with kindness. It's not okay for your dog to go through life as an emotional invalid. In some cases, the human spoils the dog so rotten that when they have to go away and put the dog in the kennel, the dog goes bananas from a broken heart."

Such trainers, he said, "are afraid to tell people the truth of how dogs learn, so they teach the treat method. I've had clients come in who went through training elsewhere, and they say, 'My dog got tired of cookies, so cookies don't mean anything to him. Now, he's

still out of control.'" Ruiz also eschews spiked collars and muzzle-type devices. "A dog should be trained on a loose leash. Other methods may work on some dogs some of the time, but not real dogs in the real world." In particular, he cited the "come" command, which requires the dog owner to command authority from afar. The best time to start train-

ing your dog, said Ruiz, "is any time after four months. Before that, the dog lives in a Disney World, all fun and games. If you try to train them then, you can do more harm than good. The only thing we offer prior to four months is a housebreaking and puppy-management lesson. The lesson teaches the owner how to teach the puppy to go to the bathroom in only one area of the yard. A puppy should catch on within two weeks if it's done properly." Again, he warned against sentimentality — if the owner pesters the dog to go, or applauds as soon as the dog starts, the dog won't get the lesson. "Dog training is not dog training," sighed Ruiz. "It's human training."

But after four months, "all dogs are trainable. German shepherds are very trainable, and beagles are hardheads," but any breed can learn. "And many dogs come in at a year old with bad habits." Most of the time, it's not a problem — though Ruiz can recall one instance where a dog had been made neurotic by bad training and had become impossible to work with.

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1. Ruiz's German shepherd, Prince 2. David Ruiz

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In the Reader

# **Thirty Years Ago**

I have two main objections to The Lord of the Rings. One is its simplistic moral scheme, which I find untrue to the complex human experience of good and evil..... The other is its insufferably coy and cute style, which debases the great imaginative themes it deals with. As to C.S. Lewis, we have to remember that he and J.R.R. Tolkien were great pals, sharing ... a peculiarly snooty type of Anglican

Christianity.

RESPONSE TO LETTER, Jonathan Saville, March 28, 1974

# **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Wayne R. Gilbert...discovered that some Navy housing residents were running businesses in their homes, contrary to Department of Defense regulations.... Gilbert found that dozens of Navy wives were caring for their neighbors' children, charging a dollar or less per hour to look after the kids of their working friends.... Nowhere is that need more desperate than in Murphy Canyon Heights, the tract of Navy housing which blankets the hill at the top of Tierrasanta Boulevard. More than 1200 people live there, and since an estimated 63 percent of them are children, Gilbert's recent order rocked the neighborhood.

CITY LIGHTS: "TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY BABY," Jeannette De Wyze, April 5, 1979

## **Twenty Years Ago**

Although Roger could be seen treating relatives' children with reverence, that first year he begrudged Mary's question, "Do we have a future?"

Mary did not ask again. She cheered Roger's home runs, and after she stacked the graded papers for her freshman scientific principles class, she stopped by the music store and picked up strings for Roger's banjo. Before she left for school in the morning, she made potato salad for the softball team's potluck. She appeared to those of us older women — we matrons who watched — to be doing what we had once done.

"MISSED CONNECTIONS," Judith Moore, April 5, 1984

# **Fifteen Years Ago**

Again she smiled. She said that "in view of your intelligence" and "how sure you are of what you want," she thought I should go ahead with the abortion. Her logic: because I was intelligent, because of my display of will, I was somehow predisposed to make my own decision in the matter. Clearly, stupid women their weak minds prone to confusion over right and wrong. Or perhaps they were supposed to keep their unintelligent babies. She



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did not explain herself further.... She held out to me a slip of paper on which was typed the name of a doctor on El Caion Boulevard. She pointed with her ballpoint pen to the phone number as she explained this, then wrote the amount, \$300, next to his name and circled it. — "DUTIFUL DAUGHTER," Lynn Grygier, April 6, 1989

## **Ten Years Ago**

In the dark Sopheap Cheam, ten, puts his foot through a body. A rotting, maggot-filled stomach, up to his calf. He yanks it out with a shudder. Grabs at the nearest leaves and starts frantically wiping away at his leg, flicking the maggots off, almost gagging at the smell.

It is midnight. The half-starved little boy is on a desperate mission to find his parents. He has escaped from a Khmer Rouge work camp for boys, has swum a river with a current almost strong enough to sweep his undernourished body away, and now, in the dark of night, creeps along a few yards from the patrolled footpath through the bushes and trees toward his old family village.

"FAR FROM THE ENORMOUS PAST," Bill Manson, March 31, 1994

# **Five Years Ago**

The vendor opens a steam table directly in front of me and pulls out a dripping cow skull in a cloud of hot vapor.

Eyes dangle from the sockets. Cooked flesh falls away from the cheeks and snout. The vendor pries open the jaws with his hands, and steam escapes like wintry breath from the animal head. Teeth fall into the steaming water and a thick, white 16-inch tongue lolls to either side as the vendor shakes flaps of meat from the bone a foot from my face. I drop my taco and stare at the sockets. I can only think of one thing: Rosie O'Donnell on a very special episode of Tales from the Crypt.

"I AM MY OWN QUEEN," John Brizzolara, April 1, 1999

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# **C**rasher

# THE BIRTHDAY FIGHT

# by Josh Board

got a call from Karen inviting me to her 23rd birthday party. She gave me very detailed directions to Carlsbad. There were five different streets I'd have to turn at after getting off I-5.

Before heading up there I decided to check my messages, and I'm glad I did. She informed me the party had been moved to Mira Mesa. And it was on a street I grew up on. There were a number of neighbors I knew. And lucky for the partiers, the house was right next to Challenger Junior High School. They wouldn't be getting complaints from anybody on that side.

I showed up at 8:00 p.m. and there were 30 people there. All of them looked to be in their early 20s. One guy said, "There's like 30 guys here, and two chicks." It wasn't that way for long.

Hans, who owned the house, had just gotten back from four months in Iraq. I thought I heard him say he was doing alarm installs until he gets called into active duty again.

Two bands were supposed to play at this party. One of them ended up competing in a Battle of the Bands at the Epicentre. The other band was called One Track Mind. I talked to their guitarist, Robby, and he



One of the other guys is at a show. I'm in a band with a bunch of pussies." He then held up his beer and took a gulp, saying, "I'll have to make up for those wimps."

When Karen showed up I asked her why the party had been moved. She said, "This isn't just my birthday party, but a going-away party." I found out later that a friend of theirs is going to New York for culinary

# "Don't let that reporter dude see ya."

school. Karen continued, "Weeman, the midget skateboarder from MTV's *Jackass*, was going to be here. But my boyfriend broke up with me recently, and they're best friends. Now he isn't going to be here."

I asked, "Did he break up with you to get out of getting

don't know why — I was just friends with her boyfriend."

you a birthday present?" She

laughed and said, "Probably."

said, "There's another breakup

that's here, his ex-girlfriend just

showed up. And she hates me. I

that just happened. This guy

Another girl walking by

The crowd quickly ended up being hundreds of people. Most of them were in college. Some went to UCSD, a few others to Mesa. There were a few high school students there, one from Mount Carmel.

When a keg was brought out onto the back patio, Hans was velling at the two guys putting the tap into it. He said, "That one's broken. Remember how messed up it was at St. Patrick's Day? It's going to leak all over the place and make the beer flat." As they went searching for another tap, a guy walked around collecting \$3 from each person for the beer. One guy didn't pay and people were giving him a hard time. One said, "Somebody is a j-o-o and better pay up."

Bottom left: Karen in middle of friends; Bottom right: Guy who was given pornos

A lot of people were protective of their alcohol. One girl was sitting for an hour on two cases of beer. A girl asked her why and she said, "I'm on beer patrol. I'm making sure nobody drinks this." As the other girl walked away, she said, "Nobody cares about Rolling Rock. I think it's safe."

Two Filipino guys were pouring vodka by the kitchen counter, and a lady yelled that that was her vodka. They said, "Can we please just have one shot?" She grudgingly let them.

One person told me he heard a guy earlier trying to buy two cases of beer from somebody. He said he heard the guy plead, "I'll give you a hundred bucks for both cases. My friends just showed up and we don't have anything to drink."

The birthday girl was given a few bottles of booze, and she made sure nobody took them from the table.

I heard one guy asking people if he could buy a shot from them for a dollar. I noticed a little later he scored a beer from somebody who came in with a case.

Karen poured me a drink with cranberry juice and vodka. When she went to get me another, the cranberry juice was gone. She made something with pineapple juice and said, "This will probably taste funky. You might just have to drink it fast."



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It tasted fine.

As she and I were talking at the kitchen table, a friend of hers showed up. He had driven down from L.A. and said, "I was in traffic for five hours before I got here." He had a great sense of humor and was making fun of people at the party. When one blond guy who was about 6'3" came in looking for a glass, he pointed to the table. There were seven empty glasses that had all been used. The big guy said, "I don't want one of those. They're dirty as fuck." The guy left angry, saying, "Who owns this house? I'm going to have to drink this shit straight out of the bottle."

There was a bubble machine in the front yard and about ten smokers. When one girl showed up, people greeted her by saying, "The porno lady is here." She said, "I have some in my trunk if anyone wants one." About 20 people followed her to her car.

I talked to her later and she said, "My dad is in the porno business. He did everything in it, but now he's a distributor."

"Is his family bothered by his chosen profession?" I asked.

"No, they are all in it with him. It's funny because, when my brother was in junior high, he'd steal hundreds of videos from my dad. He'd sell them at school for \$20 each. He made a lot of money. When I was nine years old, I was on *Hard Copy*. They did a story about my dad. Some politician that was a Christian was trying to run his business out of town."

I saw a guy in a jean jacket walking around with ten videos that she had given him.

I smelled some weed being smoked out front. One guy said, "Don't let that reporter dude see ya." A few people were aware of my presence. One guy was talking to his friend, and he said, "This is so fucked up." He looked back at me and said, "Oh, damn. Sorry, man. Can you bleep that out?"

When I went to the back patio to have a cigar, one of the guys showed me he had two Cohibas. I said I'd write nice things about him if he gave me one. He didn't

Just then, Karen's sister showed up with an ice cream cake. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and Karen cut the cake. But there weren't forks anywhere. A few of the girls and I were eating it with our hands (note to self: as good as ice cream cake is, it's not worth getting your fingers sticky and cold). Karen kept offering it to people. One time she said, "I'm Jewish. I want to make sure everyone eats." One guy was talking when she offered him a piece of cake. He turned around, annoyed, saying, "Stop bugging me about the cake." I told him, "There are starving kids in India that would love this cake." He replied, "Send the shit to them then."

When I went in the

kitchen to wash my hands off, two guys told me there was a fight outside. I asked what happened and one said, "I don't know. It was two tiny Asian dudes. One punched the other, and he went down. That was the end of it."

A different guy told me that, at the last party they had, he got cold-cocked by one of their friends. "He was really drunk and getting in somebody's face. I told him to calm down and that it was the guy's house, so we should be cool. Then he just sucker-punched me. He's out of town tonight, though."

An hour later, a big guy who looked Samoan came into the kitchen saying he was going to kick some ass. A few people tried to calm him down. He said that somebody said something rude to his girl. He grabbed a steak knife and headed into the back yard. A few people followed him out there, but nothing happened. As I was leaving the party at midnight, I saw the Samoan carry a crying woman back into the house. After the party, though, I found out that he beat somebody up who was asked to leave the party and didn't. Five cops showed up. All the underage drinkers split when they showed. Then the cops gave DUIs to people who were driving away from the party.

The back yard was pitch black. There were no lights and more than a hundred people out there. Two different guys were on their cell phones, giving directions to others who hadn't arrived yet. Occasionally, I stepped on an empty beer bottle or carton.

I met an interesting girl who's going to mortuary school. I asked her what she'll learn there and she said, "Everything. Embalming, and all that. I'm fascinated by it."

Her boyfriend was wearing a Dead Kennedys shirt, so we started talking about music. I was surprised that, with some of the punk bands she liked, she was also a fan of Sinatra, Elvis, and Johnny Cash. We talked about those singers and the Violent Femmes, a band we both liked. She told me, "This is the only interesting conversation I've had tonight. That's what I hate about these parties. There are so many people, it's loud, and they can get obnoxious." Just then, two guys behind us started screaming some kind of joke about, "What did the five fingers say? Smack!!" She rolled her eyes and I asked her boyfriend about his job. He told me, "I'm in refunds at Office Depot. I forgot to sign this form and now 5000 Palm Pilots are missing. They think I stole them, and it's been a pain in the ass. They're asking me all these questions, trying to catch me in a lie." He and I talked about the Clash and some of the rockabilly and swing bands we liked.

Hans came into the kitchen and screamed for everyone to be quiet. It took him a few yells before everyone shut up. He then

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said, "I just found out there was a fight out front. If there's another one, I'm kicking everybody out!"

One guy next to me said, "This party is so fucking out of control."

I was actually surprised it wasn't worse, considering the number of people. Everyone was drinking, smoking, and bumping into each other, but the majority of the crowd got along well.

Whenever I spoke to Hans, he smiled and was very polite. But I kept hearing him yelling at other people. At one point, he was yelling at somebody named Chris because this was supposed to be a surprise party and he found out about it. He bellowed, "How come you didn't tell us you knew?" Chris responded, "I didn't want to ruin it for you guys." Hans said, "It's ruined, because we moved Karen's party to today and had to combine them. We could've just done it tomorrow like we planned if you would've told us you already knew about it!"

Do surprise parties ever surprise the person they are for? And if they do, is that person ever happy to be surprised?

Hans and I talked about some of the neighbors who used to live on the street, since he grew up in this house and I lived down the street. I told him that a few houses from him, there was a bully who we were always afraid of. He said, "Yeah, well, one day we came home, and the police had that area all taped off. That guy apparently brought a woman back there, then shot her. She died, and he went to juvenile hall. His dad got in trouble for not having the guns locked up properly."

When I was in the back yard with my cigar, three different people came up to me, thinking it was pot. One said, "Is that a fatty? Give me a hit." Another asked if it was a "blunt" and then said, "I thought it was too thick, and I couldn't smell it. I just wanted to make sure."

One guy at the party was missing an arm, and I heard Karen go up to him and tell a story about somebody she knew who was born without ears. I wasn't sure if that would make him feel better or not. I later told Karen my favorite joke about a guy missing his ears — call me for the punch line.

Two young white kids with long curly hair kept coming up to me saying things I couldn't figure out. One time, it was "Report on that flat." I asked what that meant, and he said, "That flat ass over there." His buddy laughed uncontrollably and said "I've seen more flat asses at this party..." I knew it was a young crowd when, at one point, the seven people gathered around the keg were talking about Pokémon characters for half an hour.

One tall, thin girl, who looked a bit like a younger Jackie O., burped real loud. She looked back and somebody said something about her cracking the window. She burped again and then said, "I've only had one beer and two Red Bulls. I have so much energy right now, it's crazy."

A few of the guys at the party had piercings and tattoos, but I saw a lot more on the women. Some had pierced noses, eyebrows, and lips, and one had a stud in the skin above her lip. Two tall

blondes had pretty faces, but their arms were covered in colorful tattoos. One was wearing a miniskirt and had tattoos on both her knees.

I heard one couple debating whether a blonde girl there had fake breasts. The woman said to her friend, "They wouldn't be sagging like that if they were fake. They have to be real." The guy didn't seem convinced.

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Hamilton would win many more races in the years to come, and through the changes of his life — two wives and varied careers (clerk in the Civilian Conservation Corps, seaman in the merchant marine, horse trainer, hairstylist, railroad dispatcher, credit manager) — the one constant of his life has been pigeons. He even kept them on board an oil tanker for two years, with the approval of the captain, who saw them as an early-warning system for toxic fumes. "None of them ever died," Hamilton said, "so we were always safe."

Today, Hamilton and his "grandson," John Timmerman, have about 750 pigeons in Jamul, the largest collection in San Diego County. As we sat on the deck of their loft, amidst soft cooing and wafting feathers, Hamilton looked at his birds and smiled. "We've won every race there is. All the top races, top prizes, we've won. All sorts of trophies. I've done it, I'm happy. I could die right now, and I wouldn't miss a thing."

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IGEONS underneath a barn in Portland, Oregon. We used to go under there, and it filled with water, so we made a big raft out of boards and reached up to get the babies. Then we'd hand-feed them and tame them and they'd follow me around and go to school with me. I didn't get into homing pigeons until a year later. Neighborhood fellows had them, and they took me in and showed me how. And of course I started racing and they gave me some good birds and I beat them!"

considerably longer than humans. The birds are about 30 million years old, and during that long stretch of evolution two noteworthy things happened: they decided not to be afraid of humans, and some of them developed a mysterious ability to find their way home. These "homing pigeons" can be released 600 miles from where they were raised, and they will circle a few times until they get their bearings and then fly 50 to 60 miles per hour, nonstop, with no rest or water or food, against headwinds, over mountains, through scorching heat and freezing cold, evading hawks and hunters, with hearts pounding 600 beats a minute and wings flapping ten strokes a second, until they find their way back to the loft they knew as a youth.

Humans have used this instinct not only for sport but for communication. About 5000 BC the Egyptians developed a lightweight paper for pigeons to carry, and the empires of Persia, Carthage, and Rome used these airborne carriers to establish reliable networks of communication. Caesar made strategic use of them during his conquest of Gaul. India relied on them; Greece announced Olympic victories with them; China orga-

nized a postal system with them. Knowledge is power, and the pigeons' swift conveyance of knowledge made them power brokers in military campaigns, political exploits, and economic expansion. Count Rothschild used them to receive news, before anyone else, of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo in 1815, thus enabling him to make financial decisions that would turn into a huge fortune. Reuters news service, founded 150 years ago, actually began as a line of pigeon posts. Even after the advent of the telegraph, pigeons continued to be of use, particularly by the military. During World War II, a pigeon carried a message across enemy lines that was credited with saving the lives of 1000 British troops.

It was inevitable that sooner or later some guy would say to his buddy, maybe after a couple of pints, "I'll bet my bird can get home before yours," and the other would reply, "Put your money where your mouth is," and thus was born what some now call "the poor man's horse racing."

Some in our area who fly pigeons may be of modest means, but some could, if they wished, just as

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easily raise thoroughbreds. There are about a hundred of them, and they are plumbers, businessmen, contractors, lawyers, and restaurant managers; they live in every corner of the county; they belong to clubs based in San Diego, Coronado, Vista, and Fallbrook; they are older, mostly, and worry about how to draw younger people into the sport. And they hesitate to talk much about the money involved, the race pools and side betting, though one flier confided that in a Las Vegas meet he had a bird place first and another third, an achievement that rewarded him with over \$100,000.

If you get them talking about pigeons, you have to listen carefully: they're soon flying above your head and going as fast as a pigeon headed for home. After a few interviews, I pieced together the basics. Essentially, it comes down to this: there are four things to do with pigeons, two kinds of races, and two racing seasons.

Perhaps the most important thing fanciers do with pigeons is enjoy them, which entails watching them, listening to them, handling them, and speaking baby talk with them. They also care for them, which consists chiefly of providing

# the Sky

water, supplying food, and shoveling poop. They also breed them, which demands a working knowledge of "the birds and the bees," or at least the first half of it, and that means, come spring, letting a cock jump a hen, waiting 8 days for the first egg and another day for the second, waiting 18 days for the youngsters to hatch, and waiting 28 days before beginning the training program. And finally, they also race them, which happens in two different ways.

There are local club races that take place every weekend during the season. On Saturday evenings fanciers bring up to 20 of their birds to the clubhouse, pack them in a truck, and then share beers, swap lies, and enjoy the camaraderie of a shared passion. Through the night the truck journeys north, usually up I-5 or 395, and early on Sunday morning, at some point between 100 and 600 miles away, the pigeons get released to start the marathon. Each bird flies to its home loft, of course, and its arrival time is recorded digitally. A computer compensates for variations in distance (a bird from Fallbrook may be the first home, but a bird from Jamul may win with a better time), and the bird with the fastest flight time is declared the victor.

The other type of race happens when the youngsters, at about 28 days old, are shipped to another loft to be raised. Young birds from all over the country, or even world, will be shipped to Las Vegas, say, and thus they will be "fooled" into thinking it's home. When the race is held a few months later, the birds fly back to Las Vegas, with the owners present to watch the horizon and

# **China organized** a postal system with pigeons.

cross their fingers and cheer the winners.

These races happen in two seasons: young birds compete for 8 weeks, in September and October, and old birds race for 12 weeks, from March through June.

That's pretty much all there is to pigeon racing. But that's like saying hitting a ball into a hole is all there is to golf. The art is in the details. Most pigeon fliers spend hours each day worrying about those details.

John Timmerman said, "There are pigeons like a Michael Jordan or a Tiger Woods that just don't miss. Those are kind of what you're looking for. Especially if you're a breeder. In comparison, like maybe Seabiscuit, here you have a horse that they're ready to get rid of. The same thing applies to birds, because the muscle doesn't appear right or he has something that might be out of balance. You just race the pigeon and then all of a sudden, the following year things change, the motivation might be stronger for it to home, the balance of its body might be phenomenal and, mind you, it might have a lot of heart. That's the key, to have a lot of heart. But you as a trainer, if you know the different ways to diet the bird and when to excel that energy on the last 24 hours of shipping, that's the key. It's all timing, release of energy. When it comes down to the birds, the guys that are good, really good, gotta be almost a psychologist, because you've got to be able to read and see  $\frac{D}{2}$ the birds. Then you've gotta be almost a fitness expert, because fats is their key to energy. You kind of want to make sure that that energy

April 2004 щ is not released two, three days before the race. You want that energy to be reserved." "What do you mean," I asked him, "when you say you have to be a

psychologist?" "Observation within the loft." "How they're acting?"

"Characterwise. You can see if the bird is really happy, if he's motivated toward the opposite sex."

"And that's good?" "Oh, yeah. It's no different than a high school kid chasing the girl. It's all about hormones. That's not always the ticket. There are so many different ways of racing the birds, systemwise." "Do males or



females tend to be the faster?"

"In Europe they feel that the males are superior. Here, the

majority of guys in San Diego tend to believe that the females are more consistently faster. The

males, you have to work with them a little bit more. There's a system of flying where you show the female

to the male so many times during the week, just to get him all excited, and you show him two minutes before you ship him away. He knows that that female's at home. So you put him in the crate, and all he wants to do is get out of the box to get home."

"So do you think it's the case that the male flies to the female, whereas the female flies home?"

"It varies. There are males that tend to outfly the females just for the reason of being home too. The male may want to get home because of a particular spot in the loft, so there's so many different things to look at. That's why I say you

have to be a psychologist. You have to be totally open-minded and understand what's happening on the home front."

At 34, Timmerman is a young flier. But he's been developing his skills for many years. "It started back when I was a kid," he said. "I did work for my dad. He was in the Dutch import business, and in Europe, homing pigeons is a big sport. England, France, Germany, and Holland, especially. You're talking hundreds of thousands of people that have homing pigeons. Here in the States you're talking 15,000 to 20,000. But Holland itself, they claim 55,000."

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"Yes. He emigrated from Holland into Australia, and from Australia he emigrated here and got into the Dutch import of foods, cheese. Started a bakery."

"And he had pigeons?"

"But it started way back before that. His father, my grandfather, in Holland, survived during the war in the 1930s being a pigeon merchant, so to speak."

Timmerman grew up in Chino, where he was drawn into pigeon racing by helping his dad. "We were well to do, but not that well to do. I knew where my dad came from, coming from poverty and immigrating here, and the time, the hours he had to put in to make something for two boys. So in return, I did the sport for him. Well, for myself, how can I make this beneficial? They bet on the birds, just like you do with the racehorses. My dad, if he did something, he tried to do the right thing. So you try to buy stock. You're basically going off a pedigree for performance. We did that and put more into it. I just kind of had a feel for it. I just grew into it."

"How old were you?"

"I was 14, 15 years old. But it wasn't until I was 16, 17 that I would help my dad at the beginning of these races. I would pull off a purse of \$17,000 or \$18,000."

"You'd make this money by betting?" "Right."

"Did your father

put up the money for you?"

"I was the brains behind it, and he was the financial person. It worked out." "So after high school, then what?"

"I went to Cal Poly Pomona and finished with a behavioral science degree. I was, like, what am I gonna do?"

Then a telephone call came from Gene

Hamilton, who had heard of Timmerman's racing success and was looking for a partner. Hamilton was living in the Bay Area at the time, and when Timmerman agreed to join him, they moved

to San Diego. Now, after ten years, they consider themselves "grandfather" and "grandson." In addition to the

three hours a day Timmerman cares for birds, he works fulltime as a union plumber. That provides a steady income, in contrast to what he earns from racing. "You could win," he said, "or you could lose. I've been blessed for the last ten years

to be on a roll." "So you've made

more money than you've lost?" "Oh, yeah. I can

compete with foremen on the job — I make what most foremen would on a construc-



tion job. But that doesn't last forever, as far as the bird winnings."

Those winnings can be big. Timmerman was getting ready for a race in Las Vegas with a \$250,000 purse. I asked him if there were ever any races with larger purses than that. "Yes," he said. "They've got races in China, Taiwan. Here in the States we fly for thousands; they fly for millions."

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The prizes can be con-

siderable, but the

pigeon fanciers I

interviewed seem

more deeply moti-

vated by something

other than money. To

put it simply, they love

the birds — love being around them and love watching them race their hearts out.

Lew Frick retired from the Navy in 1979 and since that time has taught for the San Diego Community College District and has established a successful embroidery business. He's now moving into semiretirement, and as part of this transition, he and his wife had just moved to the eastern edge of Valley Center. I visited him a few days after his move, when boxes were still unpacked and pictures were not yet hung, and it was clear that building a new loft for his 160 pigeons was going to be one of his top priorities.



I happened to arrive just as his wife set a couple of hamburgers down on the table and announced

it was time to eat. "Where do you want to sit?" she asked him. Their table was now in a new place, and they john Thhinem

hadn't yet decided where each would sit. "Over here!" he said, as though it should have been obvious to her, as though there would be no more discussion about it if she wanted to stay in the marriage. "That way I can see the birds!"

Frick said he became interested in pigeons before he was born. His grandfather and brother had them, and he was born into a world of pigeons. They've always been a part of his life. Perhaps his happiest memory is the time one of his won a 600-mile race in one day. "They let it out," he said, "between 6:00 or 7:00 that morning from Redding, California. And I clocked him in that night, I don't know, somewhere around 9:00. Two birds came in. I won and the other guy







took second, but only two birds out of all shipped came in that day. The rest came in the following morning. So it's not usual to get all your birds in a 600-mile day. It's rough."

"Were you shocked?" I asked. "I was happy. I was thrilled. I wasn't shocked, I was thrilled. A lot of the old-timers never won the 600-mile, let alone in a day."

"How fast can they fly?"

"Well, a lot of birds average 55 to 60 miles per hour pretty regularly."

"And they don't stop at all?"

"The winners don't. The winners come home. And you can tell. They hit the landing board and they're tired. Oh, they're tired. We just love them to death. They come home to you."

\* \* \* When I stepped into Randy Barnes's home on Old Castle Road, I had no trouble believing he had majored in interior design at a local community college. The walls were colors you'd never consider selecting out of paint-chip books at Home Depot, but once applied seem so perfect, so wholly appropriate, that you're sure they embody the idealized Platonic form, manifest The Way Walls Are Supposed to Be. The artwork, the flower arrangements, the furniture — well, if Architectural Digest had any taste, it would without further delay do a feature on the home.

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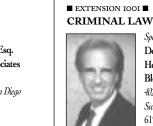
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old polo shirt. I had expected the usual feathers and dust and poop and had dressed accordingly, but now I began to suspect I should have worn a tie. Maybe a tux.

The lofts, painted bright white, were arranged along the upper level of Barnes's back yard in a way that made me think of a New England village. Each building had little brass plaques (polished) that indicated such things as "Breeding Cocks" or "Racing Hens," and one that I had not yet done enough research to understand: "Pigeon Racing Is Better than Sex."

**Barnes** manages the buffet at Pechanga Casino. That gives him several hours each morning to keep his lofts meticulously clean and to train his birds. He watches one with particular affection, a bird named Charismatic. He once entered her — and her alone — in a race, going to see her off the night of the shipping. "The next day," he said, "my dog and I, which was a greyhound (I like everything fast), we went to the race. Hours went by, and still no pigeons. It was a tough race. Everyone was waiting, and all of a sudden two birds appeared out of the sky. It was dead silence. Just dead silence. That's the way it is. There's 300 peo-



ple watching. Two birds come out of the sky, and whoever's those birds are, they're going to win a lot of money if they pooled

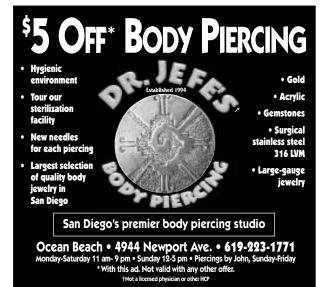
them. Have you heard about pooling?" "I'm trying to understand it." "It starts at \$5 all the way up to \$100.

race, and then you pool them as well. You do both. If you don't pool them, you don't win anything. So you really have to pool."

"So it's like a horse race," I said. "Based on how much you put down on the bird."

"How much you put down on the bird, and then, of course, if the bird comes home and your bird's the first home in each of those increments, you get all that money in each increment.

"So," he continued, getting back to his story, "they went down and they caught the two birds and everyone was quiet. It's like being in a beauty pageant. I actually saw both of the birds, and they were both blue checks. Charismatic's a blue check. I just sort of





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kept my fingers crossed. They announced both of the names. The first one was Mary Cox, who lives up near Fresno. Then they mentioned me. I was ready to drop to the ground. I just couldn't believe it, you know? She's very special to me. Her offspring fly for me very well too. She took me out of debt and bought furniture. So I was really, I was very happy. I watch her like a hawk now. Unfortunately, I lost her mother to a hawk, the one that bred me my first two winners and then Charismatic."

"Tell me what draws you to pigeons." "Well, it's a wonderful hobby. I like the fact that they come home and I'm waiting up there with my mimosas every Sunday. Waiting for them, and they come home after flying 300 miles. It's sort of a blood

the sun's just coming up, so they know that the sun is always on the east side. I believe they also, I think, come home by smell. Of course, there's no smell up in my loft! It's cleaned every day."

"The highest-priced bird sold here in the United States was a couple of years ago, sold for \$32,000."

rush."

"How do they do it? How do they find their way home?" "I've always believed that they navigate by the sun. When they're released in the morning, early,

"It must be exciting to see a bird flying in."

"Yeah. I raise it as a little baby, you know? It's just like the movie Seabiscuit. Did you see it? He was a horrible little horse, but you never know. You might have a pigeon that you don't think is gonna be

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worth anything. Then you turn around and completely change your mind. I think that's the amazing thing about it. Because they've got a lot of heart, you know? You may have a bird that just doesn't do anything, and then, all of a sudden, out of the blue, he'll win you a race."

"When you say he has a lot of heart, what do you mean?"

"I'll give you an example. I have a bird that I flew last year. Last year I was ninth in the combine, out of about 40 to 50 fliers. So I didn't do too bad. I did pretty good for my first year back. My last race was very difficult. My birds were molting. They didn't have the right feathering and one of my best birds, who was coming home all the time consistently, didn't come home. I lost him. It rained that night, and the next morning it was foggy and cloudy and it was raining. And out of the blue, here he comes in the rain and the fog! I named him True Heart." I imagined True

Heart flapping his bedraggled wings, fighting against the elements, and I wondered what went through his little mind. Was he flying out of sheer instinct, simply obeying some mysterious impulse to get home? Or did he know he was racing, competing against other birds? I asked Barnes, "Do you think pigeons know they're racing? After all, there is a difference between racing and just going the same direction at the same time."

Barnes said, "I think when pigeons are crated up in the basket, they know they're trained. When they're at the club-



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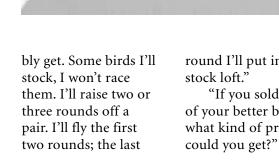
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house with a whole bunch of other birds and they're going into that same crate week after week, and then they're put onto the truck, they get into that routine just like a horse would getting into the gates and being released at the same time. I think they know they're racing. As soon as those doors open up, they're on their own. They have to think, they have to be smart, and of course, they have to be in condition. That's up to the breeder to make sure they're in condition."

"The birds that you raise, do you keep them or sell them?"

"Well, I haven't sold any birds at this point. I plan on doing it, because I've been trying to develop the best stock I can possi-





round I'll put in the stock loft." "If you sold some of your better birds, what kind of price

"A good quality of pigeon will run anywhere from \$100 up to about \$500." "Do they ever go for more than that?"

"Oh, yeah! The highest-priced bird sold here in the United States was a couple of years ago, sold for \$32,000. The bird's name was Senna."

"Somebody pays that much on the assumption that, like a race horse, its offspring will make the investment worthwhile?"

"Well, he was a good bird in Europe. When he came to the States he was advertised and everyone wanted to get on the bandwagon and get the same bloodline. So the guy that owned him bred him. If the offspring do well, you gotta get that bloodline. The bird can go for big bucks. So what the guy that bought the bird did, he actually advertised it and

you could send the hen to him, make the pair up, and get the babies. I think he charged \$1500 for a stud fee. Senna was sold to a guy in California. So Senna's up there now. The last I heard — I just talked to the owner about a month ago — he's no longer fertilizing eggs. He's sterile now. When that happens, all you can do is retire them. Sort of like putting them out to pasture. I haven't had that problem with Silver Charm vet. He's still going. He's the grandson of Mr. B.J."

Barnes had already mentioned Mr. B.J. several times, and I began to get the impression he was, to the pigeon world, what Secretariat was to the horse world. The sort of animal







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that draws adjectives before his name, as in "the legendary Mr. B.J.," or "the great Mr. B.J." Barnes also said that the woman who owned him, Virginia Kraft, lives in a big French chateau in Rancho Santa Fe and has some of the best birds in the county.

\* \* \* To the big French chateau I went, and as I drove through the perfectly manicured orange groves and into the circular driveway, I knew I had entered another world, a place that made Barnes's home, not to mention my own, seem like a ramshackle hovel, a place of quiet beauty and elegant charm and disciplined excellence and serious wealth.

Virginia Kraft met me at the front door with her two longhaired dachshunds; the puppy was squirming in her arms, and the older one was licking my leg. She apologized for the dogs, invited me in, and led me down a long hallway, through the kitchen, and out onto her patio. At first I didn't notice her lofts, so beautifully did they blend in with the house itself. "Is this loft built into your house," I asked, "or is your house built around the loft?"

"Well, both, I think. Every building had to be under the roof here, so that was one reason. But I really wanted it where I could just sit and enjoy them for a change."

"What do your neighbors think of them?"

"At first, I wasn't sure I was going to be able to get in here, because the rule said caged birds only. Then I met with the board

and explained racing pigeons, and they finally gave me permission." "I suppose they'd

be afraid of them landing on roofs." "Exactly. But you control them with

feed. Always let them out hungry, and they come back." "Do you fly your

pigeons every day?" "Oh, yes. Every day." "And how many do you have?"

"I never give out a figure. Too many!"

"I've been told you have developed

"Last season I was extremely lucky." "Or your birds were extremely fast and you were an extremely good trainer!"

"I don't know. I won probably 9 out of the 12 races. But I don't like to brag 'cause you never know what's around the corner. I enjoy it."

"What do you enjoy about it?" "I enjoy just being with the birds, watching them. They're just so interesting to watch and they're so smart.

You know, a homing

"A homing pigeon always returns where he's born. If he's born in the palm tree of your yard, he'll kill himself to try to get back there."

some beautiful lines."

"I have over the years. My husband and I went to Europe, and we bought all our breeding stock over there. Belgium and Holland. It's the national sport there. You'll be driving down the road, and you'll see flocks of pigeons on either side, exercising. On the radio you'll hear when they release certain races. They race across the channel. It's very, very interesting."

"And is your husband involved to the same extent as you?"

"He passed away, but yes, he was. Not as much as I, but he went along with it."

"No doubt because he knew you love it. Do you still race regularly?"

"Oh, yes. Every season. I have a whole team. I race with the Pacific Coast Invitational. It's a North County club."

"How have you done recently?'

pigeon always returns where he's born. If he's born in the palm tree of your yard, he'll kill himself to try to get back there. I've always thought the guts they have to get home is pretty amazing.'

I asked if I could see her lofts, and as Kraft led me down the hallway, lined with framed pictures of winners on one side and doors leading into cages on the other, I thought to myself, I would probably kill myself to return here too! This was pigeon heaven, the dream of every racing pigeon.

I asked which bird was her favorite, and she responded immediately, "I guess a bird called Mr. B.J."

"I've heard of him. Is he still alive?"

"No. He died several years ago, but he died at the age of 14, and he was still filling the eggs in the nest at that time. Many of the birds in here today are from Mr. B.J."

"Still potent at the time of his death? As the Old Testament says of Moses when he died, 'His natural force was unabated'?"

"Exactly. That's true. He really was an outstanding bird." "What's the story

behind his name? An old boyfriend?" "Oh, he's just two strains of pigeons

from Europe, a Beckert and a Jansen. It just made it simple to use initials."

"Is it hard to lose a bird?"

"Yes, it is. Or if a bird doesn't come home that's maybe had a good record. I always feel, did I have them in good enough shape, or maybe I didn't carbohydrateload them enough. Maybe there was some illness they had I didn't know about. You're going to have certain losses just because they have so many things against them when they race. The weather, the wind, going through the storms, hawks, people shooting them, all sorts of things when they're out for a day, day and a half." "You've been

breeding and racing pigeons for a long time. What is the most enjoyable part of it?"

"When I see them coming in and I know that there are not any birds in town yet! It's really a thrill." — Don McCullough



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y mother, younger sister, and I were driving though Mission Valley in the station wagon. My

many of them younger than her — who smoke pot and brag

about getting high. My mother worried about this and asked

As we drove by SDSU, my sister explained how she felt if

her if she would ever try smoking weed or any other drugs.

she smoked one joint or tried any drug her life would be

ruined. This perspective comes from the fact that, while we

were growing up, my parents pointed out people who were

on drugs and how the drugs seemed to be ruining their lives.

they ever did, I don't think they'd tell my sister and I for fear that we would call them hypocrites. They always told us that

drugs are bad and that my sister and I didn't want to find out

lives in Wisconsin. She's a year older than me and most likely

a super senior (a student in their fifth year of high school).

One of her favorite pastimes is going out with her friends

is doomed to stay in her small town and never amount to

ones I know of that care enough to keep me away from

drugs. I have friends who smoke pot on the front porch of

anything because she is too busy doing drugs to be

their house and their parents don't care.

and doing any drug she can get her hands on. I fear that she

Every day I am thankful that my parents are the only

One of my parents' favorite examples is my cousin that

My parents have never admitted to trying drugs, and if

sister, who's 13, began talking about her friends —



hen did my mom tell me about drugs? It had to have been when I was nine or ten, when my first niece was born. She was born addicted to crystal methamphetamine. I didn't get to see my niece for the first three months of her life because she was in foster care. What happened to my sister after she gave birth? She disappeared again and I didn't understand why. Things were happening that I knew nothing about. I was young. That's when I got the talk from my mom about drugs.

I will never forget sitting on the fifth floor of Scripps and seeing my mom come out of my sister's hospital room, her face drenched from tears. She told me we had to leave and that she would explain when we got home.

At home, my mom sat me on my bed and set right in. She told me all about drugs and how they are bad for you. She explained that drugs were the reason my sister disappeared so often. Whether she was in jail or running from being put in jail again, she was running nonetheless. My mom described to me all the different types of drugs, what they were made of, and the effect they would have on the body. She told me that pot — while it may not be the worst drug for you — is a gateway drug that would most likely get me into other drugs. She said that pot was a drug that would have me spending all my money and lead me into the wrong crowd.

I walked away from that talk knowing that I would never let myself get into drugs. Six years later, I am happy to say that I still haven't tried drugs and am still strong in my conviction that I never will. Peer pressure isn't what people say it is, either. I have been at parties where there is weed and it has been offered to me; I say "no" and they understand.

— John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

ada. Nothing. That's what my parents told me about drugs. We never had "The Big Talk." Perhaps my parents thought it unnecessary because we had so many small talks. From preschool onward I knew I had to meet



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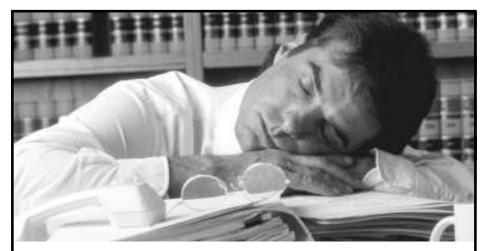
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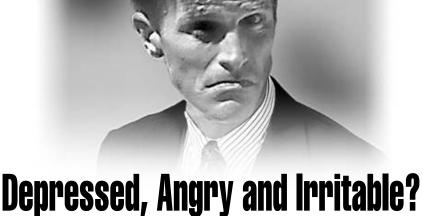
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San Diego - HealthQuest Clinical Trials, an internationally recognized research center headquartered in San Diego, is testing an investigational innovative approach to Alzheimer's research. The approach theorizes that the disease is directly linked to the increase in particular hormones that occurs in men of advanced years, or dramatically after menopause in women. The theory proposes that the agerelated increase in these hormones results in the death of brain cells. According to psychiatrist Murray Rosenthal, HealthQuest founder and medical director, the study is based upon the observation that the hormone agonist, leuprolide acetate, used to treat a number of hormone-related disorders, apparently also arrested the progression of Alzheimer's disease in a patient taking it for prostate cancer. "The ALADDIN study is designed to evaluate whether this approach can help arrest the progression of the disease in others, while preserving cognitive function, as was first observed," said Dr. Rosenthal, "If this turns out to be so, we may have a major breakthrough in halting the progression of Alzheimer's disease.'

HealthQuest is one of only nine sites in the U.S. conducting this clinical trial, and is the only site in the San Diego area. Voyager Pharmaceutical Corporation, an emerging Raleigh, NC, biotechnology firm, sponsors the ALADDIN study.

The ALADDIN study will evaluate the effectiveness of leuprolide as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. Leuprolide is an approved drug for treating hormone-related conditions. "Some individuals who have received this agent

have been observed to exhibit minimal or no progression of Alzheimer's disease over an extended period of time," said Dr. Rosenthal. "Although these results do not guarantee that the compound will work the same in a clinical trial, we do hope that results of the study will be critical in developing a promising approach to stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease. The one-year double blind, randomized and placebo-controlled study is seeking men 65 years of age and older with a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease (mild to moderate stages). Unlike some clinical trials, this trial only has a minimal number of conditions limiting eligibility for participation. Special consideration has been given to other conditions that are commonly associated with Alzheimer's disease. Study participants can remain on their current medications as well as standard therapies for the treatment of Alzheimer's. A total of 90 participants are needed.

Since two different doses of the study medication are being tested, most participants (67%) will receive the active study medication, unlike most other treatment trials that only provide study medication to half of the participants. The sponsor has also agreed to continue to provide the study medication at the conclusion of the research period should participants experience the clinical improvement this phase 2 trial hopes to elicit.

There is no cost to participants; instead they receive up to \$600 depending on their level of involvement. For more information about the ALADDIN clinical trial, call *HealthQuest Clinical Trials* at (858) 571-1188. certain expectations, and God help me if I didn't! Of course these expectations included abstaining from harmful substances, but my parents put it subtly. For example, I was

told to "set my own standards and run my own race." Believe me, there's not much difference between being asked to take a hit and sneaking a peek at the Brain's test paper; if you refuse to do either, you must feel comfortable with that decision.

I was encouraged to

set high goals for myself and to associate with others who had similar aspirations. Sure, I have been tempted by the instant gratification and distractions of drugs. But my parents have taught me that, though drugs may feel good for an instant, nothing compares with hard-earned accomplishment. My friends, too, are goal-oriented and reinforce my values. They're also a bunch of weirdos who would rather distract themselves with fantasies of a scantily clad Johnny Depp than with a few puffs of illicit smoke.

Lastly, my parents talk a good deal about respect, character, reputation, and how others judge you. They come from that prehistoric generation when such things mattered more than anything else, even more than Louis Vuitton. They have also been good role models, neither smoking nor drinking and definitely not using drugs. They made me realize that the quickest way to lose my reputation was to become a "stoner," a denizen of the smoky girls' bathroom. It was also the quickest way to land myself in Groundedville, population: me. - Stephanie Feldstein,

Bonita Vista H.S.

never received information about drugs from my parents. I learned everything in school, and I was the one that brought home the information.

I lived with both my parents in California until they separated; then I lived with my mother. I was only about five or six years old at the time, but I

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> — Shonna Gillis, El Cajon Valley H.S.

can't remember when my parents and I discussed drugs or how we came upon the topic. I was probably around 14 years old. It might have

stemmed from one of those family talks in which my dad reminisces about his past. My father didn't

grow up spoiled or with luxuries of life within his grasp. He grew up in a rural city in the Philippines where drugs especially marijuana --were everywhere and their use was considered almost normal. My dad bore witness to how drugs destroyed a person, a family; of how it brought only temporary relief from life's pressures. I vaguely recollect having the guts to ask my father whether he'd ever tried drugs. He beamed and said "no." I knew right then that I had no reason to do drugs. Seeing that look on my father's face brought me the reassurance I needed. As for my mom, there is no doubt that she has never tried them. She is the epitome of innocence.

It discourages my dad to know that teens nowadays see drugs as a means of escape. I recall how he sternly said that I "better not be doing drugs." I haven't, of course, and probably never will.

*— Stephanie Sarreal,* Southwest H.S.

rugs are a major issue when it comes to teenagers of the 21st Century. However, in my 17

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years, the thought of doing drugs has never crossed my mind. I do not know anyone who does drugs, and I don't even know where someone goes about acquiring drugs. I never sat through a "talk"; my parents never subjected me to the speech so many kids dread hearing.

The reason I never received a talk from my parents is because drugs were never an issue. I'm not a kid who does things that I know to be bad and wrong. Drugs never were a factor in my mind because I never have been around them. I have always had a lot of positive activities going on in my life, which has also kept me focused. My parents are involved in my life and always have been. They were at every softball game, school event, and never let me come home to an empty house after school. With my parents keeping me busy and being with me, I never had time to consider doing drugs.

Another reason that I chose to keep away from drugs is that I know their effects. Logically, there is no point to doing drugs because they only hurt you. I also chose a group of friends who share the same beliefs as I do; therefore, I do not receive any peer pressure about drugs.

- Kristina Stratton, El Capitan H.S.

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#### CHAPTER 16 My Tragedy Is a Woman

Twenty-eight comes quickly, all right. Thirty-eight will probably come quickly too. Yet I wonder if in between somewhere I shall become married. Probably, for all newspapermen eventually do become married, even waterfront reporters.

Marriage opens entirely new worlds for us, we are told by unmarried women who should know better than to become engaged to us either officially or unofficially. Marriage broadens our outlook and may be just the thing we need for humanizing our lives into lives of understanding instead of cynicism.

We should have children to greet us after our work in the office. Through watching them we may acquire that great sympathy of mankind so essential if ever we are to write our way out of newspaper bondage. We should become married, grow flowers, mow our lawns and love our neighbors. That, we are told by unmarried women, is the gateway to escape.

But by now I too might be married except for an early tragedy in my newspaper life, and a tragedy which still continues despite all my mental efforts to overcome it. And my tragedy also is a woman. She is married, and to another reporter in the office. He is older than I by about ten years, and his children total four, William, Elizabeth, Stephen, and James.

I have watched them grow. In fact, the whole office has watched them grow. We watched them grow several months before each was born, and they constantly have been before us ever since. We see them on the Saturday of each week, Saturday being our pay day, and the mother brings them to us then.

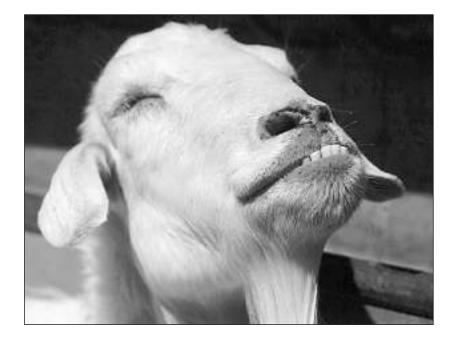
She seats them on the chairs outside the railing, two children to a seat, and the third chair next to the door is her own. There they remain quietly and uncomplainingly from 10:30 until 11:00 when the girl from the business office brings the pay envelopes upstairs. The wife then arises and carefully blocks the passage until the girl finds the envelope destined for the man. The wife takes the envelope, turns and departs downstairs again, her fleet of four trailing after her. No objection can be made to these Saturday visits because the wife does not literally interfere with the office's efficiency. She is careful to stay outside the railing and she is careful not to make a noise, and at home in the mornings she undoubtedly frightens the children to behave as they should by threatening not to take them with her for Papa's envelope.

The act has been going on now over so long a period, on so many pay days, on the same stage setting, before the same audience, that secretly I have constructed a drama around it merely to add variety. Yet because this family scene should be an inspiration to those of us in the office still unmarried, the drama I have created may seem on face value a little cruel. But cruelty is not the object of the drama. Rather the object, as stated before, is merely to add variety.

The scene opens with the wife arriving at her usual time of 10:30. Her larvae arrive with her and are duly seated for the half-hour wait. The husband at his typewriter continues slaving at his routine copy. Not a sound or gesture of recognition passes between him and his family. All is as it has been during these many, many other Saturdays.

Exactly at 11:00 the girl arrives upstairs from the business office with her box of envelopes. The wife arises and blocks the way as usual. The girl searches for this envelope first and hands it to the woman. But the only change between this day and the other days is that just as the wife is reaching for the envelope, the husband quietly takes a revolver from the upper drawer of his desk and shoots the woman between the eyes.

She falls backward straight as a plank, her arm continuing to reach rigidly outward and upward as she falls. And in falling straight backward she knocks over her four duplicates behind her as a row of cards. They too fall over



backwards respectively according to sizes, and there they lie, the five of them, while the husband returns the revolver to his drawer and resumes his typewriting.

This drama has been visualized for so long in my mind that on each Saturday I cannot understand why the scene does not take place. Vision and reality have become so confused that I cannot comprehend why the reporter con-

tinues his typewriting while she accepts the envelope and departs. The man is not performing at all according to the lines which I, the dramatist, have prepared for him. But on the day he does perform according to the lines, on that day and no other shall I become

#### CHAPTER 17 Goats Gone Wild

While other men are writing of Tibet and of China and of Africa and of India and of Suva and of Tahiti and of Mongolia, here I am trying to write of the diminutive islands south of here, islands which are immaterial and which will cause nobody to exclaim: "What — you haven't been there! Not really."

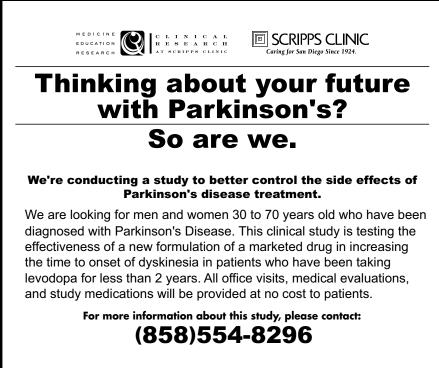
But, yes, I have been there — really.

Cruelty is not the object of the drama. Rather the object, as stated before, is merely to add variety.

married. So speaks Mohammed the prophet. So speaks Mohammed, the founder of Islam.

Nor did the assignment constitute my idea of being a travel writer. In my travels I wanted to wear a suit of duck whites,

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a tropical hat, and carry a cane of carved bamboo. Women passengers would elbow women passengers, whispering: "But he's written more than travel books too. He's a great novelist."

"Not him."

"Yes, him."

But the space on these tuna-clippers is occupied, not by nudging women, but by chipped ice and by tanks of live-bait sardines. I could have worn a white suit. There is no law against it, but I would have had to scrub the suit myself each night. These Portuguese fishermen are dear fellows, all of them, yet they do not understand my love of white suits. And as for their own washing they prefer to wait until returning to port weeks later and there have their women do it.

As for the travel-copy, my favorite island remains Guadalupe with its elephant seals and with its thousands of goats gone wild. The complete story about these goats cannot be written for the paper because of the Christians on the subscription list. For these goats are being utilized for purposes not strictly moral. A small herd was first brought to the island a hundred years ago for a mission colony. The colony disappeared but the goats thrived among the rocky hillsides. The animals became wild and they increased and their number now is beyond count.

Two men live on the island the year around now. I know them from previous

trips. We know each other so well that they confided exactly what they are doing. Each day they corral 30 goats by a spring on the side of a canyon. They kill only the billy goats, skinning them and curing them right there. The jerked meat they sell to the Mexican Army, the hides are sold to a concern in the United States, and those parts of the goats which the Mexican Army does not want the men grind into fine powder and sell to China. The Chinese feel they need this powder for reasons aphrodisiac and will pay any price for it.

But the service of the goats is not limited to China. Each year the yacht of a wealthy old man comes to anchor at Guadalupe. He has built a cabin high in the hills where the goats are the thickest. He says that the odorament of the goats makes him young again and that as far as he is concerned they do not have to be sacrificed. They are service enough just the way they are, alive, and can keep their glands. He brings his wife with him from Philadelphia. She is young and each year she wears a different face.

The man is too old and too rich to lug his own supplies from the yacht up the cliff to the concealed cabin. His crew does this for him and sometimes the two men on the island help. The old man pays them for it and also pays them to keep secret the name of the yacht. This secrecy, of course, has remained unbroken to this very day. For the only people who know of him are the two men who live on the island and the crews and skippers of the tuna fleet and their families and friends. Yet not for worlds would I have mentioned the subject either, except that the information should be passed on somehow to all other old men, and not be retained exclusively by the Chinese, and by this man from Philadelphia.

#### CHAPTER 18 Dots Between Words

The harbor was discovered in 1542 by Cabrillo. The harbor was discovered in 1542 by Cabrillo. The harbor was discovered in 1542 by Cabrillo—

This phrase has come to be as much a part of me as, *Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.* The phrase about Cabrillo must be used twice a year and turned into a feature story, once for the winter annual and once for the summer annual.

By closing my eyes and using the touch system exclusively I can write the rest of the harbor's history too, from the time of Cabrillo "to the present thriving beehive of shipping industry." Some day while preparing this semiannual story for the paper I shall become wise. I shall prepare 100 carbon copies and file them away for the subsequent 50 years, two each year.

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For waterfront reporters as a rule do not live to be more than 85, and around there sometime is when I shall be presented with my cigarettelighter for being the oldest living employee.

The reason these carbon copies were not prepared before is because I did not expect to be still here for the next annual. I always depended on Kismet (the word we poets use for Fate) to step in somehow and finish the book for me, after which I would be invited to New York as a columnist. Not an ordinary columnist, but a columnist who can write with dots, long

rows of dots between words. I am good at dots. I have practiced dots a good many years now, although they do not blend so well when writing about mackerel and barracuda, and they usually have to be cut out before turning in my copy. The copy-desk is discouraging about dots. The desk prefers verbs and nouns and things like that.

Cabrillo discovered the harbor in 1542 while searching for gold. He sailed into the harbor and came ashore. He claimed all the land for Spain. And because all Spanish explorers must kneel on one knee and kiss the earth if ever

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they expect to have their pictures copied in textbooks while discovering, I always make a pretty description of this in my annual stories. In fact I am at my best in this special paragraph about Cabrillo.

I have the sun forming a resemblance of a halo over the locks of his hair, and the Pulitzer news story prize committee should in time start noticing this paragraph. I cannot keep underlining it each time I mail the story East. Somebody on the committee should see it soon, for my modesty rebels against the thought of having to go there in person and read my

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story aloud to the members. They might become catty about my gestures and might object in terms that the Cabrillo discovery, although important, no longer is exactly spot news, having reached the Spanish press first. This constant cry for speed, speed, speed, speed is what drives us newspapermen crazy, and which is the reason I always say to young men who ask my advice about entering journalism: "Stay out of it...stay out of it.... My God..."And please just notice those dots.

#### CHAPTER 19 **Boxed Whale**

He used to live on the waterfront all the time, but not now. He left us a year ago in the spring to take a whale around the country in a box car.

The box car was specially made, being long and with lettering on the side: CAPTIVE WHALE. This lettering, of course, was an exaggeration which the man himself realized and which he was asked about in each city. Patrons who had paid their 25 cents frequently would demand an explanation why the whale, if it was a captive whale, also was not a live whale.

"My land, Mister," the man would answer, "you don't expect us to carry around a live whale in a train, do you?" The man was so practiced in his speech that he made his persecutors feel silly. He told us all about his speech when he returned.

He obtained his whale from the Scandinavian whaling fleet outside. One of the killer-ships brought the whale into port 48 hours dead, and the man helped the embalmers do the work.

They cut their way through to the whale's heart and they cut the heart out, the heart weighing 1200 pounds. They drained the two-inch arteries of their thousand gallons of blood and they soaked the whale with 10,000 gallons of embalming fluid. The figures are all familiar to me as I had to write them in a feature story.

In doing the feature story for the man not only was I made to feel a part of the whale-conspiracy but also he invited me to look at the whale anytime I wished for nothing, "and to bring your lady friend along too if you got one."

The whale on its private train stood up well as far as

**Bothered by** 

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Texas, then began to shrink. The man told us he was desperate for awhile but finally decided on what he calls "facelifting." He inoculated the whale all over with hot paraffin. He shot the stuff down under the surface at each yard or so. The skin swelled back to its natural size and assumed the luster needed for his successful season in Cleveland, Atlantic City, Chicago, St. Paul, Baltimore, Buffalo, and Detroit.

To us who have remained back here on the waterfront he can recite the cities quite rapidly, putting all the names in one. Before going with the whale he used to live in the abandoned watchman's hut by the tuna-cannery, but now he lives in an apartment uptown.

His picture sitting in the mouth of the whale has appeared in so many Eastern papers that he no longer seems one of us. He occasionally comes down to the waterfront to show us his scrapbook, then he goes back uptown again.

– Max Miller

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The Whittier Institute for Diabetes "Promoting Healthy Living with Diabetes"

For information call: SOUTH BAY TREATMENT CENTER 800-495-0001 Principal Investigator Joseph Mawhinney, M.D.

## Spring's Hero

	Someone I look up to once told me I should always try to write
	as if I were writing to someone who had six months to live.
"Look for	Think of your reader, I was told, as a person not unlike your-
	self who is on her or his deathbed. Don't imagine a roman-
what you're	tic death. Imagine the real thing. Death that devours, eats
leaving	and chews away at flesh. Death that hurts and smells bad. "Some-
	body like you, kitten," he nudged me, "somebody in pain,"
outwhat	he said. "Pain does more than hurt flesh; pain cuts you off."
you don't	Subject — what one wrote about — he went on to say, made little dif- ference. Heart did. "Lead with your heart not with your head." He laid his

ference. Heart did. "Lead with your heart not with your head." He laid his hand on my wrist. The light caught on the hairs on the back of his arm. The hairs glittered. Even though we were in a crowded restaurant, a hush seemed to have fallen across the tables. "Facts, how many missiles we have tucked away in Nevada or what makes the combustion engine work, a reference librarian can tell you that." He took a sip of the dark resinous wine he had ordered. Made a few smacking noises. Took a deep breath. "You should always try to tell something true about yourself." I know I flinched, that some muscle in my arm, on which his long fingers lay lightly, must have fluttered, and I guess that I frowned, because he went on to pat my arm and say, "Don't be embarrassed. And," he added, beginning to laugh so wildly he choked for a moment on the wine, "give hope."

This "talk" (because it was a "talk," a speech, not conversation) came back to me because I was trying to write about spring and how happy I'd been out on the patio under bright sunshine, dribbling white pebbles into six big, new red clay pots, filling the pots with gritty sand and soil and sowing three pots with okra seed, two with yellow crookneck squash, and fit into the sixth two cauliflower plants. I also admired buds emerging from the pots in which last fall I'd tucked hyacinth bulbs. Not only that,

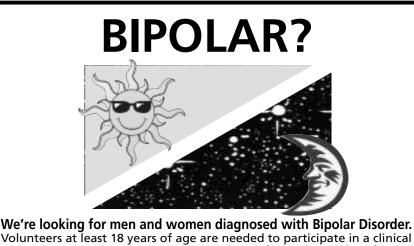


I'd repotted the bushy Christmas tree, three Christmases old and so badly rootbound that it has been unable to grow. Not only have I never gotten around to buying this tree a star for its tip, but I don't know whether it's pine, spruce, balsam, or some other evergreen. I never can keep straight names of trees that have needles rather than leaves. "Christmas tree" will have to do.

Writing about this, I'd wanted to make the point that spring's return offers hope and that working in a garden, however small, helps that hope along. I was having trouble. One of the best editors I've ever had tells writers, "If it's not going well, look for what you're leaving out, for what you're resisting, what you don't want to say. That omission may be precisely what the piece needs."

I had left out something. I'd left out the old man who seems to have taken up residence on our block. He's maybe 60, maybe as old as 65, whitehaired, blue-eyed, sturdy, and muscular. He's always wearing the same navy blue slacks, a tan windbreaker. He carries a plastic garbage bag. Different days the bag's different sizes, depending, I guess, on what he's gathered and been given. Unless you'd seen him, as my next-door neighbor and I had, rising up early on several mornings out of the matted vines at the side of my neighbor's house, leaning against the house's red bricks and hunch-

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change on you any second. When I'd gone out to the patio to begin work that morning, the old man had walked out from behind the seven-foot-high board fence that separates my patio from the house next door. His windbreaker and trousers were soaked from drinking from the hose, and a thin veil of pinkish blood, blood oozing out of a cut on his forehead and diluted by the hose water, fell down over his face. I walked quietly. I'm sure he'd not known I was there until he saw me. We stared. We did not speak. His eyes blazed. He rushed past me, down the street. For a moment, I felt sick to my stomach.

one whose mood could

I had also left out my father.

I never wear gardening gloves, and out on the patio that morning the soil under my bare hands felt busy. When I was a child my father, turning the plot for his World War II victory gardens, used to tell me that were I to put an ear tight against the ground and were I to listen very hard, I would be able to hear, through static, all the way to China.

What would I hear? "Chinese music." Well, what would Chi-

nese music sound like? Rolling his eyes, my father would recite on a sing-song atonal spiraling: "Chop Suey. Chiang Kai-Shek. Chow Mein. Shanghai. Madame Chiang. Fooyung." My father would be huffing and puffing from the effort of breaking rough dirt and bursting clods. He'd put his red rubber-booted foot up on the turning fork, grip the fork's handle and then, throwing back his head the way opera bassos do when they're ready to belt it out, he'd toss aside the turning fork, throw out his

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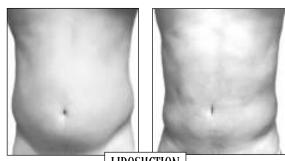
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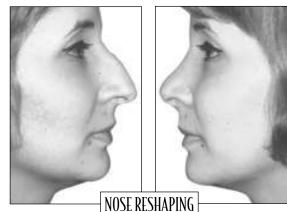
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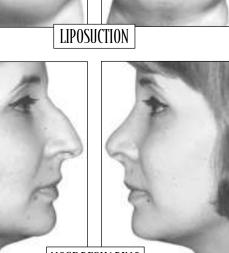


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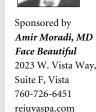
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My father said that the static, through which I had to listen so hard, was the sounds growing made. That, and worms wriggling. So when I've got my hands down in the dirt, I hear, as if I were a crazy aural hallucinator, the underground suckling and sobbing of tight corn against grains splitting open their yellow skin, sprouts breaking out of lima beans, wispy new radish roots coaxing up deep waters.

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My father, for me, was spring's hero. Yearly, he planted huge gardens, and after he retired he built a greenhouse in which he started flowers and vegetables for bedding out into his gardens. I think of his body underground — he'd always said he wanted his body to be worm food, and he'd left a letter of instruction, ordering that no autopsy be performed nor any embalming (and in the state where he was buried, to not be embalmed was not illegal). His doctor, a close friend, took him out of the gardening clothes he died in and dressed him for burial. He was buried in a pine box. By now worms and beetles will have eaten his fine features down to bone, will have gnawed his hands and toes, chewed his navy blue suit to rags, chewed his made-for-himin-England shirt, his socks. The shoes must still be there.

I can't seem to tell anyone — and tell with ardor to match my feeling how much I miss my father. How much, even after almost four years have passed since he dropped dead, I still want to show him this or tell him that. Also, the longer he's been dead the less I remember what I liked, admired, loved about him. He did the best he could.

Nothing that could come out of my mouth equals what's in my heart.

Back to that morning. I hustled into the house, two at a time, the half-dozen small pots of hyacinth. Last fall I had lined up the six red clay pots, filled the pots with soil mix, and buried one hyacinth bulb, nose up, halfway into that mix in each pot. Now, ten weeks later, green leaves and pointed buds swelled out of the dirt.

I'm particularly fond of hyacinth for its colors (I prefer Delft Blue, Pink Pearl, and the White L'Innocence) and perfume, which is strong and sweet and also fleshy and musky, even unpleasant. There is something vulgar about the hyacinth. A teenager who's picked up a few Freudian clichés might observe this vulgarity follows from the phallic shape the flower takes, as hourly in a warm sunny room, the flowered spike rises up and swells between the thick blade-shaped flowers.

Greek mythology has it that Hyacinthus was the youngest son of a Spartan king. His great beauty attracted Apollo, who killed him accidently when teaching him to throw the discus. Another version has it that Apollo's rival, the wind god Zephyrus, out of jealousy deflected the course of the discus in such a way as to strike Hyacinthus and kill him. In both versions Apollo, sick with grief, caused a hyacinth to grow out of the pool of Hyacinthus's blood (similar stories have violets, roses, and anemones growing from the blood of the dead).

I'd had to call over my neighbor to help me transplant the rootbound Christmas tree. I knew better than to ask him if this were pine or spruce because he's one of those entirely urban types whose areas of expertise have little to do with botany. While he held the tree in a horizontal hip hold, rather like the hold one uses to carry a toddler on one's hip, and I examined and then pulled apart the tree's hairy roots, we talked about the old man. He looks healthy, we said. We agreed that somewhere he's getting meals and haircuts and shaves. We thought he probably was not a mental case.

My neighbor, still balancing the tree across his



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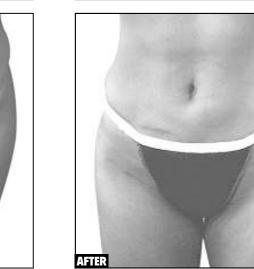


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slim hip while I separated the last of the tightly entwined roots, said he wasn't scared of the man. He was, he said, annoved by the man's urinating up against his house, because his bed, he snorted, is right above the vines in which the man has been sleeping. So he knows this man's the one who does this, late at night, maybe 3:00 in the morning."A cataract of piss, against the wall. Like a stallion pissing. And when it gets hot out there, it's going to stink, like a pissoir."

But what can we do about him, I asked, helping my neighbor tip the tree into the hollow I'd made in the soil. We sunk the tree's roots, then, into the billowy humus. I got on my knees. I patted down the soft dirt around the tree's trunk. The bark oozed drops of black pitch. The bark was scratchy and scraped my cheek. I was thinking maybe I should've bought a bigger pot, but it was too late.

My neighbor brushed the dirt from the tree off his hands, into the air. The dirt flew off in the breeze, the vermiculite chips sparkling as if someone had tossed out a confetti of minuscule diamonds. He looked up at the sky across which wind was blowing puffy white clouds that broke up the sun. He eyed a sooty-headed Stellar's jay who screamed down at us from the rooftop. "Hush," he shouted at the jay, and then lowering his voice, he said maybe there was something — but what? — that we could learn about this guy.

The Christmas tree looked awkward in its new soil. My neighbor tweaked the tree's topmost branch, pulled off a tinsel strand, worried the silver between his fingers. "Something other," he said, "than call 911. Because the police wouldn't, couldn't, anyway do anything." We tried out various scenarios. None were practical. What solutions we came up with were more about us than about him. Were more about what would make us, for at least a few hours, feel less selfish.

"Maybe," my neighbor concluded, "we have to accept that there's nothing we can do."

When writing's not going well, I think it's true that you do well to look for what you're leaving out. There is also the opposite, more obvious tack: you may need to cut part of what you've written. Trying to write about how happy I'd been out on the patio, I hadn't wanted to write about my father, because I don't enjoy feeling how much I miss him. But at least my father fit into the scheme of the piece I was trying to write. I didn't want to write about this old man because I didn't want to face how much his presence clouds the pleasure of my garden. I didn't want to read and reread in my own words my lack of generosity, my increasing hardness of heart toward people who have no home. The old man didn't fit in the story I was tellng; the scaffolding of text my story produced was not strong enough to make myself do what's right. I know what's right. I do not do it.

So I took out the old man. The piece was tidier.

Writing about spring, I'd also wanted to bring in some allusion to the cycle of dying and rebirth. Reference to that cycle shows up so regularly in greeting cards and Protestant hymns that when it appears, those of us who are cynics smell a rat.

Then I put the old man back in. He has made himself part of my garden. I want to leave him out. I need to leave him out. I know I shouldn't. Nothing that comes out of my month equals what's in my heart. The crookneck squash seed I planted by July will be droopy with yellow fruit. The okra stems will be fat with pods. Next Christmas the Christmas tree will have grown a foot. I will learn its name. I will buy a star for it. My father, beetles perhaps even now are chewing your shoes. I am remembering you, planting and hoping.



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**"About a year ago,** a sense of nostalgia and contrition engulfed me like — like I don't know what," I said to Roy, a 47-year-old guy I'd been playing an acoustic jam with next to the Ocean Beach pier. He gave me a funny look when I uttered the word *contrition.* "I don't know if it's a midlife crisis thing or what," I went on; "I haven't really had the desire to play in almost 10 years, and it's been close to 12 since I was in a band. One day I woke up and said, 'I want to be in a band again.' But is it possible? Now? At my age?"

"How old are you?" Roy asked. "Thirty-seven."

He scoffed, shook his head, cracked open a beer like a pro, and handed it to me. "You're a pup," he said, "you have another five, seven years before you reach that dreaded midlife crisis thing, man."

"I can hardly wait," I said, drinking the semi-warm beer.

"It'll be *fun*."

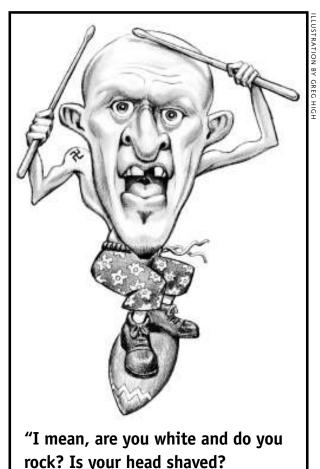
I'd seen Roy before, hanging out by the pier, playing the acoustic axe along with other guitar-slinging Ocean Beach regulars mingled among the 'Nam vets, drug dealers, skinheads, skaters, surfers, and teenage girls working on their tans. I had just gone down to the FedEx drop box on Santa Monica Avenue to send off a manuscript to my agent, check my e-mail at Newport News, and get

some food at the Apple Tree. Roy and a young guy with a cheap acoustic guitar, tall and tanned, with his shirt off, were dueling strings, plucking out Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" like seasoned musicians. The young guy, who couldn't have been older than 20, had a great voice and had the song *down*. What I heard, as I passed by, sounded wonderful, touching me deep; this reminded me so much of my "youthful" days when the singer of my former band, Jordan, and I would hang out in Chula Vistame with my Ovation six-string, he with his spiral-bound notebook full of lyrics — and create harmonies that, months later, we'd perform in little clubs and at parties.

I felt inspired and rushed back to my apartment on Muir Avenue with notes circling around my head — I didn't know what I was doing and I should have stayed home, but something alien was moving me. I stuffed my Aria acoustic bass into its black gig bag and headed five blocks west back to the beach. I wanted to play some Pink Floyd, too — I just wanted to play music with someone other than myself and the old Roland drum machine I've had since 1987, purchased with my first American Express card (which also resulted in my first bankruptcy visit to federal court).

Back at the pier, Roy was by himself, sitting on the wall, strumming his 12-string sunburst-finished Fender, a six-pack of beer by his feet. He looked up.

I felt foolish asking, "Can I join you? I mean, I'd like to jam...with..." He rolled his eyes. "Another guitar player. God love you all, man. You



"You got the wrong dude, dude."

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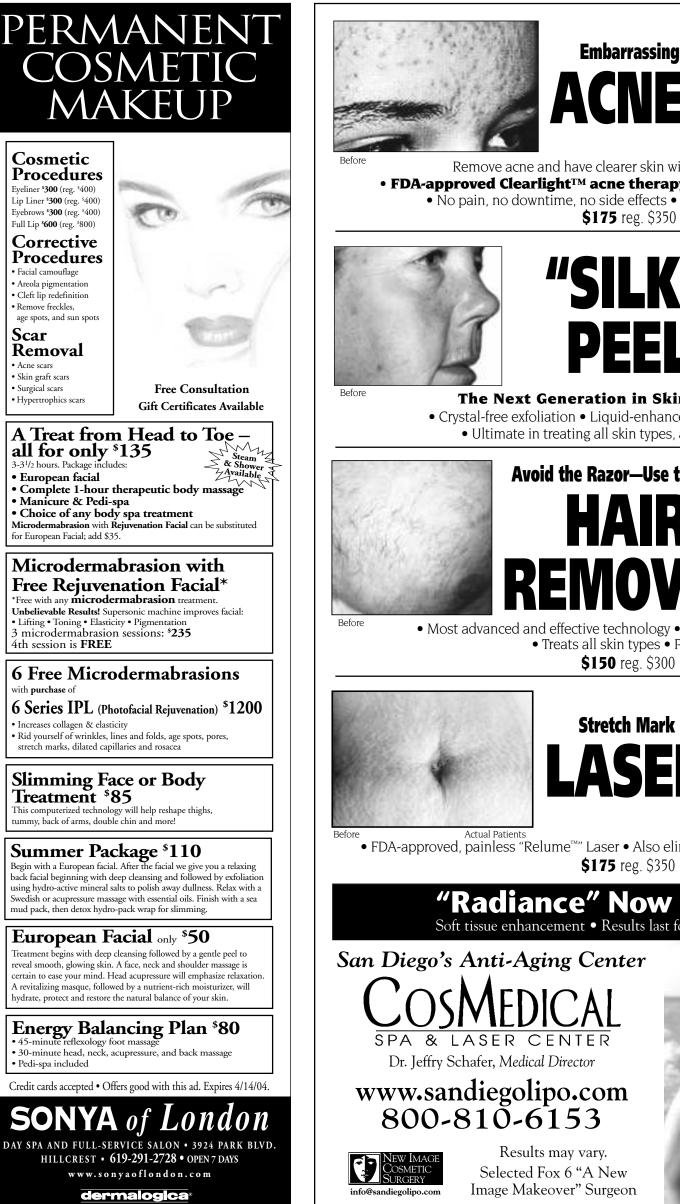
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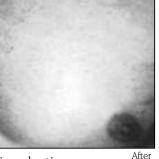




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fuckers are everywhere." "Actually," I said, sitting

down, "I play the bass," and I started to take my instrument out of its bag.

He was interested. "Bass! How...different."

"Yeah," I said. "Let's jam, man," he

said. "Let me tune up," I said with a smile.

So we played a while, we had some beers and talked. I asked him if he'd ever been in a band. "Sure," he said. "When I was in my 20s. What about you?"

"Same. Twenties."

"It's always when we're in our 20s, huh, man?"

"So what happened," I asked, "with your band?"

He shrugged and opened another beer. "Nothing really. We weren't serious. Played covers, a couple of originals that pretty much sucked. Did this for, uh, I don't know, man, six or seven years; we drifted apart and that was that. I tried putting another band together, but I don't know, man; my heart wasn't in it. When I needed the money to pay rent and eat, I sold my equipment. Sold it all, except for this one," and he patted his Fender, the sound echoing through the hollow wood. "This one is my *baby*; it's been with me all these years; it goes where I go, even when I was out on the streets and living in Father Joe's Village." I turned around and

looked at the ocean. "What about you," he

asked, "and your band?" "It's hard to say One

"It's hard to say. One day everything was going great, we were playing lots of gigs, two a week at least; we had an album out with a small label in New York it wasn't doing all that great, but the label was still behind us. They said we needed to grow with the second and third album and then maybe we'd be big; we'd have a few hits with college radio stations, in the underground scene and all that. I mean, we didn't do commercial music, so I didn't expect we'd make it on Billboard's list."

"What kind of music was it?"

"Dark, moody stuff," I said. "Poetic even. The Doors meets Bauhaus meets the Stooges meets Joy Division."

"Only names I recognize is the Doors, man," Roy told me. "What a wild and crazy group, huh? Jim Morrison, my gawd." He leaned toward me, looked around, said quietly, "You think he's really dead and buried in Paris? I think he's still alive — like *Elvis*," he laughed, throwing his head back. "Yeah! Like Elvis, man! Jim Morrison and



*"I'm a musician who plays the bass."* 

Elvis are probably hanging out by the Salton Sea and playing in some crappy little bar around there, soaking in the bad smell and the sun, man!"

"I believe it."

"I saw one of those Doors tribute bands — Wild Child, I think they call themselves."

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"Seen them too, plus

Roy shook his head.

"There are some that

"They're not the Doors. I

don't get these tribute band

play entire Grateful Dead

and Led Zeppelin concerts

down to the note and move-

ments, reenacted from

a couple others."

things."

bootleg footage," I told him. "I was peeking in the *Reader* classifieds, and there was someone looking to form an REO Speedwagon tribute group."

"REO Speedwagon?" Roy roared, slapping his leg. "Now *that's* a guy on drugs. *Who* in their right mind would *want* to form an REO Speedwagon tribute band?"

He continued, "So, did you guys do any covers?" "Two. 'Gloria' and 'She's Come Undone.' "

"Cool songs. So it was mostly original stuff, huh?" "Mostly."

"And you cut a record? You had a deal? What was that like? I never got that far. What was that like?"

"It wasn't like what most people might think," I said. "First, they were a small company. They gave us a tiny advance and some money for studio time, and that was about it."

It was, I thought, a lot like my first novel: published by a little literary press in San Francisco with no advance, scant reviews, minimal distribution.

"And nothing happened with the record?"

"It may have earned its advance back," I said.

"Wow. Does this happen a lot? You get a record deal somewhere and it flops and then kaput?" "More than you think."

"I always figured, you get a record contract, you got it made; you're set for life."

That reminded me of a woman from a few years ago; she was having dinner with a group of mutual friends — she was an aspiring playwright and overheard me talking about the difficulty of selling my novels. "But you've published two books," she'd said. "I thought once you have that first novel out, all the doors of publishing open up to you and you got it made."

To be naïve — I thought back then and thought while I sat by the pier with Roy — is to know bliss.

"So back to your band," Roy said, "what happened?"

"Maybe it was the poor record sales," I said. "The singer, Jordan, was obsessed with 'making it.' That's all he talked about: 'making it.' He wanted everyone in his life who'd ever betrayed him, hurt him, abandoned him, didn't believe in him, whatever, to know one day that he 'made it' - whatever that means - he wanted them all to feel regret. Instead of the work, the art, he chased this, I don't know — he thought all his troubles would go away with a record contract, that he wouldn't have





to struggle, that he'd be happy forever."

"Hey, I can understand that."

"It destroyed him. He'd screwed it up with his previous band. Someone at Warner Brothers kept calling him about a demo tape he left at their offices when they did an L.A. gig. But he was being cocky; he didn't return their calls for two weeks; he had it somewhere in his head that if he didn't call back they'd come to him on their hands and knees. So he waits another week to call this fellow at Warner, thinking the guy was going to be, like, 'Thank God you phoned because your band is God!' But the record guy doesn't return Jordan's calls, and the secretary finally tells Jordan, 'Mr. So-andso instructed me to advise you he's no longer interested.' Advised," I said with an inevitable sigh.

"Man, oh man," said Roy, shaking his head. "Must've been a big thorn in your friend's side."

"It bugged him more than he let on," I said, remembering many drunken nights when Jordan ranted about the future he could've had, the rock star he could've been: all the usual lamentable crap that comes up after too much booze and drugs and heartache. As Marlon Brando says in *On the Waterfront*... Well, you know what he says."

"So, uh, what happened to ol' Jordan?" "He returned to being

a Jehovah's Witness." "Say what?"

"Before I met him, he was an apprentice minister in the Jehovah's Witnesses. The girl he was supposed to marry betrayed him, or so he said; when he went home he turned on the radio and heard the Doors playing 'Break on Through to the Other Side.' He decided he no longer wanted to be a minister and wanted to pursue what he called 'the dark side,' so he started to take a lot of acid and became insanely obsessed with Jim Morrison."

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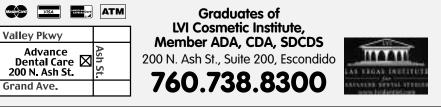
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"You're shitting me." "His minister training worked well when he was onstage," I said. "Presence and power."

"Jim Morrison," Roy said. "He's gotten the best of many lost young men."

I left Roy at the pier as he continued to play that sweet-sounding 12-string and talk to whoever would stop and buy him more beer. I said I'd bring a sixpack next time, but I wasn't sure if I liked sitting out in the sun and having people stop and glare, some leaving quarters and dimes.

I walked down Abbott Street for a few blocks, then walked into a coffeehouse that had a bulletin board. Most of the postings were for envelope-stuffing jobs, bikes and cars for sale, and English tutors for hire (all those foreign students hoping to pass the English as a Second Language test); I'd seen a few handwritten notes from people looking for musicians or wanting to join bands, so a week earlier I'd placed a similar note in block letters: BASSIST, 30ish, LOOK-ING FOR BAND MATES. ORIGINAL MATERIAL ONLY.

My note was still there. No one had called me yet. The coffeehouse was empty; it was empty every time I came in, except for the same postal carrier who always seemed to be on an endless break, chatting with the folks behind the counter. I wondered if this coffeehouse ever got any real business and if this letter carrier ever made her deliveries.

I checked my e-mail on the Internet machine, \$1 for ten minutes. I'd also placed an online ad at www.sdmusicians.com. There was a response from a guy who called himself Caleb with a Yahoo account. "You into the blues & playing clubs?" he wrote. "This is my battle plan: get a threepiece together, get a solid 20- or 30-minute set together, hit the clubs & make some extra \$\$\$. It's out there to make, I just know it! I play a mean blues guitar & have songs in my head. How does that sound to you? If it sounds cool maybe we can hook up this weekend. I've been talking to this drummer. Maybe the three of us can hook up & jam this weekend & we'll see if the magic is there."

I wrote back: "Sounds interesting. Tell me more. Where are you in San Diego?"

His e-mail a few hours later: "I'm in Mira Mesa & the drummer I'm talking 

 "Wait! Do you smoke pot?"

 "Not really."

 "So you don't know where to get any?"

to is in Clairemont. We're phoning back & forth to figure out a good time and where to jam, maybe at his place or there are studios we can rent for like \$20 an hour. What's your number? I'll call when I get this figured out."

I e-mailed my phone number and told him it

where was a cell and he could call anytime. I didn't hear back

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from him that weekend.

I'd placed an ad, 25 words or less, in a few of the weeklies: "Bass Player, also baritone guitar, looking to form or join original project. I'm in my mid-30s, into Love

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and Rockets, the Doors, Portishead, Rush, White Stripes, etc." I'd also put up a note on the corkboard in the practice and lesson studios next to Guitar Trader on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. "No one ever looks at those," a stocky guy with a mullet said as he passed me. He worked in the store as a salesman. I went in and bought a chorus pedal from him.

"Are you in a band?" I asked.

He shrugged. "Always in and out of one band or another. There are a lot of fucking wannabes out there, you know. Nobody takes this shit for real. They just like to buy guitars and dream. But hey, that's why we're in business."

A cynic! The first guy to call me said he'd moved here from Denver and was a

serious guitarist. "I've been playing for ten years," he said. "You?"

"About the same." "I've been trying to get a band together since I arrived and haven't had any luck. Flakes and druggies and people who just don't take music seriously. Do you take music *seriously?*"

I said, "Serious enough."

"I don't know what's wrong. I mean, I had trouble getting a band together in Denver so I moved out here thinking it'd be easier; I mean, there are a lot of musicians out here, right? You're just a hop-skip-anda-jump from L.A., right? But it seems harder to gel with people out here."

"Where are you?" I asked. "What part of the city do you live in?"

"Oceanside."

I winced.

Silence.

I asked, "Why Oceanside?"

I hoped I wasn't insulting him.

"Job transfer," he said flippantly.

"Oh." I didn't want to know what he did.

He asked about my experience and I told him. "You *cut* an album?" he said. "That's what I want to do. Was it fun?"

I said, "Fun enough." "So can I get this album somewhere?"

"I doubt it. It's long out of print, never made it to CD. This was still the day of vinyl and cassette tapes. I have the masters and copyright," and that damn feeling of loss started to hit me in the chest. "I keep thinking one day I'll dig them out, go into a studio, redo them right, digitally. Sharpen the sound, maybe add some strings or keys or another guitar."



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this band? Bass, right?" "Guitar. But I wrote all the music."

"What did you play in

"So you're a guitar player?"

"I'm a musician," I said, "I play bass."

He asked about the baritone guitar mentioned in my ad. "What's that? That's like, what, a deep guitar?"

"A Danelectro. It's tuned a fifth lower than a guitar, at B, but some people tune it a sixth to A. It has a longer neck, like a bass. The low string starts at around 68 gauge, the high string 14."

"So you're really a guitar player who plays the bass," he said. I noted irritation, or disappointment. "I'm a musician who

plays the bass," I told him. "What I'm looking for,"

he said, "is a serious goddamn bass player," and he hung up.

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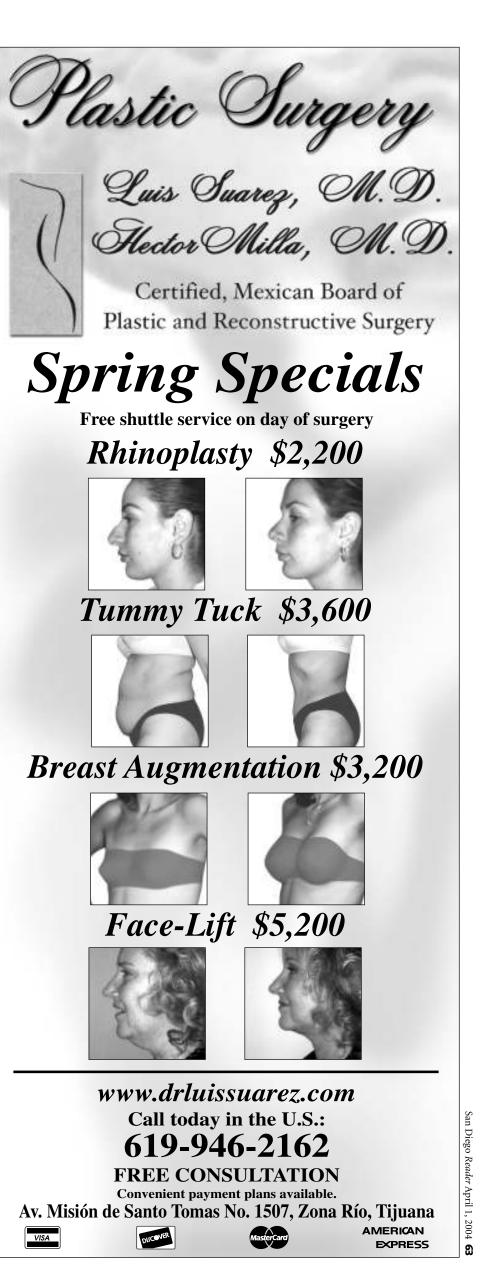
When I got the urge to be in a band again, I decided on the bass because (1) I'd always loved the instrument, and (2) it would be easier to hook up with a band or players as there was always a shortage of bass players and a plethora of guitar heroes, same way there were too many drummers and singer/songwriter types in the world.

One singer/songwriter type — we'll call him Rob — answered my ad and said he had two musical gigs going: one in a bossa nova band and the other an acoustic folk set he did solo at various coffeehouses. "I'd like to get a third going," he told me on the phone, "do some rock 'n' roll for a change. Maybe some crazy punk rock you into crazy punk rock?" "Sure," I said, "why

not? "What caught my eye about your ad was you listed Love and Rockets. You like them, huh?"

"Always have, even when they were Bauhaus and Tones on Tail."

"You know the bass player, David J, lives here now?"



"Here?" "In San Diego." "Really," I said.

"Funny, huh? Yeah, he lives in Solana Beach, has his own solo shindig now, plays at the Belly Up all the time."

"Isn't that something," I said, wondering how I could get a hold of David J and interview him; he and Daniel Ash's lyrics and music influenced me a long time ago.

Rob said, "If you wanna see my acoustic solo set, I'm playing this Tuesday..."

I didn't make it to the Little Italy coffeehouse, and I was more curious about Rob's bossa nova gig. Did people *really* play live bossa nova? I always thought of it as a rhythm setting on Casio keyboards.

It took about a week to find a good time for Rob to come over to my place, between his two gigs and two part-time jobs. "I have three kids and a wife here,"

he said. That should have been a red flag. I knew from experience that aspiring musicians and a load of children do not mix they can't really live a life on the road; they're not as free and careless the way I felt a musician had to be to create art. Maybe my thinking was narrow; still, my take is you have the family after you've settled into your artistic career, whether you're a musician, writer, painter, or architect.

Rob showed up in Ocean Beach on an overcast Monday with two guitars and a small Vox amp. He was 34 with short dark hair and Buddy Holly glasses. "Boy, are the streets around here narrow," he said. (I forgot to tell him he could use my parking space in front of the apartment, as my girlfriend was at work. I had to lock my two kittens in the bedroom; they get overexcited when new people come over, and they love to play with guitar cables.)

I sat down with Rob and we jammed out a few chords and ideas for melodies. This went on for 20 minutes, and I believe we both understood we were coming from different musical worlds.

Moon Press, Feral House). "They gather up over the years," I said.

> "You and your girlfriend read a lot?"

> "This here," I said, standing up, "is my shelf." The shelf was next to my two old Macintosh com-

At night I could see guitars or basses or drum sets displayed in the middle of living rooms; people sat in their yards or perched on the hoods of cars, jammed out tunes.

We took a break, neither of us wanting to be rude.

"You sure have a hell of a lot of books," he said, looking around at all my shelves, thousands of books vaguely categorized by genre, author, and even publishers (FC2, Sun & puters — on top were half a dozen rare plastic Godzilla toys, behind the toys was a giant proxy of a \$6000 check the San Diego Book Awards Association gave me as a grant on May 11, 2000. He said softly "L've

He said softly, "I've always wanted to write a book." Then: "Who the hell

#### are you?"

"Excuse me?" "What are you, some kind of *freak?!*" he yelled. *"What's your game?*"

"Um," I said, "I think it's time for you to go, Rob." "Yeah, it is." He gathered his stuff up, quickly, and left, slamming my screen door.

I let the kittens out of the bedroom.

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It seemed that admitting I was more than a mere bass player wasn't a good idea. I understood this when the next singer/songwriter came to the apartment with his acoustic Takamine, a guy my age with long hair, wearing an old Hawaiian shirt. I showed him my shelf and explained my shelf and he shook his head, saying, "That's amazing. I've been writing novels on the side for ten years and can't get anyone to read them. How do you get published?"

"Well," I said, "I put

my manuscripts in an envelope and mail them to publishers and they publish them."

He gave me a look one of *those* looks. "It's not *that* easy; nothing is ever that easy."

"No, nothing ever is. There is a lot of work involved, just like creating songs."

"But you have an agent?"

"Sure."

"What's his name? Or her? I mean, would you hook me up with your agent so I can get published?"

"I'd have to read —"

"I'll send you one of my novels, okay?" He was no longer interested in talking music; it was publishing and how I could help him. A few days later the mailman delivered a 304-page book manuscript. I couldn't get past the first chapter; it was unreadable and, in my opinion, unpalatable. But how to tell this to him? Usually

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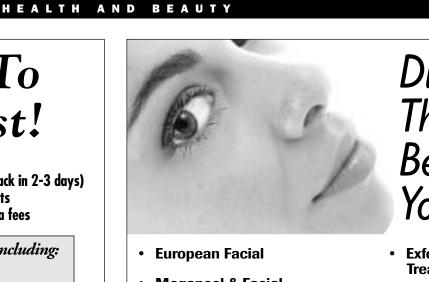
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I told him what I thought, straight up.

"Well, you're wrong," he said, restraining the anger in his voice.

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"What I'm looking for," this guy with a high-pitched voice said on the phone, "is a band to back me up."

"Back you up," I said. "I've been in the studio for six months making an album. Played all the instruments myself. Now I need a backup band for when I go out on tour." "So you've sold this album?"

"Not yet, but I will." "I see." "So I need people to play my music and make me shine. I want players, not stars. I'm the front man; I'm the only star."

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The phone rang and a male voice said, "Quickly, don't think, this is a test, first band that comes to mind when you think about bands that have influenced you."

"Rush."

"Rush, that's cool. I'm hip to Rush. What's the second?"

"The Doors." "Right on; cool, thick bass lines. The third?"

"Bauhaus." "Never heard of them." "The Cure."

"The Cure is cool," he said. "So, you like the blues?" I laughed. "Who is

this?" "We talked, like, a

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month or two ago on e-

mail. Caleb. I want to get a band together, do a 30-minute five-song set and play all the clubs in town and make some green."

"Oh yeah," I said. "You get right to the point with your phone call. I like that." "Time is wasting, time

is wasting, "he said. I could tell he was on something. "So, what do you think? Five songs, 30 minutes?" "It'd be better to have, say, eight or nine songs, a 45-minute to an hour set. What if you have to play two sets in a row? That's what I think you should be aiming for."

"I hear you, I hear you; I got songs, I hear you." I could hear him fumbling with things on the other end. "Listen to this. I was playing around and just came up with this awesome riff. Listen to this," and he began to play his guitar;



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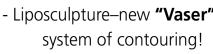


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the output was slightly distorted, his strings were tuned a little too flat, and he was playing a standard blues bar, the kind people have been hearing for a hundred years. "What do you think? What do you think? Are you hip to that? Can you get into that?" he asked.

"Well," I said because I didn't know what else to say

"I'm trying to line up a jam this weekend with this drummer I know in Clairemont. You interested

in a jam if I can set this up?"

"This the same drummer from last time?"

"Last time? Oh yeah. He's a hard cat to pin down, you know. But I'll get him pinned. What do you think?"

I imagined Caleb trapped in an unknown circle of Hell, forever playing that same out-of-tune blues riff and waiting for that drummer in Clairemont to contact him.

I said, "Call me if you do"

He said, "I will." He didn't.

\* \* \*

"Are you white?" a deep voice asked on the other line

"Sure."

"I mean, are you *white* and do you rock? Is your head shaved? That's what we're looking for. We're a neo-Nazi surf punk band, dude."

"You got the wrong dude, dude."

"Yeah, well, fuck you too. I'll kick your ass if I

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ever see you!"

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I was at the Black buying new strings for my Epiphone bass, as well as the latest biography of Bukowski. I walked toward the beach and spotted Roy by the pier playing his 12-string. Stepped into the liquor store, got a six-pack, went up to him, and said, "Don't know if you remember me."

He squinted, looked at the beer. "Yeah, yeah, oh yeah, I remember you -

once...' I sat down."Promised you a six-pack last time."

the guy who did a record

"Took ya a while." "I keep my promises."

"Won't argue with that," he said, taking a beer, cracking it open, slugging it down. "Hits the spot. You know? I think you know, man. So — where's your bass? What've you been up to?"

I told him about my forays into trying to put a band together in San Diego. "Not easy, is it?" he said.

"Not now, and it wasn't before, oh so long ago," I you talk to people, you meet some, try to determine if you'll meet again, and again, and make beautiful music together."

"So a band would be like a marriage," he said. "Commitment, trust, longterm goals."

'Fights and arguments," I said. "Compromise," he said.

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Walking home, I realized I

was going about this the wrong way. I was getting a lot of calls from people in North County or down in South Bay, places that didn't work for me logistically, just as Ocean Beach didn't work for them. I strolled Bacon Street to my apartment, passing Winstons (where many local bands play) and the rehearsal/recording studio across the street (where I'd seen musicians come and go at all hours). There's a hair salon, the Clip Joint, next to Winstons; inside it used to be an old, beaten upright acoustic bass leaning against the wall. Every time I saw it, I reminded myself that I had to get one of those; I'd wanted one for years, but they're expensive instruments. One night I looked in the joint and the bass was no longer there. Did it get moved? Stolen? Did someone need it for a rockabilly gig? The next week a royalty check came in and I went out and bought a used upright, modifying it with a chrome tailpiece.

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various acoustic six-strings; men and women walked to and from the beach with axes strapped to their backs, harmonicas in their mouths. In the 7-Eleven, I overheard teenage skater kids talking. A boy said to a girl, "Hey, didn't I leave my phase shifter at your house?" She said no, he did not; she was stern about this fact. He said, "I must have, it's the last place I played and — shit, I can't play guitar without my phase shifter!"

A young lady renting

out the house next to me with four other women knocked on my door one afternoon and said, "I hear you play all the time. Would you tune my guitar? It hasn't been tuned in months." Sometimes they had parties and had live bands at the house.

One of my upstairs neighbors occasionally attacked the strings of a very out-of-tune guitar and would scream, "ҮЕАНННННН, ВАН-HHBBEEE!" and laugh

and tell his girlfriend, "Boy, do I suck." My next-door neighbor had a small piano, and the 16-year-old son of another neighbor knocked on my door and asked if I'd teach him a few chords on his shoddy Hondo. "I'm going to get a real Gibson one day," he said with a big smile.

When I was 15, I wanted a Gibson too. Gibsons aren't cheap.

With so many musicians around me, I had to think local, I had to focus.

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Oceanside were the same place. Many others wanted me to be a backup player, a replacement player; there were dozens of bands that'd gone through several bassists. I auditioned for a few, but they weren't my thing and I wasn't theirs. I was adamant: I wanted to start a project from square one, original material only, a collaboration of talent; I had no desire to fill someone else's shoes.

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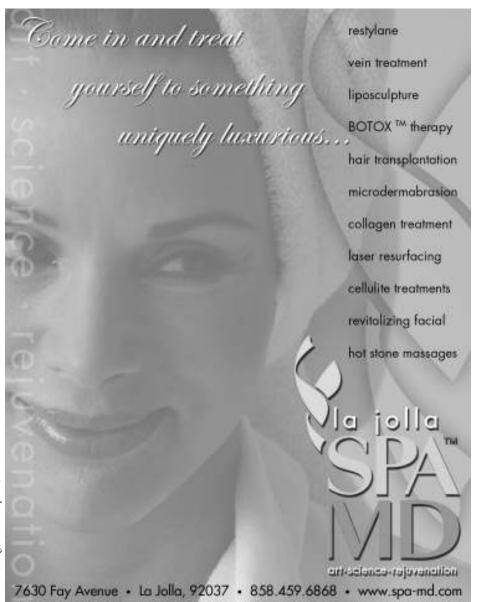
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noon on Sunday," a phone message waited for me on a Friday night. The voice was hushed, like the guy was letting me in on a secret. "We have a whole album ready, and we're hot. Our manager is the sister of the singer from Jane's Addiction."

I heard this a lot: "I/we have a whole album ready to go."

And this: "We're hot." And this: "We're going to be soon."

I played phone tag with Shella for two days before we finally talked. She liked that I had listed Portishead and Led Zeppelin as my influences. "We've been looking for a bass player for a year," she said. "What is it with this town? No one plays bass."

do you do?"

you'll like it. You should come jam with us. We're called Shella's Ohm."

I gave in. I didn't want to go into my spiel about starting from scratch and why, blah blah blah. Maybe joining a band *in situ* was the method after all. I told her about my Danelectro baritone, how it was like a bass, and she said, "Yeah! Bring that! I want to hear

A couple of other quys came

and went, they had acoustic guitars but wanted to play \* \* \*

Nirvana or Led Zeppelin songs. need!"

"What kind of music

"Oh it's trippy, it's weird,

that! Maybe that's what we

"Okay. And I'll bring a regular bass."

"Wait! Do you smoke pot?

"Not really." "So you don't know where to get any?"

I did, but I told her no. "You don't mind if we

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Christian and play for Jesus only.'We're not born-again Christians, Mike. I take it you're not?" "Not yet."

smoke pot, do you?"

"Not at all."

"Drink?"

"I drink."

"Just wanted to get that

out front," Shella said. "We're

low-key about it, nothing

out of control. Some peo-

ple, they get so weird about

all that — no drugs, no

booze, 'I'm a born-again

"Listen, we rehearse in Ocean Beach, at the guitar player's house. Every Tuesday and Thursday. You up for jamming with us on Tuesday? See how it goes?



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See if we can't do business?" "Sounds great." "I'll call you." She didn't call until Wednesday, told me someone was sick and rehearsal was called off, how about Thursday? This was fine with me.

I heard from her again the following Tuesday: "I know I probably seem like a flake to you, but I'm not. Things — oh, things! Anyway, anyway, anyway, we are *definitely* having rehearsal this Thursday. I understand if you just wanna blow us off, but if you wanna come, you can. We really really *really* need a bass player."

> "Thursday for sure?" "Yeah."

"Because I'll have to call off some plans."

"If you have plans..."

"It's nothing important," I said. Thursdays, my girlfriend and I usually go to Pal Joey's on Waring Road to hang out with various writers, grad students, and a professor or two. It's a once-a-week gathering I've attended since 1993 at four different bars; the first one used to be Pacific Shores, which was where Shella called me from at 10:30 p.m. She was supposed to call around 8:00 or 9:00 and give me the address where the rehearsal was.

"Mike!" she said, as if she was out of breath. She giggled. "Listen, I'm calling you on some guy's cell phone, some guy I don't even know. There's been a delay, the guitarist is having a situation with his girlfriend, and we're waiting for that situation to resolve, which shouldn't be long. We're at Pac Shores having a few drinks. Wanna join us?"

"I don't know," I said. "It's getting late."

"Don't give up on us yet!" she laughed and then the line went dead.

She called back at 11:10. "Okay, we're here, we're set." She gave me an address on Del Monte Street. "I know it's late," she said.

"I'll be there." "You might have to park on Newport or something; parking is impossible around here."

I told her my girlfriend had the truck and I could easily walk. "Don't walk!" Shella said. "I'll come get you. It's only down the street. I can do this after all the waiting you've endured."

I stood outside. She was there in 3 minutes, in a BMW. Shella was a tall blonde who looked sort of like Jewel, and I'd find out in about 15 minutes she played and sang sort of like Jewel, or within that San Diego-bred Jewelesque genre.

The place on Del Monte was a condo. Two women kept walking up

and down the stairs with scowls on their faces. There were three guys in the living room; two played guitar, and one, a short fellow who sat in a deep chair and didn't say a word, was the percussionist, but he didn't have anything drumlike to bang on. They had a fridge full of light beers, and I had a beer with them. They were all in their late 20s, dressed like office workers or paralegals, and had apparently known each other since high school, had always wanted to form a band, had played some gigs around town, mostly coffeehouses and minor events. Shella explained the

spiritual, metaphysical, and environmental philosophy behind her music, speaking so fast and changing the tone and cadence of her voice every two minutes that I was ready for her to blurt out something like "We're postmodern and hyperreal!"

"It's cool stuff," said one of the guitarists. "You should hear how she twists variations on the G and B chords."

"We'll just play a few songs and you can listen." Shella said, "Jump in if you have an idea, play around on the bass, we'll listen to you, and all that groovy stuff."

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They played three songs. I think they were three different songs; the tunes all sounded pretty much the same — similar tempos, beats, chord progressions, lyric-to-chorus ratios.

"Listen to this one," she said. "This is one of our most popular songs; it always gets requested."

The song sounded the same as the others, except in the middle the music stopped and Shella yelled, "FUCK YOU, SAN DIEGO!"

They started to smoke weed, which I declined on. I had another beer. I was on my fourth light beer and not feeling an iota of a buzz, and I really needed a buzz.

"So what do you think?" Shella asked, exhaling. "What kind of bass does our music need, you think?"

"Honestly," I said, "your sound needs an upright acoustic, not electric."

Shella jumped to her feet and waved her arms in the air. "THAT'S IT! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED! STAND-UP BASS! I'VE BEEN TELL-ING THESE GUYS FOR MONTHS THAT'S WHAT WE NEED, BUT THEY JUST WON'T LISTEN TO ME!"

"Chill," someone told her.

The silent drummer sat deeply in the deep chair and played imaginary sticks in the air.

"You're a genius," she told me, and sat down. "But these guys, they're, like, 'Who has an upright bass?' " "I just bought one," I

said. "Really? Is it awesome

or is it awesome?" "It's awesome."

"Now that," she said, "is just awesome."

We sat around and jammed more. A couple of other guys came and went; they had acoustic guitars but wanted to play Nirvana or Led Zeppelin songs. I had no idea who they were, if they were part of this amalgamation of a band or what. They were getting quite stoned, and Shella started to talk about her

ideas for "The Album." Yes, always "The Album." Her concept was that all the songs would smoothly flow into one another without any discernible breaks. I didn't think this would be too hard since the songs all sounded alike.

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"The first thing I have to ask you," this guy, we'll call him Ron, said on the phone, "is do you mind having a girl in a band?"

"No."

"Some men do, who knows," he said, "especially if the girl is the singer. They get weird about it. It's a sexual competition thing, if you know what I mean."

I knew what he was getting at; I'd seen it happen in bands with one woman and several men. "Doesn't bug me," I told Ron.

"I've been working with a female singer on some stuff, but we want what you want. I like what you said, about starting a band from scratch. That's precisely what we want to do. I can't believe how hard it is to get a band going in San Diego. We got out here from Chicago eight months ago. I thought it would be easy."

"If it was easy," I said, "it wouldn't be worth it."

"True, true. So, okay. What should we do? Meet for lunch? Get together and play? I work in Point Loma, right near you. I work on the Naval Base."

"Why don't you come on over," I said.

It took us a week to figure out the right day and time. Ron came over after work on a Tuesday, with his guitar. He was 29 and so was the female singer. I was curious about her.

"She's great," he said. "She gets asked to play clubs all the time, even if there is no band; she has a fantastic voice. We won't have any trouble snagging gigs."

I nodded.

"So do you live here alone?"

"With my girlfriend." "Good, good," he said, "that helps."

I didn't know what he meant by that.

We jammed and seemed to click. Was this the beginning of a band? It felt like the first time I played with the two members of my old band.

"You know," Ron said, "I'm worried."

"Why?"

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girlfriend now," he said, "and I'm worried you might want to screw her."

I laughed and went, "Are you kidding?" Did he just say what I thought he said?

Ron began to gather up his gear. "I'm sorry, but I wouldn't be able to deal with it. You'd want to screw her, and that'd drive me crazy."

"Look," I said, "I haven't even met her."

"If you did, which you won't," he said, "you'd want to sleep with her."

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The last time I saw Roy by the pier, he was being handcuffed by two police officers. Well, at least they didn't shoot him multiple times the way they'd been doing lately in O.B.

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An e-mail received:

Hi Mike. I apologize for the lengthy respons [*sic*].

I'm no good on the phone, but in person I'm willing to exchange ideas. I'm into gothic stuff, and I tend to lean towards more contravercial [sic] aspects of life. You know, the stuff that most people don't want to look at. If you are also into stiring [sic] things up in a kind of, passive-agressive [sic] way, then let me know. You can reach me at (619)xxx-xxxx. Do you know anyone else that would be interested in making some music and recording? Oh yeah, I'm on my mother's computer, and my name is Sara, not Saundra. So you know who your [sic]

but hey, it's a real gig and we expect a crowd. So if you think you can learn five songs in four days, let me know."

He said I could check out his band's music on the Internet and gave me the website. I listened. Four days? I'd done the same to a few drummers and bass players in my former band, and they always came through. One bass player learned eight songs in two days for a gig at the Whistle Stop in what is now known as South Park (it was still Golden Hill in the '80s–'90s).

The music was okay; I liked it, the bass lines were simple. I could do this. It was a challenge, and I was ready for a challenge.

I called the guy and said, "I can do it."

He sounded surprised. "Really?"

"Really," I said, and then the true hard work began. ■

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Erickson La Iolla

#### Daily <u>Reader</u>?

Re: "Uberuaga Was Not the Problem" ("City Lights," March 25). Why is it that when it's an important story that affects all San Diegans, time and time again it's the *Reader* that has the story? Have you ever considered being a daily paper? (Hmm. I can see the *U*-*T* sweating.) Emidio Melim via e-mail

#### **Gray Salmon**

Once again, Ms. Wise's review proves to be diametrically opposed to my experience at San Diego restaurants (Restaurant Review, March 25).

I have also tried the food at Taka, and I've been served old, gray, fishy-tasting salmon. Obviously, I wouldn't ever go back.

I did share the experience that Naomi found; that the service was very poor and slow, and to rate the restaurant as very good overall is simply another example of her objectivity being skewed.

Should she have been so kind when she reviewed recently added-on Harney Sushi. Naomi apparently could not get over that she was not immediately granted a reserved seating at the sushi bar. However, this restaurant has consistently excellent-quality food, servers and chefs that are attentive, though obviously not of the age and race that Naomi considers correct for a sushi restaurant. Thank goodness that Harney's has thrived without Naomi's stamp of approval.

Patricia Lundberg La Mesa

#### Gossipmonger

Dear Mr. Bauder: You are now obligated to publish the facts, which turn out to be 180 degrees opposite the personal opinion you conveved in vour sensationalistic and misleading article "It's a Horrible Idea" ("City Lights," March 4).

I am speaking specifically about the wishes of Avanir shareholders. You continuously referred throughout your article to "shareholders" as though you were representing the will or the impressions/ views of the majority of shareholders. In fact, Mr. Bauder, as the vote on March 18, 2004, proves, you were expressing the view of a minority of Avanir shareholders. Every single measure on the ballot passed with a clear majority (70 percent or higher in favor). It wasn't even close.

Yet again, Mr. Bauder, you are revealed as a simple gossipmonger parading as someone knowledgeable about finance and the San Diego business community. In this instance you were obviously content to accept a minority of dissatisfied shareholders' views without having done even the most minor amount of homework where you would have easily discovered that the majority of shareholders approved of the ballot measures! You are a gadfly, not a journalist. Your style is to pick a conclusion, no matter if it's totally off base, and then find the "facts" to support your conclusion.

In my opinion the only "horrible idea" was the Reader's decision to expose its loyal readers to your really tired shtick. Reader business advertisers should know what kind of "writer" you are. I for one won't be a reader of the San Diego Reader as long as they print your nonsense.

> William R. Chapman Clairemont Mesa

Don Bauder replies: The column did not suggest that the majority of shareholders had the savvy to discern the horribleness of the reverse split/100 million share issuance and the chief executive's majority ownership of a separate company that will reap money from an Avanir development.

#### **Agnostic Pride**

I would like to thank Clay Bronson and Jack DeLessio for giving me a good laugh this morning via their criticism of Mary Tarantino's commentary about The Passion of the Christ (Letters, March 25). In particular, when Mr. Bronson says, "Modern society has no clue what a sickening...experience crucifixion truly was." He then says that Mel Gibson has "corrected that." Wow, I had no idea Mel Gibson was old enough to have witnessed the Crucifixion! He must have a hell of a plastic surgeon! The truth is, nobody who was at the Crucifixion is still alive. The only account we have is the Bible, which is about as reliable as a 2000-year-old game of telephone, as it was an oral record for hundreds of years before anything was written down. I think it's comical for people to be bickering over events that are in a book that was written by man and, though it is held to be the defining record of the human experience and history of the world, tells only the story of a small population of people, completely bypassing the histories of civilizations that existed for thousands of years before "civilization." Not only that, but with so many different sects of Christianity in existence, who's to say which is even the right interpretation? Christians in general think Catholics are going to hell and ... hey! Isn't Mel Gibson a Catholic? Why are all of these Christians putting any stock in a Catholic interpretation of events anyway? Hmmm.

On top of that, you have kids like the little girl in this week's "Crasher" column. Josh Board writes that the girl isn't allowed to listen to anything other than Christian and country music or allowed to celebrate Halloween. Not to say that our popular culture is anything to be proud of, especially with the crap that passes for music on MTV, but when you insulate children like that, you're setting them up for a rude awakening when they're out in the "real world." My half-sister raised her kids as born-again Christians. I remember they couldn't even watch He-Man because it was "evil." The oldest one went on to be the leader of a female gang in Texas, and the youngest one now has two children out of wedlock. On the other hand, my sister and I were raised agnostic, and neither of us has ever gotten into any kind of trouble, and we're the only ones in the family who don't have chil-

#### dren.

These are only two of the hundreds of examples that every day reaffirm my decision to remain an agnostic. Thank you very much for letting me get this off my chest.

> M. Moore North Park

#### **Tedious Bloodbath**

Why is everyone making a big deal about *The Passion* of the Christ? I saw it and thought it was boring. I didn't know *Passion* was basically the execution. Without the philosophy, or enlightenment, the miracles Christ allegedly performed, there's nothing to identify with. Thanks to the shallow approach to Christ, I felt the devil and the evil imagery stole the show. Then again, the bad guy usually does.

Maybe the blood should get an Oscar. When it comes to blood, a lot of people seem to be squeamish or want all they can get. Then there are people like me who, after a couple of minutes, are bored silly because we understand that blood should be an end to a means, not a whole story.

It's just not that interesting to watch a man get tortured, especially when the story of his life is omitted. The death march was beyond tedious, and I was hoping a referee would've counted him out. The way he got up in slow motion every time was so indulgent on the part of Gibson. Most Hollywood films these days are like a chef who eats the meal for you and then expresses how good it tastes. Sickening and amateur. Gibson made a bloodbath because he knew kids like blood and some religious people could indulge in the suffering of their savior. I mean no slander towards religious people as a group, but a lot of them seem to enjoy being persecuted.

Speaking of which, what's with all the screams of racism? If a Jewish hierarchy wanted him dead, and the Romans obliged, then that is simply the truth. Is the truth racist?

The fact of the matter is, a lot of people these days can't think for themselves. Somebody comes along, stirs up a bunch of hype, and everybody goes to see a movie and gets blown away. The fact is, they were blown away before they even saw the movie. It wouldn't have mattered what you showed them. *Passion* is basically Gibson milking a cow full of blood and squeezing the udders all they're worth. About as interesting as watching a ship with no people sinking over the course of two hours. Tom Papitto

Ocean Beach

#### **Yngwie Amazes**

In regards to William Crain's misrepresented summary and nonresearch journalism on the subject of Yngwie Malmsteen ("Of Note," March 11), I imagine, William, you know nothing about the guitar other than three chords, or you hate the guitar entirely because you didn't have the passion or dedication to play it. Jimi Hendrix, Uli Ion Roth, Eddie Van Halen, Randy Rhoads, and, of course, Yngwie Malmsteen, to name a few, have inspired so many guitarists throughout the world. I, as a fan and musician, have to admire their guitar expertise and compositions and the way they changed the guitar forever. They were all criticized in one form or another because at the time, no one else was playing guitar at that level. People couldn't comprehend the complexity. Vivaldi, Paganini, Bach, Beethoven, what they did is total genius, almost unbelievable at that time. In fact, there were those who believed Niccolò Paganini was possessed. So, William, just relax. Buy the Yngwie Malmsteen DVD Concerto Suite Live with the New Japan Philharmonic. You will be filled with amazement, and you will have a better perspective and understanding of where Yngwie is coming from

Tony F. Metal Spring Valley

#### 500 Years Of Jail Time

I purposefully pick up the *Reader* every Thursday just so I can read more of Don Bauder, Matt Potter, et al., and find out what *new* nefarious activities the city and other local jurisdictions have been up to. Those two specifically should be given medals for not only doing what they do so well, but

for being literally the consciences that these *criminals* refuse to possess. It never ceases to amaze me how so much slimeball activity can occur unchecked and, more importantly, unprosecuted. If we are to assume that the laws of the land in which we live are valid, and Lord knows we the stupid public have to abide by them, it is beyond me how so much flagrant lawbreaking can go on without somebody of note having to pay the price for such blatant criminal intent and action. I bet the Reader has verv few friends down there at city hall, and if I were you, I'd wear that as a badge of honor.

The part that most San Diegans don't realize, or maybe that they're indifferent to, is they're being played for the fool. These people have such contempt for the average Joe it's almost unmentionable. One of the few Joe citizens that had the balls to speak out with the truth, Bruce Henderson, was labeled a wacko by just about every mover and shaker that walks the streets of San Diego, yet ironically, everything he's predicted that would come true has come true, and more. Yeah, that's pretty wacko. Not! If you're John Moores, Bruce Henderson is nothing but a pimple on your ass, because after all, what he says might take some of that precious ill-gotten cash out of your back pocket, that cash being something you hold more dearly than life itself. I will give Moores dubious credit for one thing, though. He's bought off all the powers that be by convincing them that they too can have that same love for cash that he does. I'd like to say "Good job, John Moores," but I can't, since I'm not one who lives in the obscure depths of amorality.

Between Susan Golding, John Moores, Casey Gwinn, Alan Bersin, Mayor Murphy, and a few others, there are probably 500 years' worth of jail time that could rightfully be dealt out, yet not one minute behind bars has been spent by any of those persons, nor is there much hope for it in the future.

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# **Babe Magnets**

"Back in the

day, yeah, and

in the black-

and-white

movies, hot

Rod & Custom Nationals

arc Meadors, vice president of Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, worries about graying heads at his company's car shows, including this weekend's Del Mar Rod & Custom Nationals. "We have this young guys' category because we gotta get them involved," says Meadors, who is 36. "Otherwise, when the older guys pass on or get too old to drive or whatever, we won't have anybody to take their places."

The name of Meadors's company, which is based in Alamo, California, is ironic, considering the image that hot rods once had.

rods were the 'bad guy' deal," he says.

fairgrounds, and people remember

kissing in the back seat of one like it.

The cutoff date for classics at Goodguys events used to be 1964; now,

prudently, it's been extended to 1972.

Ford at the 1964 World's Fair in New

York. By the end of 1966, well over a

each. It's been a good investment for

some are bringing six figures at

those who have kept early ones in shape:

"At the big auction in Scottsdale,

Arizona," Meadors says, referring to the

33rd annual Barrett-Jackson Classic Car

Auction last January, many prices paid for classic cars were "insane." Examples:

"For a 1970 Hemi Dodge Charger,

\$432,000. I mean, Holy Toledo!'

\$130,000. For a 1938 Lincoln Zephyr,

million had been sold for about \$2400

That means muscle cars and high-

"But it's totally not true anymore." The cars inspire nostalgia more than anything else. A car goes by on the

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"It's a feel-good thing."

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**Pop Music** 

Restaurants



This weekend, one of the biggest names in high-end hot rods, Boyd Coddington's Hot Rod Garage, will unveil its newest custom creation, the Dodge Viper V10-powered roadster. The company website doesn't list prices — a bad sign for most of us.

"Coddington's is for your baby boomer with lots of money or for somebody who's retired," says Meadors. So how does a young guy without a fat wallet get into this hobby? "He could buy a car for \$3000 or \$4000," says Meadors, "and it wouldn't have a good paint job, but at least it would drive. He could drive it to an event, start picking up parts. Fix it up as he goes.'

Nineteen-year-old Ryan Murphy of Torrance is last year's winner in the category open to "[car] owners and

builders 25 years and under." Murphy has reentered the competition for which the prize isn't money. "Only bragging rights," he says.

"His car is a '55 Chevy [210 two-door Post hardtop], painted white, with flames on the sides and gray tweed interior," reports Meadors. It didn't look like that when he bought it in San Diego, not far from the fairgrounds, five years ago. "It was in really bad shape," Murphy says. "It was only a body. No motor, no transmission, no interior. It was completely stripped. It was in an old barn. A guy had started working on it. He'd had it for eight years and didn't get anywhere."

It cost Murphy \$4500 - money he'd saved from a string of birthdays and Christmases. "My dad helped me pay for everything else," he says. That total never has been calculated and continues to grow. "There's always work to be done on it."

Murphy got interested in classics because two friends of his brother, who is six years his senior, had '55 Chevys. "I always wanted one. And when I was 12, my grandfather started looking for one for me. He looked in the papers and didn't find anything, and then my freshman year of high school, my dad looked on the Internet.'

After they brought the car home to Torrance, they didn't know where to start. It was the first classic car any Murphy family member had owned. "It sat in the garage for two months while we went to shows and got ideas, took pictures, wrote stuff down, talked to people. Then we started working on the body and frame and just kind of rolled on from there."

Last year's Goodguys Rod & Custom Nationals, Del Mar

Once he got his license, Murphy drove his car to high school every day. (He's at school in San Luis Obispo now, where he has brought his Jeep.) Are old cars babe magnets or the opposite? "Girls my age like the newer cars," he admits. "But I don't care. I have a girlfriend and she likes my car."

Do people other than family and friends understand his hobby? "Some do, and some just appreciate the work that goes into it."

Is the competition he'll face this weekend on his mind? "Yes. Everybody wants to win; nobody will really admit it. You see a car you know is nicer than your car, and you just have to smile and keep on going and accept that you might lose.'

— Ieanne Schinto

Goodguys 4th Annual Del Mar Rod & Custom Nationals Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, . 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 4, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Del Mar Fairgrounds, **O'Brien Hall** \$15; Seniors, \$12; Ages 7-12, \$6; under 6, free. Parking: \$7. Fairgrounds, 858-755-1161; Goodguys, 925-838-9876 or www.good-guys.com



Ryan Murphy's '55 Chevy

performance street machines from the Pony Car era will be at Del Mar. Mustang, the original Pony, reaches its 40th birthday on the 17th of page **98** this month. The car was introduced by

auctions.

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#### BAJA

Banda Music Concert by Los Inconfundibles, Los Canelos de Durango, Dinámicos del Norte, Friday, April 2, 11:45 p.m., Palenque de Rosarito. 011-52-661-100-2242. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Sixth Annual Springtime Exposition by students of art instructor Sandi Pratt opens with reception on Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m.,

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at Guillermo's Restaurant in Bahia de los Angeles. Exhibit of work in a variety of media continues through Sunday, May 2. Free. 011-52-200-124-9104. (BAHIA DE LOS ANGELES)

Elefante and Reily in concert, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., at Auditorio Municipal, on Boulevard Diaz Ordaz. Tickets: \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-681-2272, (TIJUANA)

Mexicali Grand Prix — this 4.4k street circuit race for all manner of vehicles runs Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, beginning at 8 a.m. each day. Competitors: \$200 U.S. 619-303-5899, (MEXICALI)

#### OUTDOORS

San Diego's Earliest Sunrise this year occurs on Saturday, April 3, near 5:30 a.m., owing to both the steady lengthening of the daylight hours, but more importantly due to fact that daylight savings time starts the following day. If daylight time were not in effect in the months to come, the earliest possible sunrise in San Diego (4:39 a.m.), would take place on June 15.

Anza-Borrego Institute Field Programs continue with "Carrizo Stage Station: Frontier Outpost Along the 1857-1861 Overland Mail Route," Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4. Take "A Close-up Look at Cacti" on Saturday, April 3,

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fees, space availability, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

**Clean Up!** Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, April 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, water. Free. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m., Visitor Center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, April 3, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through oak and sycamore trees, chapparal in search of birds and wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

**Help Remove Invasive Plants** and garbage along San Diego River with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242, (MISSION BAY)

Walk a Suspension Bridge, Wooden Trestle Bridge, and see Kate Session's nursery when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill, Sat-



Ballet on the Edge by City Ballet in Garfield Theatre, April 2–4 (see Dance)

urday, April 3, 10 a.m. \$10. Reservations and departure point: 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL

**Rescuing Wild Animals in** Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientation on Saturday, April 3, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Earth Day Creek to Bay Cleanup, Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to noon, at 30 sites around San Diego County. I Love a Clean San Diego hosts event, provides supplies. Free. Cleanup sites, registration: 800-237-2583. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Pacific Daylight Time, or "daylight savings time," starts on Sunday morning, April 4, at 2 a.m. No time is "saved" by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy what seems to be an extra hour of daylight before the sun goes down.

The Moon Is Full on Sunday, April 4, rising on that evening about 25 minutes before the sun sets. If the sky is very clear, you'll spot the moon very low in the eastern sky while the sun is still up. Some names for full moons in April include "Pink Moon," "Growing Moon," "Budding Trees Moon," and "Green Grass Moon."

Over 350 Recorded Archaeological Sites are contained in Lake Hodges Valley, representing 9000 years of Native American occupation. Explore Piedras Pintadas Ridge with Canyoneers, Sunday, April 4, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Hike passes waterfalls, coastal sage, spring wildflowers. Trailhead: exit I-15 at Rancho Bernardo Road, go west. Turn right at West Bernardo Drive, then left on Poblado Road, park. Meet between Smoke Signal Drive and Moon Song Court. Free. 619-255-0203. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Fire Followers, naturalist James Dillane leads moderate 1.5-mile hike, Sunday, April 4, along newly constructed Caballo Trail in Dalev

Ranch to identify plants emerging after autumn's wildfires. Hike starts at 1 p.m. in Caballo Trail parking lot; take I-15 to Valley Parkway, exit and drive five miles northeast to paved filtration plant road (at Mayflower Dog Park). Turn left; follow road past dog park and filtration plant, park in dirt parking lot. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

#### **Observe Nature Restoring Itself**

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

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Conmigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, April 4, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Take a Walk Through Geological Time during an outing at Peñasquitos Canvon Preserve, see "a rare fossil," preserve's waterfall, on Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group at Caminito Propico and Calle Cristobal. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)



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April's Lowest Tides, dropping to -0.8 feet, are for early risers only: 5:26 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7; and 6:18 a.m. on Thursday the 8th. Highest tides for the month (+6.0 feet) happen at 10:44 p.m. Tuesday, the 6th; and 11:19 p.m. Wednesday, the 7th.

tradancing, Friday, April 2, 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)

#### Argentine Tango Milonga Dance Party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Friday, April 2. Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays for dancing, 9 to 10 p.m.; dance lesson 9:10 p.m. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard, 619-275-3533. Admission is \$6; first time free. (BAY PARK

Vintage Ballroom Dance, featuring teaching of Viennese waltz steps, Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BAL-BOA PARK

"Journey Towards Siva" presented by Shivali Panchal, Saturday, April 3, at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue), \$20 in advance, \$25 general at door, \$15 seniors and students; tickets include dinner by Star of India. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., performance at 8 p.m. 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Bellydancing Fusion," Urban Tribal Dance Company performs Saturday, April 3, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., at Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Cover: \$5. 619-234-1344. (LITTLE ITALY)

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)

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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. Showtimes: 8 p.m. through Saturday. Tickets: \$20, \$25. 619-234-3286. (DOWNTOWN)

Fusion Hip-Hop dance competition, Sunday, April 4, 6 p.m., at UCSD's Rimac Arena. Tickets: \$12 at UCSD box office; \$13 through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS); \$15 at door. 650-796-5366. (LA JOLLA)

**Dances Celebrating Easter** planned when Toni Michael leads sufi dancing, Monday, April 5, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$3. 619-298-9978, (HILLCREST)

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

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dance classes for all levels on Wednesday, beginning April 7, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Pay \$60 in advance for series, \$12 per class. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

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)

#### FILM

The Japanese Film Minbo, or the Gentle Art of Japanese Extortion (1994) screens for Spring 2004 International Film Series at Mira-Costa College, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation continues with various screening dates through April 24 at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Screenings begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2. \$9.75. 858-454-0267. 18 and older. (LA JOLLA)



Jamaican Pianist Monty Alexander at San Diego Museum of Art, April 7 (see In Person)

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#### LECTURES

"Royal Exchange Plays: Staging the Cosmopolitan City" presented by Columbia University professor Jean E. Howard, Thursday, April 1, 4 p.m., 3155 Literature Building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Learn About the Garden **Conservancy** when San Diego Horticultural Society president Susi Torre-Bueno speaks for Carlsbad Garden Club, Friday, April 2, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). 760-729-5989. Free. (CARLSBAD)

In Celebration of Chávez, this five-part seminar series begins on Friday, April 2, and continues



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through April 30, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in Women's Center at UCSD. Event begins with exploration of "Chicana/o Art of San Diego Catalog" on April 2. Ten of thirteen featured artists will be on hand to discuss Chicana/o art. Free. 858-534-6862. (LA JOLLA)

"Learning from Catastrophe: California and the Common Good" presented by journalist, author, historian, and California State Librarian Kevin Starr on Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., at Julian Junior Theatre (in Julian High School, 1656 Highway 78). Starr's Coast of Dreams: California on the Edge will be published in September. Free. 760-765-0436. (JULIAN)

**"Finding Immigrant Ancestors** Through U.S. Forces" discussed by Kory Meyerink for British Isles Genealogical Research Association and German Research Association, Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$20. 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST)

"Landscaping 101 and Soil Preparation" discussed on Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Make a Kimekomi Doll during class led by Tazuko Usami on Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden, \$35. Space availability, registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**Composting Mini-Seminars** offered on first Saturday of each month, including April 3, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)



is assessed by "wordworker" Laurie Gibson, Saturday, April 3, 2 p.m., at Coronado Public Library (640 Orange Avenue). Gibson is editor, proofreader, teacher, writer. Free. 858-539-0508. (CORONADO)

Learn Fossil Preparation

Techniques during class on Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will clean and prepare fossils, ending up with a piece for display. Fee: \$16 for adults, \$13 for children (8-13). Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BAL-BOA PARK)

The San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered yearly by San Diego Master Gardeners, is Saturday, April 3, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Ouivira 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)

"The 1915 Exposition and the **Evolution** of the Museum of Man" explored when museum curator Rose Tyson speaks for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, April 5. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Gallery Talk by curator of "Plant Portraits: The California Legacy of A.R. Valentien," Monday, April 5, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Listen for botanical facts about the plants and role in state's biodiversity. \$8. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Boating Skills and Seamanship** Course offered by Flotilla 16-03 of the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary, Mondays, April 5-May 24, at San Diego County Health Building







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Santa Fe Market at Bazaar del Mundo, April 2-4 (see Special)

(3851 Rosecrans Street). Subjects: boat construction, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, aids to navigation, marlinspike. Modest materials charge. Registration: 619-446-2145. (SAN DIEGO)

**Legendary American Architect** Antoine Predock speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of Architects, Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$7 general (includes gallery admission). 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

**"Ernest Silva: Recent Paintings** and Sculpture" includes works "using new images drawn from popular culture and art historical references that range from Goya, the Renaissance, folk art, Cycladic art, Greek and Roman sculpture." Silva presents art lecture on Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

American Contemporary Flower Arranging classes led by Velma West for beginning and advanced students. "Flax and Flowers" explored on Tuesday, April 6. Future classes: "Palm Branches and/or Spathe," April 13; "Waterfall" mass bouquet on April 20.

Classes meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Fee: \$25 per class, or \$50 for all three. Students supply lunch, floral containers and materials, clippers. Registration: 619-232-5762 or 619-298-5182. (BALBOA PARK)

**"On War and Peace"** — subject pondered by war correspondent James Galloway on Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Galloway is co-author of *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young.* Free. 619-260-2284. (LINDA VISTA)

**UCSD Diving Officer** Bert Kobayashi was instrumental in formation of Wreck Alley with wrecks of *Shooters Fantasy, El Rey, Ruby E.* Kobayashi is speaker when San Diego Dive Club gathers on Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m., Canyon Room at University Towne Centre (below food court, past ice rink, 4545 La Jolla Village Drive). Free. 619-462-3439. (LA JOLLA)

**Protect Our Home,** introduction meeting for San Diego Earth-Fair 2004 volunteer opportunities, Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 858-296-6666. (BALBOA PARK)

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

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Really Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts an educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

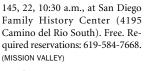
How to Research on Internet Sites offered by Ellen Naliboff on Wednesdays, April 7 (6 p.m.), April 14 (10 a.m.), at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. Required reservations: 619-584-7668. (MISSION VALLEY)

**"Native American Lifestyles"** chronicled by Diane Tells His Name on Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with "Listening to the Prairie: Farming in Nature's Image" traveling exhibition at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Speaker is representative of Barona Cultural Center and Museum. Free. 619-236-5800, (DOWNTOWN)

Artists from *Katya Kabanova* participate in Artists' Round Table an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 8, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street). \$5. 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

"Changing Tastes: Expression — The Machine Age," this lecture and chamber music concert features music by Ravel and Stravinsky, Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. SDSU music professor and Westwind Brass artistic director Brent Dutton comments on impact of technology on art and culture during last century. \$12. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Intermediate PAF Classes"** on this computer program offered by Peter King, Thursdays, April 8,



"Paris: A Century as Europe's Art Capital" is topic when Maxine Gaiber speaks for Insight Gallery series at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, April 8, 6 p.m. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

#### IN PERSON

**The Barbershop Quartet** La Mesa City Limits performs for "History Alive at Lee" series on Thursday, April 1, hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society. Program starts at 7 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-466-8631. (LEMON GROVE)

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

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

John Wesley Harding performs in concert hosted by AcousticMusicSanDiego.com on Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Scottish Tartan Day Festival** gets underway with CD release concert by Highland Way, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Point Loma United Methodist Church (1984 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-224-2995. (POINT LOMA)

**Comic Ventriloquist** Jeff Dunham is joined by Peanut, Walter, and "José Jalapeño on a Stick" in performance Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at 8 and 10:30 p.m. each night, Comedy Store (916 Pearl Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 858-454-9176. (LA JOLLA)

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"How to See God" signed and discussed by author Hawksblood, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op (4765 Voltaire Street). Free. 541-961-3010. (OCEAN BEACH)

There Are Clues Everywhere! Author Gail Brightmon Moser talks about her book Journey of the Everyday Mystic, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Influx Cafe (1948 Broadway). Free. 858-549-8482. (Golden Hill)

San Diego State University Poets read from new issue of Poetry International at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue) on Friday, April 2, 7 p.m. 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA

**Native American Authority** Georgiana Kennedy Simpson signs her new book, Navajo Ceremonial Baskets: Sacred Symbols, Sacred Space, Friday, April 2, 4 p.m., as part of Santa Fe Market festivities in courtyard at Bazaar del Mundo (2754 Calhoun Street). 619-296-3161. Free. (OLD TOWN)

Patti Page performs in concert on Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Sharing the bill is John Davidson. Tickets: \$27, \$33, \$39. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Guitar Orchestra Concert. Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Orchestra will "rock the



Zuni Fetish Show at San Diego Museum of Man, April 3 and 4 (see Special)

classics and class up rock." \$8. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Latin Comedy Show, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10, \$15. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Writers, Ink hosts multicultural celebration with poetry readings, music, dance on Saturday, April 3, 6:30 p.m., at Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Performers: Steve Kowit, Jihmve, Alfred Howard, Pat Pavne, Chris Vannov, Peggy Watson, dancers Gabriela, Layla. Donation: \$5. 858-292-8930. (HILLCREST)

**How Many Parking Spaces** Does Johnny's Camaro Take? Find out when David Wilcox performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego.com on Saturday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$20, \$30. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)



presented by poets Shannon Bates and Jim Moreno, Sunday, April 4, 3 to 5 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Theater (644 Seventh Avenue). The duo will perform poetry to musical accompaniment. \$7 general. 760-802-2449. (GASLAMP DISTRICT)

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. Thursday and Friday; at 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$50, \$61, \$70, with discounts for seniors and children. 800-678-5440. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Visions of Love" in classical and Broadway selections presented by Scott Gregory and Pamela Laurent for "Second Sundays" series hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association on April 4, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-944-1840. (LA COSTA)

"The Passion," features performance artist D. Emily Hicks and fiction writer Brandi Bell for Whackjob! readings, Sunday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Recognize (4746 El Cajon Boulevard). Open mic. Free. 619-521-4747. 21 and over.

First Monday at City Wok, poetry series convenes with performances by Brandon Cesmat and Lori Davis, April 5, 8 p.m., at City Wok (718 West Washington Street). Open readings follow. Free. 619-220-8888. (HILLCREST)

Be a Scot for a Day! Tartan Day festivities include concert by a sort of local "all-star" Scottish band comprised of members of Geese in the Bog, Highland Way, Westlin Weavers, Monday, April 5, noon, at San Diego Civic Center Concourse (202 C Street). Free. 858-720-9524. (DOWNTOWN)

Blam! Art event boasting over 100 underground artists, bands, spoken word performances, dance, indie film premieres on Tuesday, April 6, noon to 10 p.m., at Club Montage (2028 Hancock Street). Donation: \$10, 619-795-1120, (OLD TOWN)

Emmy Award-Winning Journalist Iim Moore (Bush's Brain) signs and discusses his new book, Bush's War for Re-Election on Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m., at Current Affairs Bookstore's temporary location (at Sumner and Dene Gallery, 2811 University Avenue). Free. 619-318-8723. (NORTH PARK)

Bigger Fish performs for San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club gathering, Tuesday, April 6, 7 p.m., Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. 760-726-8380. (ESCONDIDO)

Jamaican Jazz Piano Virtuoso Monty Alexander is joined by Robert Thomas Ir. Jazz in the Park concert series, Wednesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Acclaimed Literary Biographer Jeffrey Meyers discusses his new Somerset Maugham: A Life on Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Gulf War Veteran Billiekai Boughton is featured poet for Poetry Unlimited, performing along with musicians Rob Atesalp and Francis Teller on Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading on Thursday, April 8, by Susan Vreeland (Girl in Hyacinth Blue, The Passion of Artemesia, The Forest Lover). Reading begins at 7 p.m., in room LA-2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Vreeland is an SDSU graduate. Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

Panama Hats and Literature, 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,

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The San Diego Sockers host Monterrey Fury for indoor soccer competition, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Game broadcast on KSDO (1130 AM). (SPORTS ARENA)

31st Annual San Diego Crew **Classic** — boasting participation by over 3000 rowers — is April 3 and 4. at Crown Point Shores. Competition starts at 7 a.m. both mornings. Admission is \$5; free viewing from vantage points around bay. 858-488-0700. (MISSION BAY)

Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, April 3. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue, lasts one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability welcome. 619-276-2216. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Gulls host Alaska Aces for final regular season game, Saturday, April 3, 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)

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**California Half Ironman** with 1.2-mile swim in Oceanside Harbor, 56-mile ride on Camp Pendleton, 13.1-mile run through neighborhoods — is Saturday, April 3, 6:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay, adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$65. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

**Take a "Different Ride"** through Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, Poway with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, on Sunday, April 4. The 75-mile ride starts at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive) at 8:45 a.m. Free. 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Elements of Football and Soccer** are incorporated in rugby. The San Diego Surfers Women's Rugby Football Club hosts Lady Blues of Scottsdale, Arizona, on Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m., Robb Field. 619-298-6099. Free. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Freedom from Domestic Violence** 4-mile Liberty Run/Walk, Sunday, April 4, on Fifth Avenue. Participants cross Coronado Bay Bridge, finish in Tidelands Park. Registration: 6 a.m., 7:25 a.m. run/walk. 760-434-6301. (GASLAMP DISTRICT, CORONADO) SPECIAL

Kaleidoscope Explosion 2004, more than 15 American kaleidoscope artists exhibit their work, through Wednesday, April 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Gallery 21 of Spanish Village. Many for sale. Free. 619-233-9050. (BALBOA PARK)

**Art Alive 2004,** 23rd anniversary of the event runs April 2-4 at San Diego Museum of Art. Artwork from museum's galleries are complemented by unique floral arrangements created by over 100 professional floral designers and amateur exhibitors.

Show hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. General admission: \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Scream for Ice Cream! Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield will be on hand for grand opening of Second Chance's Ben & Jerry's Partner-Shop, Friday, April 2, with free ice cream being scooped 1:30 to 4 p.m. Find shop at 1254 University Avenue. 619-234-8888.

**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 cus-





# April 24 & 25, 2004

Van Dyke by Weston Riffle oil on canvas, 36" x 32"

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toms 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)

**Santa Fe Market,** 17th annual event, April 2-4, at Bazaar del Mundo (2754 Calhoun Street). Navajo, Cherokee, Hopi, tribal artisans demonstrate, offer wares for sale; author signings. Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

Long Live the Queen! Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court, Renaissance re-enactors, converge upon Felicita Park for Spring Renaissance Faires, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entertainment, period music, battle pageants, arts and crafts, theater, games. Admission: \$12 for adults, \$5 for those under 12, free for kids under 5, weekend pass \$15; parking, \$3. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

**Tartan Day Celebrations**, Saturday, April 3, noon to 4 p.m., in International Cottages. Haggis and other food; music, dancing. Admission is free. 858-720-9524. (BAL-BOA PARK)

**Pegleg Smith Liar's Contest,** Saturday, April 3, 7 p.m., at Pegleg Smith Monument (seven miles northwest of Christmas Circle, off Highway S-22 and Henderson Canyon Road). Contestants tell tales relating to Pegleg Smith, lost gold, or the desert, limited to five minutes. 760-767-5555 or 800-559-5524. Free. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

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



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

Deep Creek Hot Springs in the San Bernardino National Forest has been a minor magnet for hikers and other nature lovers — eccentric and otherwise — for decades. Volunteers have spent years fashioning rock-bound basins that impound water ranging from about 96 degrees to about 102 degrees. Water flowing out of those basins quickly reaches chilly Deep Creek, which has carved a deep cleft in the north slope of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Allow at least 2.5 hours for the one way drive from San Diego to the most convenient portal for the hot-springs hike: Bowen Ranch. Head north on Interstate 15 and continue all the way through the "Inland Empire" (or take the slightly faster alternate route, Highway 215 through Riverside and San Bernardino). Pass over Cajon Summit on I-15, and exit at Bear Valley Road in the "high-desert" community of Hesperia. Turn right and travel east for ten miles to Central Avenue. Turn right on Central and drive three miles south to Ocotillo Way. Turn left on Ocotillo, and proceed 2.3 miles east to Bowen Ranch Road. Turn right on this unpaved but well-graded road, and continue 8.0 miles (mostly southwest, more or less parallel to a high-voltage powerline) to a toll gate and 1920s-vintage cabin at the rustic, private Bowen Ranch. Pay the \$4-per-person fee at the gate, and be sure to pick up a copy of the hand-drawn "treasure" map

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

**Southern California Plumeria Society Cutting Sale**, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 101. Books, literature for sale. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BAL BOA PARK)

**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference** at Alexandra's Book-Store, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psywhich may help you navigate to the hotsprings site. Park your car at the ranch's overnight camping/parking area a short distance past the toll gate. Now you are ready to head out on foot toward the springs, almost two miles away and nearly 1000 feet lower in elevation. (Note: Bowen Ranch has no phone, no e-mail, and no website. Typically, the forest service has no definitive information about either the Bowen Ranch or about stream or weather conditions at Deep Creek.)

After an initial 0.5 mile of downhill hiking, briefly jog left on a dirt road, then veer right on a signed trail entering San Bernardino National Forest land. You'll lose about 700 feet of elevation as you descend for another 1.3 miles into Deep Creek's canyon bottom. About halfway down this stretch, where the trail splits, take the right fork to ensure an easier, more gradual descent. Once you reach the canyon bottom you must decide how to cross the creek to reach the hot pools on the far side. A month ago, the sluggishly moving water, no more than 18 inches deep along the shallowest wading route, was cold enough to numb the feet.

Forest-service regulations allow nude bathing in the Deep Creek Hot Springs drainage area, and typically about half of the visitors do so. Camping, campfires, and glass containers are strictly prohibited. Other regulations and rules of behavior are

libations, speakers. \$20. 619-417-

"Thinking Inside the Box," cel-

ebration of opening of "Ian Tyson

to Date: A Retrospective in Honor

of His 70th Birthday," Sunday,

April 4, 4 p.m., in Seuss Room of

Geisel Library at UCSD. Program

includes remarks by Tyson, read-

ings by poets Jerome Rothenberg

and Wai-lim Yip, with whom the

British book artist has collaborated

over the years. Free. 858-534-533.

Living History in San Pasqual,

cannon firing drills, demonstra-

tions of crafts and skills from the

1800s, history lectures, entertain-

ment, volunteers in period attire,

and authentic food for sale at San

Pasqual History Days, Sunday,

April 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San

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chic arts featured; \$20 per reading.

The shop is located at 3545 Mid-

way Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422.

Vernal Equidox, San Diego

Dachshund Club hosts walk

through Balboa Park on Sunday,

April 4, noon to 4 p.m., beginning

at Moreton Bay fig tree behind San

Diego Natural History Museum.

No planned events, just walkin'

and talkin'. Suggested doxie attire:

rabbit ears, neckerchief, visors,

sunglasses, bonnets. Free. 619-463-

Day of Hope Art Auction ben-

efitting City of Hope, Sunday,

April 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Cen-

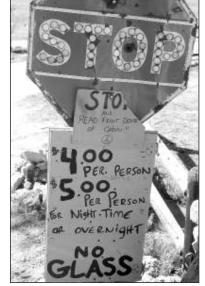
ter for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth

Avenue). Bellydancing by Gypsy

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8952. (BALBOA PARK)

(SPORTS ARENA)



Toll gate at Bowen Ranch

listed in a leaflet available along the trail leading to the hot springs site.

Do realize that the uphill, post-soak hike back to the car can be enervating and possibly exhausting in the late-spring and summer heat. Bring plenty of drinking water if the weather is warm!

> Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

> **Discover the Magic of Opera** during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Don Carlo* on 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)

> "S/he's Crafty Craft Fair" and interactive installation by Clothesline Project, Sunday, April 4, noon to 5 p.m., at Gelato Vero Caffe (3753 India Street). Admission is free. 619-295-9269. (MIDDLETOWN) 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. Space availability: 858-534-2533. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Visit Three Residential Japanese Gardens in Coronado and Point Loma during tour sponsored by Japanese Friendship Garden on Sunday, April 4, noon to 5 p.m. \$20. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

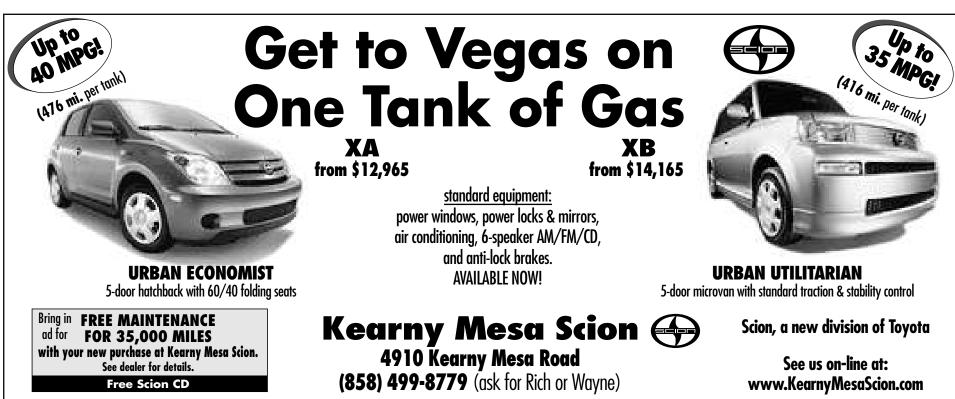
**Pepper Tree Day** celebrates California's oldest pepper tree — now 174 years old — Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Activities, dancing, exhibits, entertainment, vendors. Free. 760-757-3651 x170. (OCEANSIDE)

**Bicycling Bargains Galore!** Spring 2004 swap meet at San Diego Velodrome, Sunday, April 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: \$3. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

**Eighth Showcase of Fine Art Quilts** by Pacific Quilt Artists runs Monday, April 5 through Thursday, June 3, at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Artists include Bonny Tinling, Bob Leathers, Tanya Alpert, Susan Root Skywalker. Free. 858-756-4438. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Wildfires to Wildflowers Fund established by Girl Scouts to help rebuild five destroyed buildings, restore a meadow, benefits from second annual Chocolate Challenge, pitting chocolatiers and pastry chefs in competition. Viewing, judging, awards on Monday, April 5, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at San Diego Culinary Institute (8024 La Mesa Boulevard). Donations to fund accepted. 619-644-2100. (LA MESA)

**Carlsbad Strawberry Festival** during farmer's market (at Roosevelt Street, between Carlsbad Village Drive and Grand Avenue) on Wednesday, April 7, 2 to 5 p.m., with live music, strawberry treats, "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs in Your Home Garden" by master gardener, strawberry recipes, more. Free. 760-720-9161. (CARLSBAD)



The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours through Sunday, May 9. Strawberry Festival, arts and craft fair, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4.

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)

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

"America," created by sculptor/retired veterinarian Paul Weber, the seven letters of this piece stand nearly seven feet tall and weigh between 100 and 250 pounds. Each letter is engraved with quotes from famous Americans. Exhibit continues through April 30, behind Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"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)

"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)

#### FOR KIDS

"The Magic of Ventriloquism" explored by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, April 4, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Chicken Coop Comedy presented by Puppet Express, April 7-11.

Showtimes: 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)

The Musical Alice in Wonderland is presented by Theatre West, April 2-10, at Hearth Theater in San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Fridavs and Saturdays, 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. \$6 for kids and seniors, \$8 general. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Morphing With the Frizz, learn about metamorphosis with Ms. Frizzle during program for kids four through six years old at San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. \$13. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Easter Bunny Teas featuring springtime storytelling by Melody, Easter egg hunt, visit from Easter Bunny, afternoon tea, offered April 3-10, 2:30 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Fee:



From Prodigy to Polymath: The Singular Journey of Edward Gorey at San Diego State University Library, through May 31 (see Special)

\$24 for adults, \$19 for children under 12. Reservations: 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

Awesome Arthropods, get to know these mysterious creatures during class for kids in grades one through three, Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$13. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Karaoke Fun promised when Michelle O'Marah — the artist who created White Diamonds, Agent Orange on view in current "Baja to Vancouver" exhibit leads Free-for-All-Family Day activities, Sunday, April 4, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contempo-

Friday & Saturday

April 2 & 3 @ 8 & 10:30 pm

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when Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, April 4, 11:45 a.m., 12:45, and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Fee is \$2 for nonmember kids, in addition to regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Everything's Ducky during pajamarama storytime including Little Quack's Hide and Seek, Webster J. Duck, Ruby in Her Own Time, Monday, April 5, 6 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

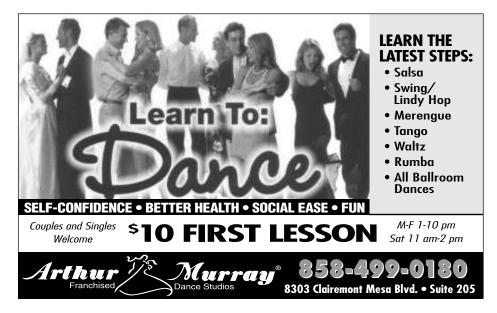
Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. Meet at Visitor's Center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

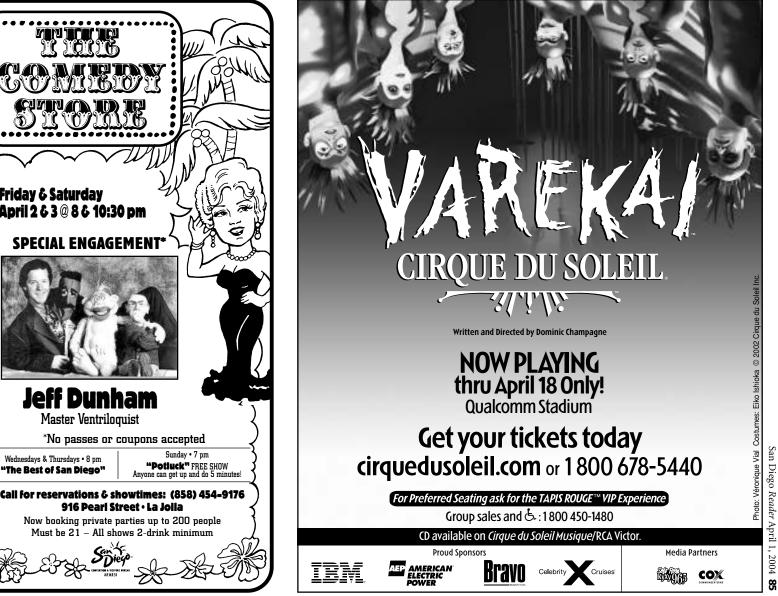
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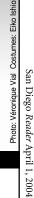
#### (Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw











mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, 760-941-1791, (VISTA)

#### **Bonita Museum and Cultural**

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

#### Campo Railroad Museum.

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

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

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

#### **THREE POEMS BY CHRIS ABANI**

— for Bei Dao Lost, but for the flames we drag Through dark streets; smoke and dust Aho je la, aho je la, aho jengeje, aho jengeje This chant is sky orotund with sun And the mirage: a pot smoldering Against night's face, surprising last year's Spirits gathering in corners, holding on. And this — The crackle of burning firewood, a train of palm fronds like hungry tongues licking the street, parched from the intensity. Distant, beyond the brood of dark hills the sea calls; salt and stone. This is not superstition. This is how we write love.

Fire

(From Hands Washing Water)

hang all hope for redemption on ephemeral incandescent dreams. Roping faith into filaments of light

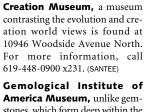
garden with koi pond and waterfall. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Epiphany

An artist

#### Chula Vista Heritage Museum

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



stones, which form deep within the Earth, organic gems are the products of living organisms, formed by biological processes. Organic gems such as amber, coral, ivory, iet, and pearls are showcased in "All-Natural, Organically Grown Gems from Plants and Animals,'

on view through April. Exhibit includes a mastadon tusk (carbon dated at around 30,000 years). "The Magical World of Ilya Schar," a collection of creations that resemble paintings but are composed solely of gem material, is also on display. Continues through April.

Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

into the very eye of god.

(From Kalakuta Republic, Saqi, London, 2000)

People Like Us

I climb on sunbeams

Standing at dawn in grandmother's kitchen, hot tea mists the window as it warms me. Outside, soft pre-dawn light

drizzles over hens scratching for truth beneath the stunted orange tree. The mauve dawn yawns in the slow

approaching heat, exhaling dark shadows. As I sip, grandmother, arthritic bones too old to waste another

moment in sleep, chops onions and tomatoes ready for the searing of hot oil.



Eggs crack like answers to unasked questions and I realize,

this is all there is. The stitching of life into transfigurations. (From *Daphne's Lot*)

Poems published with permission of the author.

#### George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, Children Around the World videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

**Marine Corps Recruit Depot** Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

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

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

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center,** over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Explorato-

\$35



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# Reading

#### GraceLand



Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004; 321 pages; \$24

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Chris Abani's *GraceLand* is a dazzling debut by one of the most talented new voices to emerge from Africa. This haunting novel is set in Maroko, a sprawling, swampy, crazy, and colorful ghetto city of Lagos, Nigeria, and unfolds against a backdrop of lush reggae and highlife music, American movies and a harsh urban existence. Elvis Oke, a teenage Elvis impersonator spurred on by the triumphs of heroes in the Ameri-

can movies and books he devours, pursues his chosen vocation with ardent single-mindedness. He suffers through hours of practice set to the tinny tunes emanating from the radio in the filthy shack he shares with his alcoholic father, his stepmother, and his stepsiblings. He applies thick makeup that turns his black skin white, to make his performances more convincing for American tourists and hopefully net him dollars. But still he finds himself constantly broke. Beset by hopelessness and daunted by the squalor and vio-

rium in San Francisco are on display in "ExploraZone 4," on exhibit through Monday, May 31. The exhibition's themes are forces and structures, light, and rotation.

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "Technovation," "About Faces," "Smoke and Mirrors," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History," on view through April, features artifacts from the area. The center — located at 1666 San Pasqual Valley Road — is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "The Evolution of Porsche" is traced in exhibit on view through Monday, May 24. Show features nearly 20

Porsche automobiles examining the evolution of this marque. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's perma-

nent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK) lence of his daily life, he must finally abandon his dream.

With job prospects few and far between, Elvis is tempted to a life of crime by the easy money his friend Redemption tells him is to be had in Lagos' underworld. But the King of Beggars, Elvis's enigmatic yet faithful adviser, intercedes. And so, torn by the frustration of unrealizable dreams and accompanied by an eclectic chorus of voices, Elvis must find a way to a Graceland of his own making.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: Publishers Weekly: Abani's debut novel offers a chronicle of a young man's coming of age in Nigeria during the late 1970s and early 1980s. The vulnerable, wide-eyed protagonist is Elvis Oke, a young Nigerian with a penchant for dancing and impersonating the American rock-and-roll singer he is named after. The story alternates between Elvis's early years in the 1970s, when his mother dies of cancer and leaves him with a disapproving father, and his life as a teenager in the Lagos ghetto, a place one character calls "a pus-ridden eyesore on de face of de nation's capital." Relating how an innocent child grows into a hardened young man, the novel also gives a glimpse into a world foreign to most readers — a brutal Third World country permeated by the excesses and wonders of American popular culture. Sprinkled throughout the book are recipes and entries from Elvis's mother's journal, as well as descriptions of the kola nut ceremony through which an Igbo boy becomes a man. These sections at first seem showy and tacked on, but by the end of the book their significance becomes clearer. The book is most powerful when it refrains from polemic and didacticism and simply follows its protagonist on his daily journey through the violent, harsh Nigerian landscape. Elvis must also negotiate troubles closer to home, including a drunk and ruined father and friends who cannot always be trusted. In this book, names are destiny, "selected with care by your family and given to you as a talisman." One of Elvis's friends is named Redemption, but in the end it is

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, through costumes and ephemera, the "Wedding Belles: Traditions and Attire" exhibition chronicles San Diego wedding fashions from the 1850s through the mid-20th Century. "Belles" showcases examples of the evolution and style and of "proper attire." Show includes an 1848 Viennese wedding dress to a tulle and lace garment from the 1950s. Through May.

The museum is located in the

Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Man, "The Turquoise Path/El Camino Turquesa: The Story of Turquoise in the Native American Southwest," on display through April, focuses on historical, social, cultural, and economic implications of the age-old stone. Turquoise jewelry-making techniques documented, and pieces from the museum's extensive collections exhibited.

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," continuing through April, brings to life the *iliqquisiq* or "ways and habits" of the Inuit (previously known as Eskimo). Artifacts include tools for hunting and sewing, handmade games, clothing, masks, and kayaks, offering an in-depth look at aspects of modern and ancient Inuit culture. "Efe: Archers of the Congo"

examines one of the most enigmatic and little-known groups on the planet. The Efe are one of about 12 pygmy tribes living in African rainforest. The more than 200 items include bows, arrows, quivers, wrist guards, hunting nets, musical instruments, utensils, and bark cloth paintings. Through summer.

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Booklist: Elvis Oke, a teenage Elvis impersonator in Lagos, Nigeria, attempts to come of age in spite of an alcoholic father who beats him and a soul-crushing ghetto environment that threatens to engulf him. Beset by floods, vermin, and the ubiquitous Colonel, chief of military security in Lagos, Elvis lives from day to day, saturated by a bizarrely out of date, misunderstood version of American pop culture and remembering his life in the country before his mother died and his father lost his career. Immigration to the U.S. is Elvis's dream, shared by his underworld friend, Redemption, although their notion of America comes mainly from untranslated, decades-old movies, all of which are interpreted only in terms of the conflict between John Wavne (all good guys) and Actor (everyone else). The novel offers a vibrant picture of an alien yet somehow parallel culture, and while the plot runs off the rails from time to time, the mix of surrealistic horror and cross-cultural humor is irresistible. Abani is a first novelist with a very bright future.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Chris Abani was born in 1966 in Nigeria. His fiction and poetry have been widely anthologized. His latest book, *Kalakuta Republic*, is a collection of poetry based on his experience as a political prisoner in Nigeria and received the PEN USA West Freedom-to-Write Award and the Prince Claus of the Netherlands Award. Mr. Abani currently makes his home in Los Angeles where he teaches in the English department at the University of Southern California.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "Actually I was born months before the Nigerian civil war erupted. And so my family, my mother, and my brothers and I fled to the U.K. My mother was English. We were in London, well outside of London, in the U.K., (continued on page 88)

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until 1970; when the war was over we returned. We'd only been gone five years. And so even though my initial experience of the world was largely the U.K., at five it doesn't really take long to adjust in that way. So I grew up in Nigeria for most of my life until I was about 26, and then I moved to London. And then about three and a half years ago, I moved here to Los Angeles.

"We speak English in Nigeria. And it's such a big country, with about 300 ethnic groups of about 200 languages, we all speak English, our variation of English, as a way to communicate. Language takes on political ramifications; if you were to make any of the languages the lingua franca then it would evolve into some kind of ethnic conflict. It would be indicating that one group was preferred over the other."

"Were you preferred over others in part because your mother was English?"

"It's a complicated situation to be biracial in a country like Nigeria because unlike a lot of other African countries, it's very western, it's very progressive, it's very industrial. But also people are very acutely aware politically. "So on the one hand, peo-

ple would make a lot of allowances for you. I don't think it had to do with being biracial; it had to do with being considered an outsider. It's a very hospitable community so in a sense the perception is that you're not entirely like the people who are completely from Nigeria and therefore that you need assistance. And so it wasn't that people deferred to you; it was that people in a way thought that you needed help."

"That you were weaker?"

"You were weaker, yes. Because sometimes the environment itself isn't hospitable. And that they would try to keep you out of the sun or if there was a long line, they would try to move you to the front."

"You must have been embarrassed?"

"Well, you know, when you're a kid you milk these things. You don't care why you get to the front of the line. But on the other hand, of course, there's another set of people who want to make it quite clear to you that you are no different, and should you think you are better, you are not. And so it follows a curious balance between that. But I had a wonderful childhood, so growing up I never really had any problems.

"I'm Ibo. And the main things to be accepted into the Ibo community really is that you have a parent who is Ibo and that you speak the language. My father is Ibo. And because of how closely language and politics are tied, acceptance into the individual nation has more to do with language than it has to do with race or perceptions of race. Because my mother was completely accepted because she spoke Ibo. So it has

more to do with language, and I think language is more the terrain of politics than your particular physical description or racial background."

When did you first know you wanted to write?" "I was one of those preco-

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cious children. I started reading very young, and I wrote a story when I was about seven that got me in trouble in school because the teachers didn't believe I'd written it. So it was a big debacle about that. And without being able to articulate it, I became aware that somehow something I did affected people. And my mother was very encouraging. I published my first short story in a newspaper when I was ten. And then my first novel fell out at 16. So it's been something that I knew I would do and was drawn to." 'What did your father do?"

"My father worked for the government. At one point he was a school principal. And he used to get some troubled problem schools to turn them around. But later on in his life, he worked in

various government positions that had to do more with ministerial stuff and things like that." "But he wasn't a writer?"

"No, he wasn't." "Were your family readers?" "Yes, they were. They were. Very much so. There were books everywhere. We were encouraged to read. My parents were Catholic, and I went to a seminary to be a priest, but we were always encouraged to read.

"We grew up in a country where religion is the other dimension in politics. So my parents were more interested that we engage in conflict around ideas rather than around prejudice. The Koran was available, and we were regularly taught from it. My father at one point had a man who was a Muslim scholar come to the house to have debates. He loved to get into intellectual arguments. We would sit around and listen. So books, learning, that kind of stuff was always available. And my mother would not call herself a writer, but she always had a diary with her that she would fill, and she wrote the most gorgeous letters and still does; 10-, 12-page letters.

"Is she still in Nigeria?" "No, she lives in London now. They separated."

I asked Mr. Abani about his childhood reading. "I was reading," he said, "by the time I was three or four. I'd read books like James Baldwin's Another Country when I was ten."

"What did you make of it?" "Well, it was an intriguing thing because in the 1970s in Nigeria, homosexuality was not something which was even discussed or which was even permitted. With Baldwin you get the first articulation in many ways - at least for me - the idea that this is about love. It's not about sex. The tortured way that Baldwin discusses love. Think of his Giovanni's Room.

"Even that short story, 'Going to Meet the Man,' where Jesse realizes he's going to a lynching. And it's just an incredible thing. I try to do that, even in GraceLand, even though there are really difficult scenes, and vet within each of those scenes there's always an underbelly of love that is going through each scene. Like when Elvis dresses up and puts on makeup, and his father nearly beats him half to death. Then later on there's this scene where his hair is being cut, and it's the most sensuous, tender fatherson moment in the whole book." "I love the scene when Elvis

rather tenderly touches his father on the head.

"That was just shortly after a fight. Every moment in the book has within it those underbellies, which is, I think in many ways, the very reality of love, which is that the conflict often is the frustration of not knowing how to articulate love. Especially between two people."

"I think especially between very masculine men." "Yes, well, that too, that

too." "All the gestural language

that goes with being masculineidentified in the larger culture doesn't lend itself to tenderness." "No, no it doesn't."

In GraceLand many of the characters are named Redemption or Sunday or Comfort. I asked about this naming.

"Culturally naming is so important to us. And a lot of thought goes into a name. Because a name is partly your destiny. And your name reveals the things that will be attracted to you. Traditionally they'll go to a diviner who would divine what your path in life is, and your name would derive from that.

"But now there's about a 50 percent illiteracy level. English is spoken in a patois form, and so people still carry the tradition that would have been a traditional way of naming into the English. And so a child like Redemption, who's clearly like the Artful Dodger, will be called Redemption because it's his parents' hope for him. I was in Zimbabwe recently, and there are names there as intriguing as 'Number Plate.' And people were often named 'Six Pence' and 'Nine Pence,' which had to do with the cost of the midwife. My father's name was Sunday."

"What were you named?" "Christopher."

"Christopher Robin."

"I loved the whole Winnie the Pooh thing."

Mr. Abani returned to Nigerian naming. "Names are given without any sense of irony. They're given as a blessing. What I did was simply take those ideas and use them to create a double level of irony. The way Innocent is the

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one who murders his cousin. And Comfort is not much of a comfort. Sunday is looking for some kind of peace and has never really found it. So I was able to use names on that level, play with those artistic issues.

I asked Mr. Abani about Onitsha market literature, about which I first learned when I read Kurt Thometz's wonderful Life Turns Man Up and Down: High Life, Useful Advice, and Mad English. Onitsha market literature is defined by the Encyclopedia Britannica as a "20th-century genre of sentimental, moralistic novellas and pamphlets produced by a semiliterate school of writers (students, fledgling journalists, and taxi drivers) and sold at the Onitsha market in eastern Nigeria.'

"What happened," said Mr. Abani, "was that there was an explosion in Nigeria - I think it was largely from the 1920s onward - when printing presses became readily available. People began to consume a lot of literature. It's similar to what happened in 19th-century Europe. A lot of books began to emerge for people to read, but these were like the trash dime-store cult fiction that you would get here.'

"And lots of self-help books."

"Yes. Yes. But self-help in some of the most bizarre senses, like, 'How to Write Love Letters and Win Women's Love.' These books are still readily available, and I think every generation went through them. In fact, we used to copy out those letters from those

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books and send them to girls in high school. Also a lot of the books contained an element of some kind of didacticism — 'How to Identify a Harlot and Avoid Them.

"It's such a vibrant part of the culture because these books are often written by not very educated people. Their target audience is, as I try to show in the book, it's like a soap opera. Everyone pretends not to watch but everybody does. So even though they had a target audience, they cut across that because there was something in them that was so vibrant. I guess they were published in an under-market way. It wasn't traditional publishers. It was small little presses, and they were being sold off the backs of carts.

There were no constraints with language or editing. It's amazing literature. The trouble is that as literature has become more sophisticated in Nigeria. the elite, those of us who are intellectual and educated, try to sweep this literature under the carpet. We become afraid to identify with this stuff because it's not considered as part of the culture as dime-store literature is; it's considered to be the culture. I wanted go against that and go back and excavate this in a way and put it in the book.'

'So I wasn't wrong to think of market literature when I read GraceLand?'

No, no, not at all." "Music is important in

GraceLand." "Music is very important

in Nigeria. It's not just important in a way that it's part of the culture; it's that you are inundated by it. Record stores sell their music by putting loud, large speakers outside the shop and blasting the music into the street to attract customers. So there's no point when you're not hearing some kind of music.

"Reggae was a very vital part of the '70s when I was growing up, as was jazz, as was our local high-life music. You would have all the speakers blaring at the same time, and so what you would get would be a very syncopated

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music that was flowing through the air almost."

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"It was the air in a way, and so I wanted to capture that without having to constantly pull aside and say, 'I was listening to this, I was listening to that.' I wanted to put three or four markers at different points to locate the music, and then I try to build that into the rhythm of the language in a way.

"I was interested in the fact that there have been other novels by you," I said, "but that this is being written about as a first novel.

"Well, on one hand it's my first debut American novel. It's my first novel outside of Nigeria. But also the books I produced earlier were not literary fiction. They were thrillers. And in many ways, you know, when you're 16, as much as it's published as a novel. I don't really know that you can claim to have written a novel until you've lived a little bit more. And so in that way I feel that this is my first novel." "In Nigeria, who do seri-

ous writers imagine their audience to be?'

"There is always the conundrum of audience, because on the one hand, one has to have a clear sense of where one is positioned in the world. But on the other hand, you can't write to an audience. It dictates the art. So it's the chicken or the egg. But I do think that among Nigerians, there are writers who subscribe to the belief that it is the job of the writer to educate the community, and there are others who think it's the job of the writer to confront tyranny or try to speak the truth about situations. There are those who put their art in terms of protest against both internal tyranny and Western tyranny. There also is a very strong emerging group that I tend to ascribe to where it simply is that as a Nigerian writer, one simply wants to push the envelope about what can be constituted as art. And how can you create within a context where people can relate without falling into the trap of rep-

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resentations. "There was a novel that

emerged a year and a half ago from a Nigerian writer in London, Helon Habila, called Waiting for an Angel; he structurally does things with a novel that I think are very ambitious, and I think he pulls it off. But it's new for us, because as Nigerian writers we are very good at following tradition, and so we would follow the 19th-century tradition; we'd follow the tradition of our elder writers we've had, like Chinua Achebe.

"But I think that there is a new aesthetic beginning to form, and the only thing dictating that is not so much an audience but the need for the writer to find as many ways as possible to present the art to the world. But also as a writer in Nigeria you realize that those of us who live in the West have the luxury, because you have

people actually reading your book and being able to afford to buy your book, and you're getting paid for your book. In Nigeria, it's difficult; books are very expensive. The only things that would be cheap are what we call market literature. So serious work is difficult to afford.3

"What do you teach?"

"I teach creative writing, a lot of poetry, and I teach literature - how literature develops in given political situations and language situations. So I like to teach stuff that has to do with ex-colonials, that has to do with how language works in situations and how it develops a particular kind of literature. "Do you teach Naipaul?"

"I teach one or two of his early works. I have serious political differences with him as he's gotten older.

"But I struggle with this as a writer, this notion of cen-

sorship. I am totally against censorship, but I think that in order for anything to work, context is important. And the context is dialectism. So for instance, I have issues with Conrad's The Heart of Darkness. But rather than have that be removed from a curriculum, I would rather it be kept, but then something like The Radiance of the King by Camara Laye be taught side by side with that, so that you have the other view.

"And even another view."

"Right. As many as we can get. I think now that a lot of younger writers from Nigeria and much of Africa as a whole. either on the continent or in the diaspora, are beginning to push in terms of their aesthetics in their own direction. I like that."

— Iudith Moore





# Why Is She Singing Like This?

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# *To anyone who knows good singing, this is not good singing.*

he La Jolla Music Society brought mezzo Cecilia Bartoli to Copley Symphony Hall, for a program of Italian and French songs (plus two Rossini opera arias). The audience treated this as an occasion for ecstasy. I found it an unhappy experience.

The last time Bartoli appeared in San Diego was 1995. Here is what I wrote about her then:

Bartoli combines the most scintillating *coloratura* agility with a mezzo voice of great substance and richness as well as a highly dramatic temperament. Her vocal instrument is as impressive in the soprano brilliance of its top as in the contralto warmth and depth of its bottom, with the different colors connected by a perfectly smooth and continuous transition throughout the middle range. She can be, as she chooses and as the nature of the music demands, a light-voiced *soubrette* or a deep-voiced tragic heroine.

, These vocal capabilities are matched by a confident power of identification with a broad range of emotional states. Bartoli is a consummate vocal actress, using her voice to define character, attitude, situation, and the expressive meaning of specific words and lines in the text. Her acting ability extends to her effective use of face, hands, and body: no matter what the type of music or the circumstance of performance, Bartoli is always an actress, thoroughly involved with the human experience embodied in the text and music, and communicating that experience vividly to the audience. Her own personality appears to be as delightful and engaging as her art is disciplined and commanding, and her rapport with the audience could not be more sincere; but when she is singing a song or an aria, she loses herself totally in the character and the dramatic situation, creating authentic theater through her every sound and movement.

Technically, she is at an exceptionally high level of mastery. The *coloratura* is extraordinarily precise, yet full of spirit and an air of spontaneity. Bartoli articulates florid passages in several different ways, according to the formal structure of the music and the particular expressive nature of the piece at any given point. Whether *legato*, *spiccato*, or *staccato*, the rapid series of notes are invariably given full vocalization and are right on pitch. In addition, the *coloratura* passages are phrased, often with great suavity, rather than being simply spilled out. The display of vocal provess is always in the service of

musical shape and dramatic expressiveness, and in addition to being passively astonished, the listener is actually compelled to take an active interest in what is going on in those fabulous runs and *roulades*: where the

music is going, and how successive phrases and passages fit together.

Nine years later, Bartoli's personality, her generosity, her acting skills, and the truth of her emotions remain as they were, and these features of her performances still provide deep pleasure. But along the way, something quite bad has happened to her vocal production. The change has been evident in her recent recordings (such as her Vivaldi and Salieri albums, musically exciting as they are), and it was fully on display at Symphony Hall. Earlier, her tone was free and beautifully floated: you can hear how lovely it was, for example, on her CD of Rossini arias (her first recorded recital, made in 1988) and her ravishing 1993 performances of Mozart *soprano* arias (including Fiordiligi's "*Come scoglio*" and "*Per* pietà"). Now, quite regularly, when the voice is high, or loud, or (worst of all) high and loud, it takes on a constricted, shrill quality that is just plain ugly. Back then, the smooth connectedness of her lyrical line was one of her singing's most treasurable features. Now, every vowel is given a different coloration, with extreme differences among the timbres, so that - even when she maintains a legato — the line is fragmented all over the place. In her early days, the top notes were produced just like all the rest of her upper range. Now she noticeably switches gears to get the highs, which seem to be belted out by a different voice entirely. To anyone who knows good singing, this is not good singing.

On the Vivaldi and Salieri albums (from 1999 and 2001, respectively), much of Bartoli's *fiorit*-

ura — particularly in vehement passages - has also been transformed, and not for the better. In addition to the constriction and shrillness of tone, the articulation in such passages has become a kind of disjunct, aspirated clucking so grotesque that it is painful to listen to. At the recent recital, this newer style was - fortunately - not much in evidence: Bartoli generally retained her fabulous agility without resort to a device that is frowned on by all responsible teachers of singing, and that is contrary to all the traditions of bel canto. Yet the vocalism in general was for the most part inferior to Bartoli's earlier traversals of the same repertoire. In the French art songs, for example, even where the coloratura was well handled, a comparison between the singer's performances at Symphony Hall of Delibes's "Les Filles de *Cadix*" or Berlioz's "*Zaïde*" with those on one of Bartoli's most exquisite CDs ("Chant d'amour," from 1996) would be shockingly to the detriment of the way she is singing nowadays. Yes, the recent performances were spirited and dramatic, full of fire and humor; yes, Bartoli still knows how to sell a song and wow an audience. But vocally they were a wreck.

How did this decline come about, in a singer who was once so dazzling, and who in the past gave promise of being one of the great mezzos of all time? One possibility, in such cases, would be the degradations of age on the vocal apparatus but Bartoli is 38, and looks to be in robust health. Another would be the damage inflicted on the voice by incorrect technique, or by injudicious stretching of the voice beyond its means (singing the wrong roles in the wrong halls). But Bartoli's technique, in the first decade of her career, was exemplary, and she has wisely limited herself to repertoire that suits her instrument: no Azucenas or Princess Ebolis for her, and if she has succeeded splendidly with Fiordiligi, she has not attempted Isolde.

In fact, there is nothing wrong with Bartoli's voice, and the proof of that is the fact that, on her program at Symphony Hall, there were occasional performances as fine as anything she has done in the past. One of these was Bizet's "Adieux de l'hôtesse arabe," where once again the lovely Bartoli voice floated free, with unity of color and smooth transitions across the range, and the full poignance of Bizet's Victor Hugo setting was allowed to come across, to the point where it brought tears to one's eyes. Another, in a very



Cecilia Bartoli

#### Cecilia Bartoli, mezzo-soprano; Sergio Ciomei, piano Copley Symphony Hall (La Jolla Music Society)

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different kind of repertoire, was "Lascia qu'io pianga" from Handel's Rinaldo, which Bartoli recorded under Christopher Hogwood four years ago, and which she offered here as an encore. You don't hear Baroque opera singing more touching, more idiomatic, and more sheerly beautiful than this — and Bartoli's San Diego concert demonstrated that she can still do it.

When she wants to. Bartoli's change of vocal production in recent years has not been imposed upon her by nature. It's evidently the result of a conscious choice. She *wants* those shrill, ugly sounds. Perhaps she thinks that they enhance ex-





pression or characterization (although her already formidable powers of expression and characterization never needed enhancement). Perhaps the image she has of her voice has undergone an alteration. Perhaps she's gotten some cockamamie idea in her head about needing a different vocal production in order to be heard in a large hall (I should note that the Bizet and Handel pieces I mentioned above were superbly audible in the vast space of Symphony Hall, with its variable acoustics, and that Bartoli's voice, although not immense in size, has always had great projection and carrying power).

Or perhaps...well, who knows? I don't know why it's happened. But I do know I don't like it, and anyone who cares about great voices and great singing ought to feel the same. ■

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Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 2; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 4; at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7. 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)

**"Die Fledermaus"** by Johann Strauss, Jr. is presented by Lyric Opera San Diego in celebration of opening of its 25th season, with performances through April 4 at Casa del Prado Theatre. It's a lighthearted tale of revenge, mistaken identities, illicit trysting.

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**Concert Pianist** Richard Collier is joined by opera singer Pia in performance on Friday, April 2, 8 p.m., at Avalon Gallery (3803 Ray Street). Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7.50 at door. 619-293-7080. (NORTH PARK)

**Composer Carl Orff's** *Carmina Burana*, described as "one of the most popular orchestral and choral works of the 20th century," will be performed by San Diego Symphony on Saturday, April 3, at 2 and 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Symphony joined by soprano Kathleen Halm, tenor John Edward, baritone Lars Mellander, Classical Concerts International Chorus, San Diego Children's Choir. Tickets: \$20 to \$80. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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when pianist Richard Goode performs for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Pre-concert talk, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series continues with concert by Eroica Trio, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Listen for selections by Beethoven, O'Connor, Dvořák. \$38. 619-239-0100. (ESCONDIDO, LA JOLLA)

**Choral Legacy**, a varied program of choral masterworks by Hildegarde von Bingen, Palestrina, des Prez, Perti, Bach, Haydn, Fauré, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and others presented by Palomar Chorale on Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Tis the Season for "Carmina Burana"!** MiraCosta College's North Coast Chorale, San Elijo Chorale, Chamber Chorale, and North Coast Symphony gather to present Orff's "Carmina Burana," April 3 and 4, at Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$8 general. 760-795-6815. (CARLSBAD)

UCSD's "Premiere Percussion Ensemble," red fish blue fish, performs works by David Lang, John Cage, and USD professor Christopher Adler in concert on Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (UNDA VISTA)

**The Brahms "Requiem"** performed Sunday, April 4, 7 p.m., by combined choirs of First Methodist Church of Chula Vista and Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Nursery care available. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

**"The Rose of Calvary"** by Joseph Martin presented by Westminster Choir in concert, Sunday, April 4, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue). Soloists: soprano Pauline Tweed, tenor Dan Decker, bass Cris O'Bryon, narrator P. Griffith Lindell. Offering. 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

**PianoFest** showcases three pianists who are each at a different stage in their careers. Festival opens with concert by emerging artist James Lent, Sunday, April 4, 2 p.m., with post-concert talk. \$24. Pianist Lang Lang plays selec-

tions by Schumann, Haydn, Schubert, Tan Dun, Chopin, Mozart, Liszt, on Tuesday, April 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$36, \$46.

Festival concludes with Murray Perahia, Sunday, April 18, 4 p.m. Program includes pieces by Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms. Tickets: \$60, \$65, \$75.

Concerts take place at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

**Post Evensong Organ Recital** with Kevin Kwan at the keys, Sunday, April 4, 5 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. Offering. (MIDTOWN)

"Visions of Love" in classical and Broadway selections presented by Scott Gregory and Pamela Laurent for "Second Sundays" series hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association on April 4, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-944-1840. (LA COSTA)

**Lenten Music Concert** on Sunday, April 4, 3 p.m., by combined choirs of St. Michael's Catholic Church and San Diego Mission de

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**Spreckels Organ Pavilion** is site for concert by civic organist Carol Williams on Sunday, April 4, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138, (BALBOA PARK)

A Palm Sunday Cantata is presented by Lemon Grove United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Sunday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. Patricia VanderWerff, Mary Boles, Tim McLellan of San Diego Master Chorale assist in performance of Joseph Martin's "A Time for Alleluia." Offering. Find church at 3204 Washington Street. 619-466-3291. (LEMON GROVE)

Solo Guitar Music by Albeniz, Weiss, Villa Lobos, and others may be heard when Claudia Tornsäufer performs in concert for San Diego Mini-Concert, Monday, April 5, noon, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

"Changing Tastes: Expression — The Machine Age," this lecture and chamber music concert features music by Ravel and Stravinsky, Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. SDSU music professor and Westwind Brass artistic director Brent Dutton comments on impact of technology on art and culture during last century. \$12. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Soprano Dawn Upshaw** is joined by Australian Chamber Orchestra in concert for Celebrity Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, April 17. Preconcert talk at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Programs boasts works by Corelli, Georges Lentz, Bach, Szymanowski, and traditional Hungarian folk songs. Tickets: \$35, \$60, \$85. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)



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619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

#### GALLERIES

**"Symbolist,"** an exhibit of paintings by Ricardo Carbajal-Moss, and "Still Painting" by Peter Stearns continue on display through April at Arts College International (840 G Street). Meet artists at reception on Friday, April 2, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Ernest Silva: Recent Paintings** and Sculpture" opens with reception, Friday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Exhibition includes works "using new images drawn from popular culture and art historical references that range from Goya, the Renaissance, folk art, Cycladic art, Greek and Roman sculpture." Silva presents lecture on Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. (free). 858-454-5872. See the show through Saturday, May 8. (IA JOLLA)

**"Abrahams, Holle, and McHenry"** — exhibition featuring these three artists opens with reception (boasting jazz by Joe Marillo) on Friday, April 2, 6 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). 760-744-1150 x2304. Show closes Friday, April 23. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Dirty Secret(ion)s:** Reliquary Portraits of Five Women" by Effi Karakaidos and G. Pasha Turley's "Photographic Lies and Mexican Truths" are on view through Sunday, April 25, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Current "Outstanding Visual Artists" show was judged by Vickie Cole. Reception for artists: Friday, April 2, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Fresh as All Outdoors"** is April show, juried by Susan Avery Clark, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Reception: Friday, April 2, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Inward Leaving," the MFA thesis exhibition by Nicole Keiser, opens with reception on Saturday, April 3, 6 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson at San Diego State University (in lobby of fifth floor of art department building). Closes Thursday, April 8. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

Whimsical Paintings by Judi Sim featured through April at Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street). Reception: Saturday, April 3, 4 p.m. 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

**"Faiya Fredman: Recent Sculpture** and Photographic Works" opens

with reception on Saturday, April 3, 6 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). 858-581-9934. Show closes Sunday, May 16. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Hearkenings: Personal Lore** in Clay and Fiber" features contemporary narrative sculpture by Lynn Dewart and Johanna Hansen. Exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, April 3, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Theme refers to "messages or things that are asking to be heard, to be paid special heed or given mindful attention." 760-765-1676. Continues through Sunday, May 2. (SANTA YSABEL)

#### ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, useful and beautiful wooden objects — chairs, tables, benches, cabinets — are on view in "George Nakashima, Woodworker — A Retrospective." The objects are exhibited along with paintings and drawings by Nakashima's friend Ben Shahn. Closes Sunday, May 30.

"Origami Masterworks — Innovative Forms of the Art of Paper Folding," on view through April, includes more than 150 pieces by 42 artists from across the globe. Most of the objects were created by folding single sheets of paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals.

"Mingei of Japan — The Legacy of Its Founders — Soetsu Yanagi, Shoji Hamada, and Kanjiro Kawai," an exhibition of objects from the museum's collection by known and unknown craftsmen from throughout Japan continues until Sunday, April 18. Included: *tansu* (Japanese chests), pottery, calligraphy, woodblock prints, stencil work, kimono and other textiles, baskets, toys.

"Sueo Serisawa — Poetry in Painting" offers woodblock prints and paintings by Serisawa, who uses his work as the medium to express his philosophy inspired by Zen Buddhism and J. Krishnamurti's teachings.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Also on view: "Niki de 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 artists, continues through Sunday, May 16. Exhibition highlights important figures and directions defining contemporary art in the region. Find the museum at 700 Prospect

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, stories of loss, struggle, and personal exploration within landscapes scarred by technology and overuse are told in "Robert Parke-Harrison: The Architect's Brother," on view through Sunday, April 4. "The images and the process of their construction embody aspects of theater, sculpture, painting, photography, and performance."

"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, features 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)



# **Ostrich Culture**

*"With that kind of money I could put the police into decent shoes."* 

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n *Jesus Christ Superstar*, dressed for a Las Vegas revue, Judas asks the Nazarene, "why'd you choose such a backward time and such a strange land?"

In Arthur Miller's *Resurrection Blues*, the Second Coming may be taking place

today. A charismatic figure, able to illuminate himself, has been spotted in a country where most of the wealth is in the hands of the

few, where wars get fought based on fictions, and where the government deems the slightest criticisms subversive.

America? Actually no — an unspecified South American country. But the characters have international names: Henri Schultz, Felix Barriaux, Emily Shapiro, Skip L. Cheesboro; and the messiah is, variously, Ralph, Jack, Vladimir, Francisco, and Charlie. The soldiers wear universal fatigues. The media is ever present. After a while, local distinctions blur amid the satire.

Even though Ralph isn't sure which language God speaks, the last thing he wants is cult figure status. So he changes names. But regardless of his current handle, Ralph is a threat because he's the only person on earth who hasn't been narcotized by media overload and political doublespeak. "He still really feels everything," a character observes with astonishment. Ralph could wake people back to reality — already has in the mountains, where guerillas and peasants worship his name(s).

To Felix, the military dictator, Ralph's reverence for life is dangerous. Held together by Viagra and a Miami psychotherapist, Felix has been feeling "ambivalent" of late. About Ralph, however, he's firm: crucify the insurgent. Make him an example. And sell TV rights for 75 million dollars. Think of it, Felix gushes to his cousin, Henri, "with that kind of money I could put the police into decent shoes... maybe have our own airline and send our prostitutes to the dentist! Real sewers! So the better class of people wouldn't have to build houses in the higher elevations!"

Throughout his career the 88-year-old Miller has experimented with dramatic forms. *Resurrection Blues* mines comic irony, and often strikes a vein. It's hard to think of a more timely play. Miller doesn't mention "weapons of mass destruction," but outlines the *Mayaguez* incident: a ship attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin began the Vietnam War. "It's now quite certain the attack never happened," says Henri. "This was a fiction,

a poem; but 56,000 Americans and two million Vietnamese had to die before the two sides got fed up reciting it."

Miller also lambastes our ostrich-like "culture," addicted to avoiding reality. People prefer the "hall of the imagination" and choose not to remember anything ("evasion," Miller wrote four decades ago, "is probably the most developed technique most men have"). And he assaults corporate exploitation. His most virulent satire hoists the TV crew, which wants to turn the crucifixion into a media event, on its own petard.

Along with a litany of commercials and sites — "Jeep was in the Himalayas" — there's Emily's dilemma. The harried director of commercials has a knack for making things "comfortably fake." In effect, she must shoot a "snuff film" (like Mel Gibson's *Passion*?). When told her assignment, Emily asks, "but what's the product?"

*Resurrection Blues* is smart and funny. As a vehicle it allows a forthright American conscience to make important observations. At the same time, the comedy has the feel of a master craftsman's five-finger exercise. The characters, more like positions in an argument than people, are puddle deep. The play devolves into various takes on its subject: How will Felix react? Ralph? His zonked disciple, Stanley? The peasants in the hills? And the Elvis-has-left-the-building ending, though apt, feels tacked on.

But then again, *Resurrection* has a moral urgency missing in American theater. In a 1986 interview with Mark Lamos, Miller refrains from calling what he does a "moral obligation." Chekhov, he says, speaks of what's happening now, like telling the news. "It's a long and honorable tradition, this business of telling the news. That's all the obligation I'm interested in." It's a sad comment on our times that what Miller satirizes in *Resurrection* comes to his audiences as "news."



John de Lancie, Bruce Bohne in Resurrection Blues

Resurrection Blues, by Arthur Miller Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Mark Lamos; cast: John de Lancie, Daniel Davis, Neil Shah, Jennifer Regan, Chris Henry Coffey, Michael Doyle, Jenni-Lynn McMillin, Mike Newman, Karen Zippler, Dana Slamp, Jennifer Stewart, Bruce Bohne; scenic design, Riccardo Hernandez; costumes, Lewis Brown; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Paul Peterson Playing through April 25; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

Lamos directed the Old Globe production. Except for a few stray choices — like Schultz's injured daughter, Jeanine, played a mite too realistically — Miller couldn't ask for a better ally. In *Resurrection*, the tone's the thing. Lamos must balance the horrific, the slapstick, and the sacred. More often than not, he creates that blend. Where he doesn't — as in the goofy, house-lights-up, "Goodbye Charlie" ending — the fault's not his.

After 38 years of oppressing his people, and 100,000 deaths, his country should crucify Felix. In a remarkable performance. John de Lancie makes this thug vulnerable, even funny — a narcissist reflected from a warped mirror. Daniel Davis's Henri is a congeries of hybrids: anti-capitalist inheritor of wealth, waning voice of reason, absent (even when in the same room with Jeanine) father. Davis nicely juggles the various parts, one suspects, of Miller's proxy on the scene. Jennifer Regan has some fun as Emily, the balking director. She also gets to wear the centerpiece of Lewis Brown's excellent costumes: long lime green slacks and the general's white trophy jacket. The actors perform on a terrific set: Articles of Confederation inscribed on bloodred mountains and a giant green palm tree. Although we see his effects (in a 24-hour period, people grow more benevolent), we never see Ralph/Francisco/Charley. He's just a light. And fades away.

The idea of Christ-like figures crucified anew isn't original. In Nikos Kazantzakis's novel, *The Greek Passion*, a shepard plays Jesus in an Easter pageant and dies. Nor is the idea of televised executions, even with Miller. In 1992 he wrote a Swiftian "Modest Proposal" for the *New York Times*. Since ours is the Age of Exploitation, he argued with tongue-in-





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Ashes to Ashes and The Lover Harold Pinter's one-acts 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 vou 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.

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#### The Fantasticks

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#### The Gingerbread Lady

Neil Simon's first "serious comedy" 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. Gingerbread is both relevant and dated (the latter because it ends up enabling Evy's addiction). The three-act play, especially the second, offers 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 Theatre's tradition of excellent design work.

#### Worth a try.

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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

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, 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.

#### I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

The Welk Resort Theatre presents the popular musical revue that traces the evolution of male-female relationships. David Engel directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH JUNE 6; TUESDAY, THURS-DAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATI-NEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

#### 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. THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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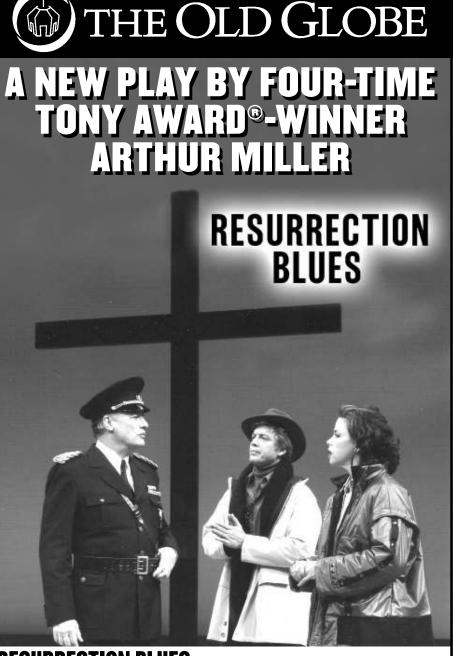
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#### Late-Night Catechism

The Laguna Playhouse stages the popular "interactive adult catechism class," taught by a sister from the spare-not-the-rod school. The concept doesn't sound like much. The sister is substituting (it's the regular teacher's poker night, don't tell a soul). She used to teach but was deemed too strict for contemporary students. And the class is just that, part of a course on Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, es-



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pecially 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

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#### Macbeth

Sledgehammer's share-the-guilt in terpretation'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 Hayatshahi, reallife husband and wife, give the Macbeth's strong sexual chemistry — and simbiotic breakdown. She speechifies, however, giving readings too formal a balance. He could improve a competent performance if he "cut short all intermission" between thoughts and deeds. Macbeth isn't just ready to go; he's already there. Ruff Yeager's effective in multiple roles (though his costumes, ranging from jogging suits to kimonos, are oddly specific). In Kirsten Brandt's direction, men play women, and women men (one of the best performances: Laura Lee Juliano as Banquo - actually Banqua). In the show's biggest eyebrow-raiser, Lady M. slays Macduff's wife and



#### Marvin's Room

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.

Vanguard presents Scott McPherson's award-winning comedy-drama 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. \$\$\$@BOLD:M BUTTERFLY "It was dark, and she was very modest." David Henry Hwang's 1988 drama — and his lengthy explanations in the play and many interviews that followed - introduced cultural diversity to America. Based on the true story of a French diplomat's 20-year affair with a man he thought was a woman, Butterfly is an issue-rich

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look at gender, politics, colonialist stereotypes, and more. At Diversionary Theatre, in a co-production with the Asian-American Rep, the play's received a thoughtful, detailed, visually appealing staging by Doren Elias. Long one of San Diego's better actors, Elias could become one of our better directors! Though neither sparkles, Jessie MacKinnon and Diep Huynh are quite capable as Rene Gallimard ("the patron saint of the socially inept") and Song Liling (Chinese actor/informant). The production gets strong support from Jonathan Dunn-Rankin, Kim Miller, Melissa Fernandes, and especially Manuel J. Fernandes, Chaplinesque in several comic roles. Shulamit Nelson's expressive costumes and

Amanda Stephens much-in-little set (a pond, a proscenium, a jail cell) are major plusses in concert with Elias' vision. Give him more work!

#### Worth a try.

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

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#### **National Comedy Theatre**

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got





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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.

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#### **Resurrection Blues**

Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE. SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 25; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255

#### San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Improv) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

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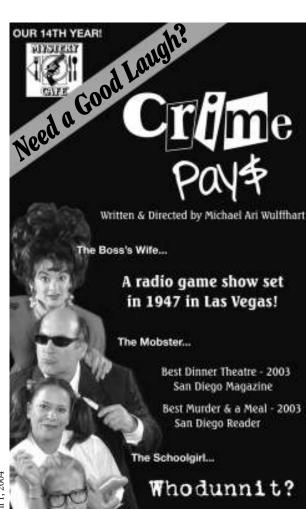
#### Still Life

New Village Arts stages Emily Mann's heralded docudrama about violence in America. Kristianne Kurner directed.

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#### Three Mo' Divas (A Concert Celebration of the African-American Diva Voice)

There's nothing like the San Diego Rep's Divas. Three African-American women, each with octave-leaping voices, sing about finding one's true voice and style. Two hours later, after proving talents at jazz, blues, gospel, opera, show tunes, soul, and other musical genres, it dawns on you that a personal voice could be plural. Singer N'Kenge Simpson-Hoffman, for example, sings Gonoud's "Juliet's Waltz Song," Cab Calloway's "Minnie the Moocher," and Beyonce's "Crazy



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in Love." In its world premiere, Divas is so demanding that separate trios - Cast-A and Cast-1 - 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 mite stiff. Creator-director Marion Caffey could tighten up his beginning, lighten up later (with more physicality, since even the Supremes get a formal treatment). This production could make huge strides during its run. Once the singers grow accustomed to each other's brilliance, and Caffey with the possibilities of such diverse genres, then look out, San Diego Worth a try.

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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 char-



acters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackeriack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Two Sisters and a Piano An earlier work by Nilo Cruz, 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

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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 Celia falls

briefly, for the lieutenant. 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 opening-night perfor mances 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

#### Varekai

Cirque du Soleil's latest show includes dances, games, a fallen Icarus, color wheels of skintight costumes, and acrobats who, when not doing feats of astonishing skill, dance like mad. Varekai functions, says its creator Dominic Champagne, "to tell the old world that something else is pos-

sible." Instead of sun-scorched wings and instant death, Icarus enters a world where the familiar vanishes and he becomes reborn. Previous Cirque shows tried to out-spectacle themselves, to inundate you with excellence. Varekai (the word means "wherever" in gypsy-Romany) offers a more diverse palette. Among other things, this approach makes for a sharper appreciation of the truly difficult, when a man, his feet in the air, balances another on his toes, then spins him like a human prayer wheel, or when a woman does unthinkable contortions on a hula hoop, 25 feet in the air. And the finale is unforgettable. Fourteen gymnasts catapult from two swings into the hands of others on a tower. Then they rise, in corkscrews, over the tower into huge, sail-like sheets, higher and higher. Then two at a time, each an Icarus, reaching for the sun. [note: Cirque du Soleil extended its run of Varekai. Critic's Pick

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"I was calling my friends back home, telling them No Doubt was buying our house and kicking us out.'

be!' Tony shook the girl's hand, but you could tell he thought it was weird.'

They were using a digital camera, taking photos of my bedroom. So I said to Tony, 'What are you going to do, tear these places all down?' And I don't know why, but before he could answer, I stuck my hand up and said,

the inside track

Nathan Roberts had to move after two members of No Doubt did a walk-through in his North Park rental.

"It was so strange. I was told they were coming to look at the place to purchase it. Tom [Dumont, guitarist] and Tony [Kanal, bassist] were walking down 30th; it was so weird. And the realtor had his 13-year-old daughter. He said, 'I took her out of school to meet the band. But I don't think the girl [singer Gwen Stefani] is going to be here. His daughter said, 'She better

'Don't speak. I know just what you're thinking. Don't tell me, because it hurts.' He looked at me like I was crazy [since these are lyrics from their song "Don't Speak"]. He quickly walked into another room.

Roberts was told by one of the buyers that this property would sell in "the mid-\$200,000 price range.

Chad Nash, Roberts's partner, said, "I talked to this guy Justin. He lives here in North Park and is buying the property with No Doubt. He said he's a music producer and owns property in Hollywood also. He seemed nice, but I don't know why he's investing in property with No Doubt. Is it worth that much? Once they spend all the money on landscaping

she moved in, she's been calling my mother [who owns the property with her son] and harassing her. She's been a pain in the ass. When I get back from Hawaii, the shit is gonna hit the fan. I'm going to have her evicted. She was



and refurbishing everything and turn around to sell it. they'll make maybe \$200,000 each. That's a lot of work for a band that has millions and millions of dollars." I called the current owner

of the property, Greg Baker. He was in Hawaii and was pretty upset. He said, "Who did you talk to? Who told you about the sale? I know who it was, she's been complaining about everything. Ever since

so worried about having to move out, but by the time the sale goes through [one resident said it's in escrow], she would've been able to live there for another year. Now, the LLC [limited liability corporation] is looking into stuff, and who knows what's going to happen." When I tell Greg I'm

more interested in No Doubt than in the residents complaining, he tells me,

"From what I understand, a few of the guys are from here. One of the buyers, at least. They liked this area.... I don't think it's the entire band, just a few of the guys, I'm not

sure." "Will the band resell any of the nine cottages?" "I think that's their plan. I thought they might keep two of them for themselves

When Roberts got his deposit back, he said, "The owner [co-owner Mary Baker] said,

'Why is everyone saying No Doubt is buying these places? That's iust not true. I replied, 'We saw them here looking at the property. She didn't

respond to

that.' If you want to see No Doubt in concert, they'll be with blink-182 at Coors Amphitheatre on June 24. If you want to see where they might live, head over to 30th Street in the 3200 block of North Park (half a mile north of the Whistle Stop Bar and

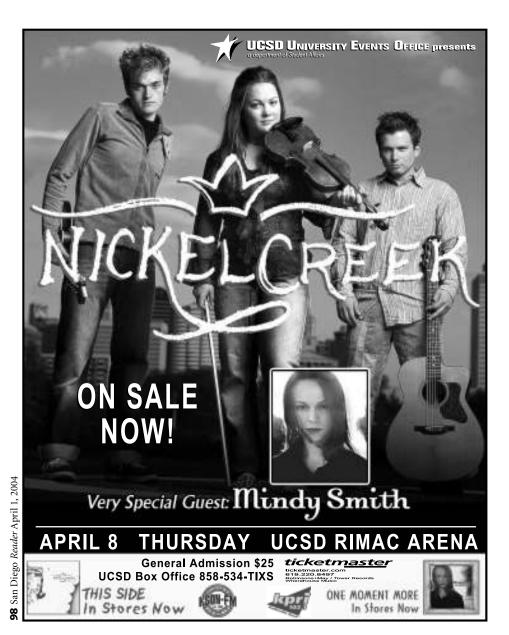
M-Theory Records). –Josh Board

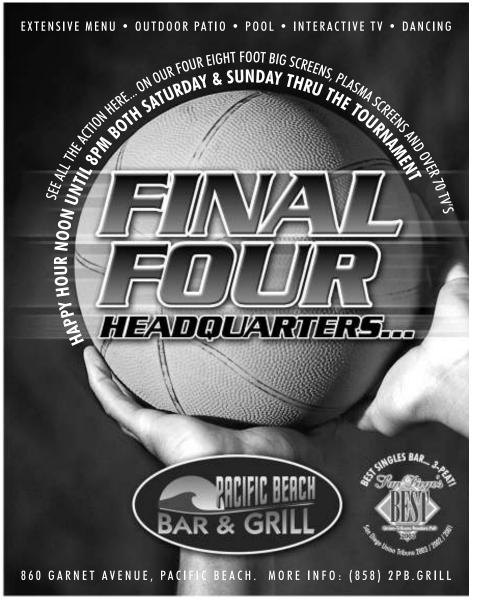
The FBI recently ran a fourday-long surveillance and entrapment detail in San Diego. The local investigation is part of a "wrongful death" lawsuit filed against the city of Los Angeles and its police department by Notorious B.I.G.'s family and former LAPD Detective Russell Poole. Poole investigated Notorious B.I.G.'s 1997



B.I.G.'S MURDER BRINGS FBI TO SD

murder and eventually resigned in 1999 over disputes regarding the unsolved case. The suit alleges another former LAPD officer, David A. Mack, played a role in the murder and his fellow cops covered for him. The case goes before a judge July 27 in Los Angeles federal court, and





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lawyers have been taking depositions from Poole and police officers involved in the investigation.

Even though the details of the San Diego surveillance have been sealed by the judge (along with depositions offered by witnesses, claimants, and defendants), abstracts made in open court by paralegals are accessible because material spoken or read aloud in open court is available for publication.

B.I.G. —real name Christopher Wallace —is alleged in the suit to have been murdered under orders from Death Row Records head Suge Knight, who enlisted L.A. cop Mack to assist, who then hired his old college roommate (University of Oregon), real estate broker Amir Muhammad, to carry out the killing. The FBI was enlisted by the Wallace's family lawyers in 2003. The agency tapped Muhammad's phones and tracked his phone records and mortgage payments. When Muhammad made stops in San Diego over the last week of February, he

was under FBI scrutiny. Photos of Muhammad meeting with undisclosed people have been offered into evidence, though details of their contents remain sealed. An informant accompanied Muhammad to a restaurant in Miramar and then to a strip club near College Grove, wired in an attempt to get Muhammad to say something incriminating about the murder. Despite at least five hours worth of surveillance tape, nothing was recorded which appeared to relate to the case, and none of the audio has yet to be entered as evidence.

According to the lawsuit, Muhammad also visited his old roomie Mack in an Alabama prison after ex-cop Mack was arrested in 1997 and sentenced to 14 years for robbing a bank.

Local SDPD officers did not participate in the surveillance.

"The FBI was enlisted to operate separately and independently from police agencies," according to one B.I.G. family deposition. "We no longer trust the police, any police, to assist us in achieving justice."

Muhammad only became aware of the San Diego surveillance over the past two weeks, as the recent court depositions were filed.

"I have stated from the outset that I have nothing

whatsoever to do with any of this," he said on March 18 during a telephone interview originating from his lawyer's office. "I've done nothing wrong. I don't have anything to hide.... Anybody who says they saw me there that night or that I had anything to do with this is a liar."

—Jay Allen Sanford

#### The front page of the Arts section in the March 14 Atlanta Journal-

*Constitution* contained a story on Grammy winners Nickel Creek. However, the article made no mention of the



NICKEL CREEK — "AREN'T THEY FROM NORWAY?"

> bluegrass band being from San Diego. About 800 attended the show at Atlanta's Variety Playhouse March 19. As the crowd let out, I asked patrons, "Where do you think this band is from?"

Of the two dozen or so people willing to reply, Tennessee was the most common answer (9), with Kentucky second (7). Two speculated on Texas, one said Montana, and a few people said simply "the hills" or something akin ("Ozarks," "Appalachia"). One skinny guy who looked too young to be in a bar said, "Aren't they from Norway? I don't know why I think that. Don't they have hillbilly music in Norway?"

Nobody mentioned California. One couple was convinced Nickel Creek were Atlanta-bred. "We just read that in the local paper!"

After each guess, I informed respondents that the band is from San Diego, "home of blink-182 and P.O.D."

"Really?" "No way!" "Yeah, right." "You're lying!" That pretty much covers the range of responses. One guy announced, "I know you're lying; they're not blonde."

Some interviewees questioned my motives. "Who do you work for, blink-182?" grilled one fellow. "Why do you want people to think Nickel Creek is from Southern California?"

One big guy whose s neck was literally red grabbed his girlfriend by the shoulders and steered her toward the parking lot. "C'mon, honey; he's just a crazy guy." Nickel Creek plays a hometown gig at the RIMAC Arena on April 8. —Jay Allen Sanford

#### "They didn't give us an offer to sign. They

gave us development deals." Scarlet Symphony drummer Josh Wheeler demystifies *Fox Rox* host Troy Johnson's claim that the band had "already turned down Island and Sony Records." A development deal

allows major labels to offer a "test-the-waters" agreement without making a major commitment. The label usually agrees to pay a certain amount for the recording of a number of songs, and then



the label can decide if it wants to sign the band to a regular contract.

"They were really weak

deals," said Wheeler. "They didn't offer too much. But they wanted right of first refusal. We decided not to do it.... We decided to do it on our own. We found a new studio called the Box. It's near SDSU."

Scarlet Symphony appears with Accident Experiment tonight at Belly Up Tavern, 91 cents admission, at 9 p.m. —Ken Leighton

#### Last week House of

**Blues** announced it had secured a \$35 million investment and an additional \$75 million line of credit that would allow the L.A.-based concert company to open two more nightclubs. The first one will open in Cleveland with San Diego to follow. The San Diego House of Blues would be the ninth such nightclub in America. The two closest House of Blues venues are in Anaheim and West Hollywood.

Last week the Union-Tribune reported that the new music nightspot would be located between 5th and 6th Avenues south of Broadway, but according to Don Watson, vice president of operations for House of Blues, it will be housed in the former Woolworth building which is north of Broadway. Watson also said that the

original plan to have it be an 18-and-up venue with a full bar is no longer the case. "It will be 21 and up. That's what



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House of Blues Entertainment already has a strong presence in San Diego, controlling the booking of Coors Amphitheater, SDSU's Open Air Theater and Cox Arena, as well as booking concerts at Viejas.

–Ken Leighton

**"We lost our ProTools studio,** a vintage console, amps, guitars, and drums.'

Singer/guitarist Del Currie estimates his band Fono lost about \$40,000 when their Scripps Ranch studio burned to the ground in last fall's fire. "We've had to borrow and slowly buy new equipment." But the property loss

seems less debilitating than the career-crippling relationships they say they have had with managers.

As drummer Andy Ridley

sees it, they are 0-for-6 when it comes to managers.

Currie is from Ireland. He hooked up with Ridley of Milton Keynes (50 miles north of London) when he moved there in 1989. They started playing together in 1997. Their band played in front of 50,000 at Milton Keynes Bowl. "We saw an ad in the local

paper that was looking for an unsigned band to open for Bon Jovi," said Currie. They got that gig and went

on to play other large multiband European festivals. 'We got a worldwide

deal." However, Zomba, their label, sold its five-record contract with Fono in 1999 to Nashville-based KMG/Rykodisc.

"We were still living in England then," said Currie.

"We would come over to the States and tour four or five months at

a time. We got to tour with the Goo Goo Dolls as part of the MP3.com tour."

FONO TAKES SOME HITS BUT KEEPS ON GIGGING In 2002 they moved to San Diego. "We wanted to be close to a big music city, but not be an L.A. band.'

"In the midst of all this wrangling, we lost a bass player and a guitar player,' said Ridley. "It was too much



The KMG deal soured. "which resulted in a two-year lawsuit. It cost the band tens of thousands of dollars," said Currie.

for them.' 'We have no bitterness," said Currie. "It took Linkin Park nine years before they signed a deal.'

Fono (*www.fono.net*) appears Wednesday at the Casbah with the Millionaires, \$5 admission. -Ken Leighton

Patti Page doesn't have to worry about hotel accommodations when she

performs at the California Center for the Arts April 3 because she's kept a home in San Diego since the mid-1970s. After her divorce from Hollywood choreographer Charlie O'Curran, she moved to Rancho Santa Fe, but now her home is on Loma Larga Drive in Solana Beach, where she and current husband

Jerry Filiciotto have lived since 1998. The couple has lived in that neighborhood since 1989, though they spend half of the year on a farm in Bath, New Hampshire, where they package their own brand of Patti Page Syrup and Pancake Mix.

If you can't make the Escondido concert, locals say the 76-year-old singer can often be spotted at the Flower Hill Mall having lunch at Milton's Delicatessen or taking walks at Fletcher Cove and eating dinner at the nearby Naked Café.

Goldmine magazine contributor and record collector Carl Morstadt lives near Page and reports, "She's very agreeable about signing

autographs and having conversations with fans who approach her around the neighborhood. She told me that she prefers not to sign for anyone who wants [her to write] just her name. She always asks for your name and signs it to you, personally. She said that's to separate her real fans from people who just want to sell the stuff on eBay. It's a lot harder to resell something signed 'Best Wishes, Wolfgang.' —Jay Allen Sanford

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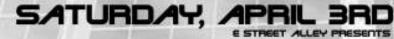
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Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [608]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

#### **FRIDAY**

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. 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, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street,

Normal Heights. Information,

619-303-8176 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.

#### SATURDAY

Patti Page [989]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 3, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253.

David Wilcox: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

"Groovin' for Grover" with Richard Elliot, Gerald Albright, Jeff Lorber, and Paul Taylor: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

#### SUNDAY

**Tony Bennett:** Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 4, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 ga Parkway, Temecula. Pechan 888-732-4264.

#### WEDNESDAY

"Punk Voter Tour": RIMAC Arena, Wednesday, April 7, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

#### EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

#### APRIL

John Hiatt [830]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 8, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Soulive [677]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Nickel Creek [850]: RIMAC Arena. Thursday, April 8, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Kanye West, Dilated Peoples, and **Young Gunz:** 4th & B, Thursday, April 8, 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Yonder Mountain String **Band** and **Lighthouse:** 4th & B, Friday, April 9, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

"Tribute to Glenn Miller": East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 9, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Proclaimers: The Casbah, Friday, April 9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

"Aussie Invasion Tour" with the Vines [144], Jet, the Living End, and **Neon:** SOMA, Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Edie Brickell: Belly Up Tavern Saturday, April 10, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Control Machete: 4th & B. Saturday, April 10, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jonatha Brooke [862]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ralph Stanley: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Bacon Brothers and Cindy Alexander: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ketsana Vilaylack: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Wednesday, April 14, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

James Brown [611]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui [674]: Sycuan Casin Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 15, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Marc Erelli: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [650]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Shov 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.

hed(pe): 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, April 16, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 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, downto 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.

BR5-49 and Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys [343]: The Casbah, Tuesday, April 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtowi 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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.

Beyoncé: SOMA, Thursday, April 22, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Everlast /567]: 4th & B, Thursday, April 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Neal McCoy** [777]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Sophie B. Hawkins [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Circle Jerks and Throw Rag: Brick by Brick, Friday, April 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Chayanne: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, April 24, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

**Tommy Lee:** 4th & B, Saturday, April 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Phil Vassar: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Anka [612]: Pechanga Theater Show Room, Sunday, April 25, 8 p.m., Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, 888-732-4264 or 619-220-8497.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266]: The Casbah, Sunday, April 25, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Seal [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, April 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400

Pinback [398] and Enon: The Casbah, Wednesday, April 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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Kris Delmhorst: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.



#### BY DAVE GOOD

As I write this. I'm still trying to sort out the recent apparent suicide of the monologist/ actor Spalding Gray. His performance pieces like Swimming to Cambodia and Monster in a Box made me feel like he and I were best friends, or at least that he was a long-lost uncle, maybe only slightly insane, but with stories to tell. But such is the illusion of art and showbiz — what you think you know is only a reflection of what you wanted it to be.

The Mars Volta wrestle such fragile alliances on their breakout album De-Loused in the Comatorium. It's a rambling but exceptional concept album about the life and the death of their friend and certifiable loon, musician/artist Julio Venegas, and I'd buy into it 100 percent if Pink Floyd hadn't

The Fall: The Casbah, Sunday, May 16, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Julio Iglesias /609/: Palomar Starlight Theater, Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Winter: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 19, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Aleiandro Sanz [610]: Cox Arena. Thursday, May 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 beaten that art form to death decades ago.

That said, De-Loused will still spend a lot of time in my CD player this summer. It breaks corporate music's spine with its 12-minute-long rambling Latin-jazz acidspace-rock melodies that remind me somewhat of the late Parliament-Funkadelic guitarist Eddie Hazel's "Maggot Brain." In the tradition of complex prog-rock, drummer Jon Theodore drives the car, but the basic song structures are ultimately as simple as Johnny Cash. Everything's on De-Loused, from blistering rock solos and Geddy Lee-like vocals to dub reggae and sci-fi.

Too much for one recording? Maybe, Plus I'm out of step with the whole emo-punk movement and with the exception of the Mars Volta, you can have it. I'd prefer to tell you that the Mars Volta is the Doors for a new breed of listener, albeit one raised on sound bites. Hence the long songs and goofy lyrics like "You should have seen the curse



that flew right by you." Even poor, disjointed Spalding Gray might have gotten a laugh out of verse like "You must have been phlegmatic in stature." One can only wonder. A Perfect Circle headlines.

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**No Doubt** *[232]* and **blink-182** *[244]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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**Incubus** [257]: Cox Arena, Sunday, August 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

**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.

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#### BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Starlight Mints candies are often pictured on Meg White's bass drum, but the band **Starlight Mints** is more likely to be associated with the Flaming Lips. Both bands are from Oklahoma. They share the same management and have toured together. Both are fond of singing about frogs and other odd subject matter.

In fact, the only difference is that the Flaming Lips (as their recent live shows have demonstrated) prefer people in furry animal suits, while the Mints (as an early video shows) prefer hand puppets. I'm kidding. Actually, the Starlight Mints are hard to pin down. Led by the trio of Allan Vest, Andy Nunez, and Marian Love-Nunez, the band can swell up to a seven-piece in concert.

Red Lane: Patrick's II The Liars: The Casbah Mass Transit: Fannie's The Millionaires [416]: 'Canes, The

Casbah The Mistress of Reality: 'Canes Moondance: Fannie's

Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad) The Nicky Band: Humphrey's

Nite Hawk: Carvers The Pawnshop Cowboys: Club

Montage **Private Domain** [**489**]: Dick's Last Resort On record, they invite their friends and neighbors to join in with whatever instruments are handy. One song may be an exotically flavored pop confection built around symphonic instruments, the next a guitar-fueled indie rocker, and the one after that may be built on an early '80s electro-funk bass line.

The results are much better than they have any right to be. Usually, such an eclectic mix sounds forced. Like the '60s Brazilian band Os Mutantes, to whom the Oklahomans are often compared, the Starlight Mints

R.O.K.: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

The Rolling Radio Show: Island

The Screamin' YeeHaws: Club

See Spot Run: The Metaphor

Serious Guise: Second Wind

Shaggin' Wagon: Dreamstreet

Smooth Unit: On The Rocks

The Stilettos: Henry's Pub, McP's

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invest their music with so much goodnatured, intelligent silliness that they could coast by on charm alone. Luckily, the songs are strong enough to hold up. The surefire crowd-pleaser is "San Diego" in which Vest sings, "You're part affordable, you're part horrible" while the music swings between guitar grunge, saxophone sleaze, and random keyboard blips and squeals.



The Killers and the Evening also

perform. (To hear a sample of the **Starlight Mints**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4206.)

STARLIGHT MINTS, The Casbah, Friday, April 2, 8:30 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. \$12.

Restaurant

Donell: The Caliph

The Flying Bridge

Makai: Humphrey's

(Gaslamp)

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub

Karen Giorgio: The Inn at the Park

The Johnnyfree Variety Band:

Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Stripped: Belly Up Tavern Tapwater: Humphrey's

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II The Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeebouse

Undercover: Island Sports & Spirits Y3K: Cannibal Bar

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**The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino

Blue Largo [636]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, The Calypso Cafe

Blue Velvet: The Caliph Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Humphrey

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx

Gilbert Castellanos & the Salsa Party Jam: U.S. Grant Hotel

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

Croce's Jazz Bar Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge

The Hollis Gentry/Jacques Lesure Quartet: Dizzy's

Janet Hammer: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza The Cynthia Hammond Trio: La

Tournament of Champi Lounge Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Costa

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Coronado The Sam Johnson Jazz Trio: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza Mikole Kaar: Jamar's Restaurant

and Lounge **Carrie Landsgaard:** Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge

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Tony Taravella [655]: Humphrey's The Third Coast Jazz Band: Neimans Bar and Grill

Billy Thompson: Coyote Bar and Gril

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Marriott Hotel

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The Dave Warren Group: Axis Martini Bar & Restauran

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar **EXTENSION 4006** 

### **REGGAE / SKA**

Barrington Levy [746]: 4th & B The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Mystic Roots: Longshot Saloon The Trade Roots: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Vegitation: Longshot Saloon

#### EXTENSION 4007

#### COUNTRY

The Band in Black: The Pine Hills Lodge The California Rangers: McCabe's

Beach Club Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's

George James: Don's Cocktail Lounge

The Ranch Rockers: Renegade Inn The Western Continentals: M3 Espresso Cafe

#### EXTENSION 4008

#### ACOUSTIC / FOLK

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Danny Barber: Humphrey's Beezeley: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

John Bosley: Tabloid Coffee Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

The Christy Bruneau Band: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Alicia Champion: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Leland Collins: Humphrey's Jamie Crawford: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

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John Foltz: Miracles Cafe

Mike Gardner: Cheers

Jenn Grinels: Blarney Stone Pub

The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod

Highland Way: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant

Chris Hobson: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Jackson & Sven [852]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill John Katchur: Dizzy's

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Steve Peevey: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Randy Phillips [896]: Dizzy's Beth Preston: Galoka

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Gene Warren: The Ould Sod Marit Weitnauer: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Nathan Weldon: Shooters Bar and Grill

Blake Williams: M3 Espresso Cafe Kevin Wood: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Renate Youngblood:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

#### **EXTENSION 4009**

#### **BLUES / SOUL**

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

Big City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken The Blues Connection: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues** Dusters [932]: Shooters Bar and Grill, Chateau Orleans

The Daily Blues Band: El Cajon Grand Cocktail Lounge, Patrick's II Family Style: Patrick's II

The Fat Tones: Tio Leo's Lounge The Funky Players: U.S. Grant Hotel

**Fuzzy & the Bluesmen** [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The CeeCee James Band [919]:

Johnny "B" Blues: Coyote Bar and

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Cask 'N' Cleaver: Sundays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., DJ Doctor Swing spins the best dance music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook 760-451-8805

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Club Aero: Thursdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., "Downtown Phunk" lounge style 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.

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Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455

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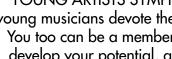


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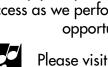






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Axis Martini Bar & Restaurant, 2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-5036. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Dave Warren Group*, jazz/acoustic rock.

**Belly Up Tavern**, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Accident Experiment*, alternative.



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Friday and Saturday, 9:15 p.m. *Ozomatli*, alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Primo*, salsa. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Stripped.

**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, live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Caf, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo*, jazz/blues.

The Calypso Caf, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean* Smith, blues/pop. Saturday, Triple Shot, blues. Sunday, Torpedo Betty, blues. Monday, the Eve Selis Band, rock. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Blue Largo*, blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, Nite Hawk, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Friday and Saturday, Electric Earth, rock. Sunday, Mike Gardner, acoustic. Monday, open-mic. The Cow Shed. 502 East Mission

Road, San Marcos. 760-471-4579. Friday, *Thinwill* and *Thurmus*, alternative.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Torpedo Betty*, blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Hot Rod* Lincoln, rockabilly. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Druthers*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, jazz. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Jerry McCann Band, reggae, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Johnny "B", blues

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, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, Mother Funk, funk/rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Jerry Melnick, jazz/variety piano.

**The Kraken**, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, J.J. Slyde, blues. Saturday, the Blues Brokers, blues. Sunday, bl jam. Wednesday, live band, call club for information

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.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Deja Voodoo*, blues.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Lacklusterhero* and Decompression, alternative, Saturday, *Vegitation* and *the Mystic Roots*, reggae. Monday, *Downpour*, alternative.

Way, Oceanside, 760-758-6363. Thursday, 8 p.m., blues jam or *the Westlin Weavers*, Irish music. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Eiderdown, rock and roll.

Ozomatli, April 2 & 3, Belly Up Tavern

6646. Friday, the California Rangers,

#### country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse 258 East Second Avenue, Escond 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday Divieland iazz. Friday, the Two of Us, rock. Saturday, See Spot Run, rock.

Mille Fleurs, 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-3085. Music hours are 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Randy Beecher*, contemporary. Wednesday, *Richard Samuels*, jazz.

Miracles Caf. 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., live music Saturday, 9:30 p.m., rock, hip-hop. Sunday, 9:30 p.m., rock en Espanol Monday, 8:30 p.m., swing.

**The Pine Hills Lodge,** 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Band in Black, country

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Call club for information.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, the Mitch Budd Band, rock. Friday, 4-Sale, rock. Saturday, the Jackson 3, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., Stella Promo, alternative.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub &

**Restaurant,** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Wednesday, 9 p.m., Highland Way, Irish folk.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-633-3587.





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Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues, jazz.

#### BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Elliott Louis contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Live music nightly, call club for information.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Wet Bar. Friday, 9 p.m., the Atomic Punks, Mistress of Reality, and the Millionaires. Saturday, *J-Live* and *People Under the Stairs*. Monday, 8 p.m., *the Raveonettes* and the Hiss. Tuesday, 7 p.m., the Juliana Theory, Number One Fan, Bayside, and Anberlin.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 9 p.m., NRG, high energy dance. Friday, 9 p.m., *Y3K*, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Maiz*, reggae funk, and *Agua Dulce*, Latin funk.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Che' Caf, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Synesthesia*, alternative.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Call club for information.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/heavy unless otherwise noted. Thursday, April Foolish, Dirty D, the Dateless Losers, Shaggin' Wagon, the Big Fellas, and Cheeky. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

**Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge,** (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Music is blues/jazz unless otherwise noted. Friday, Jack Pollack, piano and vocals, Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Tuesday, Sean McVicker, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Beth Preston, acoustic Saturday, 10 p.m., Forward Funk.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Parak evard, Pacific Beach Mission Bo



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858-483-8847. Friday, the Trade Roots, reggae. Saturday, Jiggawatt, rock.

Il Forno Mediterranean Bistro, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Call club for information.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Dean Paul Ratzman, piano, trumpet, vocals.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771 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. Call club for information.

**Moray's Lounge,** at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz, piano, saxophone, and vocals. Friday through Wednesday, *Larry* Fogel, singer pianist.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach 858-272-7278. Friday, the Fryday Band, rock.

Shooters Bar and Grill. Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Music hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, Phil Lean, guitar Friday, Tomcat Courtney & His Blues





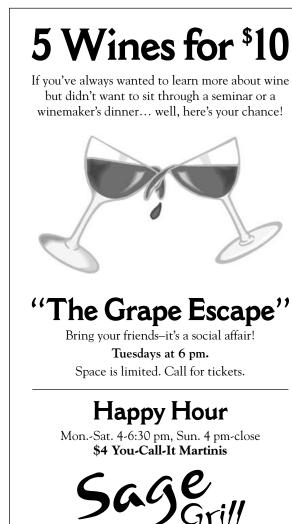
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Album Name: Twelve (2004) Artist: Berkley Hart

Label: PSB Records

Songs: 1) Across the Rubicon 2) Enough's Enough 3) Gimme Back My Heart 4) Twelve 5) Every Tear I Cry 6) Heaven Now 7) Holding the Sun 8) Big Bad Barbie Doll 9) I Ain't Nothin' 10) Rodeo Heart 11) All Roads Lead to You 12) BFD 12a) Slide

12b) How Could I Not?

Price/Where Available: www.psbrecords.com for \$12.50 Band Members: Jeff Berkley (vocals, guitar), Calman Hart (vocals, guitar)

Extra Info: Lestat's Coffee House (3343 Adams Avenue) hosts Berkley Hart Friday, April 30. All of Berkley Hart's songs are now available through the iTunes Music Store, and can be downloaded at www.apple.com/itunes.

Website: www.berkleyhart.com

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue,

Thursday, *Brain Bucket*, acoustic rock. Friday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*.

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ing that all behind ... " "Twelve," the album's title track, is dreary and somber, an indication of what to expect on the album. The

Saturday, Agave, rock. Sunday, Chris Kelly's Open-Acoustic Night. Wednesday, *Mississippi Mud*, blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Friday, Mower and D.I., alternative rock. Monday, the Electric Waste Band,

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classic rock.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., folk rockers are known for mixing introspective, guitarpropelled choruses with solid vocal harmonies, and this disc, their third album, retains some of the band's original sound, but it is not as compelling as previous releases.

Things do lighten up a little with "Big Bad Barbie Doll," a song about the aftereffects of a love gone sour. While the dawdling lyrics soften the mood, listening to two grown men croon "Yeah, B-I-G / B-A-D / B-A-R-B-I-E D-O double L mutant from Mattel," has a souring effect of its own. Thankfully, it doesn't last long, and the two come back strong with the next batch of mournful ballads, "I Ain't Nothin'" and "All Roads Lead to You," being the best of the lot.

Berkley Hart sings, "I'm in a rut / I'm in a maze / I feel like I've been dazed for days / Y'know I coulda, shoulda,

and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy

**The Bahia Belle Cruise,** the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*. **Blarney Stone Pub,** 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe* 

Byrnes, Irish folk. Sunday, open-mic. Monday, Jenn Grinels, folk. Tuesday,



Jeff Berkley and Calman Hart

woulda been / But it will not change this fix I'm in." Perhaps this is telling, because though this album has its moments, their second album, Something To Fall Back On, was more interesting.

(To hear a sample of Twelve, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4857.)

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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. Friday, *Dragon Lounge*. Saturday, *D.O.A.*, *Channel 3*, *the U.S.* Defenders, and Meat Wagon. Sunday, Abloom and Malachi Crunch.

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The Caliph, 3100 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-9495. Friday, 9 p.m., *Kevin Cavanaugh*, lounge piano. Saturday, *Blue Velvet*, jazz. Monday, *Donell*, piano. Wednesday, Del Crone, contemporary.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8:30 p.m., the Christy Bruneau Band, acoustic rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/heavy. Thursday, the Suicide Machines, Against All Authority, and the Code, Friday, 7 p.m., *Noise Rachet*, and guests. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Watashi Wa*, *Joy* Electric, Careen, Athens Falling, and

Dorado Gold. Sunday, 6:30 p.m., the Ragmen, Crematorium, Donny Brook, Tamora, and Lower Definition. The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego

619-688-1120. Friday, live blues. Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday,

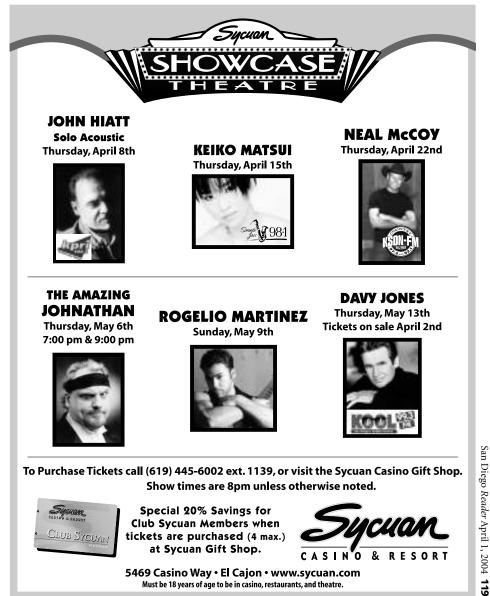
*a Flock of '80s*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly. **Humphrey's,** Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Soul Persuaders, funk/soul/dance. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Lee Brown* Perspective, smooth jazz, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco/pop. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Jumpstar, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., Rising Star, dance/disco. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Tony Taravella, Miguel Lopez, Forgotten Space, David & Rebecca Randle, Bridget Brigitte, Jimmy & Louisa Patton, Leland Collins, Danny Barber, the Nicky Band, Kaelins Web, and the Nervous, variety. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Tapwater*, original rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnigh! t, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

The Inn at the Park, 623 Spruce Street, San Diego. 619-291-0999. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Karen* Giorgio, piano, vocals, open-mic.







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**Lounge,** 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the Bert Torres Band. Monday, Mikole Kaar and Carrie Landsgaard, jazz. Wednesday, call club for information

**Lestat's Coffee House,** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk.

Friday, Dehra Run and LMH. Saturday, the Soothsayers. Sunday, Annie Dru. Monday, open-mic.

Marriott Hotel. 333 West Harbon Drive, San Diego. 619-230-8909. Molly's. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, the Blues Connection.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284 6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

**Pal Joey's,** 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock/blues/swing.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, Shirley Allen, piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Saturday, the CeeCee James Band, blues.

**Scolari's Office**, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Scarlet Symphony, Hot Like* a Robot, Slackjaw, and Snowdrift, alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, the Johnny Voodoo Band, blues.

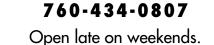
Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Friday, 7 p.m., Tiger Army, the Business, F-Minus, Roger Miret & the Disasters, and the U.S. Rednecks, punk/psycho.

**Tio Leo's Lounge**, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot* Rod Lincoln, rockabilly, Friday, Candye Kane, blues. Saturday, the Ghost Town Deputies, the Fat Tones, and *Roxy Monoxide*, rock/blues. Monday, swing. Tuesday, zydeco.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., *Kristi* Rickert, piano.

Triple Crown Pub, 3221 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-281-

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0263, Saturday, 10 p.m., Dustin Shev and Roosevelt, alternative. Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive

La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle/Bob* Magnusson Jazz Quartet.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m Martin Storrow, Beezeley, Trevos Davis, and Marit Weitnauer. Friday,

through Thursday \$10, Friday and Saturday \$5, Sunday free **HOURS** ➤ 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 a.m. every day; restaurant side closes at 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, 10:00 p.m.

on weekends **DRINKS** > no happy hour and no taps; 20 bottled beers, all \$3;

margaritas \$5, wine \$5 **FOOD** ➤ restaurant specializes in "Puerto Nuevo-style lobster" ACCESS ➤ a mile east of I-5 (take H Street to Broadway); parking lot has only 15 spaces, but lots of street parking on Broadway

**DRESS** ➤ in nightclub, no shorts, ieans, tennis shoes, T-shirts, or caps **DANCE FLOOR** ➤ 100' by 50', but a 15' by 10' area is taken up by a stage (and I'm told when male strippers perform, they bring in a runway that takes up a small portion

8:30 p.m., Alicia Champion, Lauren DeRose, Until John, Chris Hobson, and Kevin Wood. Saturday, 8:30 p.m.,

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> urinals, two stalls (but one was broken and roped off) and two sinks; condom machine (\$.50), scratched unreadable graffiti on the mirror, poster of Mexico, two beer posters (Bud, Pacifico); women's had three stalls, a baby

> > changing area, and two sinks; both were clean and had four paper towel dispensers **CAPACITY** ➤ 125 in restaurant, 250 in nightclub

**FIRE EXITS** > four – the main

entrance, one on each side, and

**BATHROOMS** ➤ men's had two

one near the back by the bar

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ a lobby between the nightclub and restaurant has two large couches, a few chairs, and three colorful Picasso pictures

**FURNISHINGS** ➤ nightclub had 25 tables, 15 seats at the bar, a small DJ booth by the stage (which is in middle of dance floor): 20 ceiling fans, ten TVs placed throughout the bar, beer mirrors and posters all over walls, lots of

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic, Caffeinds Lounge 634, 634

Broadway, downtown. 858-274-7605. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Natasha Ragland, Patrick McGrath, Simply Complex, Bridget Brigitte, David Myers, Driver Jake, and Ronny North folk/alternative.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless

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mirrors, and elaborate lights. I was told by Malia one of the bartenders and go-go dancers, "They hired a guy that works in TJ, so it looks like one of the clubs there."

**DECIBEL LEVEL** > 107 during the mariachi band, 119 with DJ Rigo; last week 122 at La Azotea Bar **QUOTABLE ≻** "It scares me when that singer yells so loud."

This place shouldn't be confused with the Rockin' Baja Lobster chain of restaurants. This place is independently owned. I was surprised the crowd was small for the mariachi band. There were only 14 people here on a weeknight at 10:00 p.m. The band had two horns, two guitars, a quitarrón (bass), a violin, a singer, and another guitarist who also sang. One time a lady handed the guy a note, and he made an announcement. It was all in Spanish, so I don't have a clue as to what was being said.

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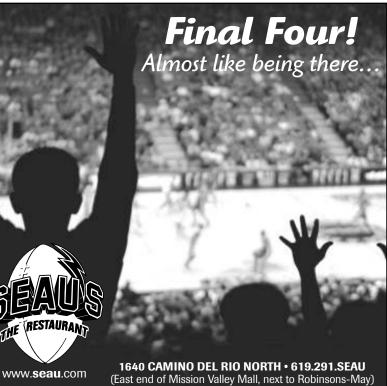




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## Yellow Polka-Dot Zucchini

There's a gentle earthquake shaking our region. The "Food Revolution" that began in Northern California 30 years ago — until now felt here mainly as mild aftershocks — is rolling through Region, a new restaurant headed by some of the most talented chefs in town.

The cover of Region's daily-changing paper menu reads "Pure and Simple Cuisine." Inside the fold, right under the list of desserts, it carries a statement about the international Slow Food movement — because Slow Food is what Region is all about. That doesn't mean you'll have to wait an hour for appetizers or that everything comes out of a crockpot. It *is* the opposite of fast food, emphasizing eating mindfully with pleasure, not gobbling for fuel. And what makes Slow Food pleasurable turns out to please Mother Nature, too.

Slow Food favors produce and livestock raised slowly and naturally — no petroleum jolts for the plants, no cages or hormones for the herbivores. It values vinegars, breads, cheeses, etc., created carefully by artisans, not disgorged by factories. And it prescribes local food over imports shipped from half a country or half a world away. That last may be a tall order for Wyoming in winter, but San Diego is an eater's Eden year-round.

Region is what you get when you put three terrific chefs into one cauldron. Michael Stebner, Allyson Colwell, and Jack Fisher, who worked together at Azzura Point and then at 910, took over the site of the former Mixx and gave it a muchneeded Extreme Makeover. The downstairs now sports a chic black bar and a comfortable lounge with large sofas and giant paintings hanging on pale lime-green walls. The same tint continues up the short staircase and into the dining room. At the top of the stairs are two chalkboards. One of them is titled "Your Artisans," listing the bakers of the bread (e.g., Bread & Cie), the kneaders of the cheeses, the olive oil producer, and more. The other not only names every local farm that supplied the evening's precious produce (including Chino, of course), but also discloses which of the evening's specific fruits and veggies each one grew. The signage may seem a little solemn, but you can look at it as your grocery wish list.

With its rustic dark wood tables, light hardwood floor, and banquettes ranged along the walls, the dining room can be noisy, especially when a tableful of local bigshots are seated behind you,



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conducting their conversations as public orations. Happily, there's no music upstairs.

The menu is relatively short, running to seven or eight appetizers, two house-made fresh pastas, and four or five entrées. In both structure and style, the choices are classically rural

Italian. That is, the pasta isn't meant to be a main dish but a light, shared course between appetizers and entrées — and the primary flavors

of the meal arise more from the produce than the proteins. A Mediterranean sense of proportion governs the portions, too. They're relatively modest, like those you probably serve at home, rather than the lumberjack loads of so many local restaurants. You won't leave hungry, but you won't waddle out like a grounded walrus, either.

I regard Stebner as San Diego's closest artistic relative to Alice Waters of Chez Panisse, the godmother of the Slow Food movement. Like hers, his food is almost homey rather than ostentatiously luxurious. But it *is* hedonistic, offering elite ingredients interestingly combined and cooked with care. It looks deceptively easy, but you really can't do this at home, kids, unless you spend your whole day foraging.

Appetizers are featherweight — appetizing, not filling. Inspired by "Chez" alumnus Paul Bertolli, dessert chef Jack Fisher has learned to make fresh

cheeses. The menu always offers a starter featuring Fisher's homemade mozzarella — young, mild, and baby tender, garnished by the day's fresh produce — say, arti-

chokes and Meyer lemon or arugula and fried squash blossoms.

You'll never find *bruschetta* (toasted baguette slices) topped with winter tomatoes here. Instead, you'll encounter artisan cheeses and peak-of-season vegetables. One night, the toasts were barely slicked with delicate Tomales Bay goat cheese (I defy you to find the goat in it) cross-hatched with nuttytasting, twig-thin spears of dark green asparagus. Another evening's offering featured pancetta, parmesan, and spicy green garlic.

Appearing regularly on the menu are extraordinary mussels. The small black bivalves arrive in shells painted with a green herb purée (like a pesto

#### Region \*\*\*\*

3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499.

HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:00 p.m. PRICES: Appetizers and pastas, \$5-\$11; entrées, average \$21; desserts, \$6.75. Fourcourse chef tasting dinner for entire table, \$45 per person; matched wine flight, \$30. CUISINE & BEVERAGES: "Pure and sim-

ple" cooking of superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans, including housemade fresh cheeses, riveting desserts. Adventurous wine list at low markups, many under \$40, about ten choices by the glass plus dessert wines. Corkage \$18.

**NEED TO KNOW:** Daily-changing menus, widest choices on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reserve for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift (ask bartender). Can be noisy; banquettes offer quietest seating. Street parking difficult; try across the street at afterhours Red Cross lot or pay lot at Rite-Aid (on Robinson).

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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without cheese and nuts). They're steamed to flawless succulence in a bowl of light-green herbal broth that matches the restaurant walls. The table bread the night I tasted it was the maiden voyage of Bread & Cie's new lemon-sage loaf, which was irresistible dipped in the sauce. (It was even more devastating simply smeared with sweet butter.)

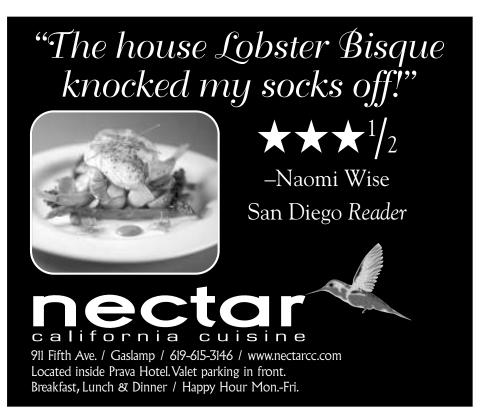
A large sculpture hangs on one of the walls: a brass rendering of the word "Trust" — the restaurant's motto. (I'd already guessed that these folks

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wouldn't be serving me antique mussels or gravy made from "base" — a base substance, indeed.) The sign came first, and from it came the name of the chef's tasting dinner, "Trust the Chefs." A shared dinner for a whole table, the "Trust" always starts with an antipasti platter, a scattering of some of the dav's appetizers plus other tidbits. This platter is also available à la carte (but only for the whole table). We tried it one night and found it an amusing adventure but less cleanly focused than the individual appetizers. The chef dinner continues with one of the nightly pastas to share, then an entrée from the night's menu, and finally a dessert sampling. You can get a matching flight of wines with it; the lead waiter, Scotty Johnson, is also the sommelier.

The pastas are all made from scratch. One evening's *orecchiete* (it means "little ears") offered dainty platelets about the size of bachelor's buttons. They came with green peas, snow peas, onions, and a few bolder leaves of dandelion greens and sorrel, bathed in an exquisite Jewish-grandma chicken broth that absorbed and echoed the sweet green flavors.

Necessarily violating the "local foods" proviso, Region's seafood comes from Brooklyn, where Stebner's fish jobber air ships him the same day's catch. (With such a small restaurant to supply, he hasn't found any local fish company equally trustworthy.) Hence, the species he serves are from the Atlantic. Lightly battered monkfish was featured one night, and don't ever believe that it's "poor man's lobster." It revealed a dense, slightly elastic texture and meaty flavor more closely resembling veal scallops. This is a fish that really wants a red wine; we were

actually thrilled by a pairing with the Warwick Stellenbach Shiraz (from South Africa). Surrounding the fillet were a charming crowd of itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny baby summer squashes, baby carrots, oregano, lemon, and olive oil. Another evening, there was a delightful fried skate (ray), already boned so we could enjoy the flesh without a fencing match against its saber-sharp skeleton.

Organic roast chicken fooled my whole table. Cut from a young pullet, its flavor so little resembles a modern factory fowl, we mistook it for some classy game bird, leading one of my friends to swear, "I'll never buy a supermarket chicken again!" The pieces were plated on impeccable onion-flecked risotto, along with "onion jus" and a few tiny little puffs of onion rings. Whenever you see risotto on a Region menu, vou can trust the chefs to execute it faultlessly.

A luscious braise of short ribs in Irish stout and porcini mushrooms put all our Irish pubs to shame; it's a completely different dish built from real stock, not Sysco "starter." It came wrapped with glorious, creamy polenta, another starch you can always trust here. A 'rack" of pork also benefited from a side of polenta, that time dotted and tinted by a host of Chino's multicolored baby beets. The "rack" was actually a single thick rib chop with a rosemary-honey glaze. It could have done with less cooking; it was pretty chewy but for the moist pink area at the bone. (Servers should ask how well you want it done - and if they do, remember that five minutes at 135° F will kill all the nasties and render a succulent hunk of pink-fleshed pig.)

There are only a few chefs (or people) in the world with palates so unerring that they're incapable of turning out a failed dish. I'm not one. Neither (sorry) is Stebner. Occasionally he'll pair a whispery main ingredient with a boisterous supporter or worse yet have the bland leading the bland. A delicate cod fillet was overshadowed by a powerful red wine sauce and by the muscular young asparagus spears that had worked so well on the bruschetta. And when it comes to the crucifer (cabbage patch) veggies, you can be too simple - and in a cauliflower soup, Stebner was. As we tasted it in turn, my tablemates and I each added more salt and more pepper to the chaste white pottage — but what it really needed was about a half pound of lightly poached sea urchin gonads and a cup of cream, or a handful of sautéed curry spices, or at least a good splash of lemon juice.

The just-right portions leave room for the outstanding desserts. I consider Jack Fisher one of the top young pastry chefs in California, and his sweets follow naturally out of the previous courses. They are food, not circuses, all about flavor and texture rather than showiness. Right now he's on a streak of remaking "classic" desserts into weightless puffs and fluffs, topping them with full-flavored housemade sorbet and ice cream.

His panna cotta shimmies like Sister Kate, a shining white round of ethereal crème fraîche custard. He surrounded it one evening with bits of candied kumquat in multicolored light syrups, rakishly flavored with a hint of star anise. Crowning the production was an egg of strong tangerine sorbet. A Napoleon consists mainly of housemade ricotta, surrounded by fresh strawberries and a few almonds fried in extra-virgin olive oil. And when Fisher does chocolate, he doesn't go decadent. A reinvented dacquoise featured airy chocolate mousse topped with powerful caramel ice cream, accompanied by a housemade cinnamon graham cracker. A complex little chocolate tart lived up to the word "tart" with its bold layer of unsweetened passion-fruit pulp. A San Diego culinary earthquake is way overdue. Let's hope this is the first rumble of the Big One.

#### ABOUT THE CHEFS

The three chefs who run Region learned their craft on the job, not at culinary schools. They began working together at Azzura Point, the fine-dining venue at the Loew's Silver Strand Resort, and moved on to 910 before opening Region. Chef Michael Stebner, from Phoenix, was trained by the legendary Jimmy Bovce at the Phoenician. When Bovce came west to head Azzura Point's kitchen, Stebner joined him, inheriting the top toque position when his mentor returned to Arizona. He, in turn, helped train Allyson Colwell. an English major from Cincinnati, who started as a line cook and then became Stebner's sous-chef at 910. Pastry chef Jack Fisher, from Imperial Beach, started out as a pro body-boarder. He drifted into cooking and developed a passion for pastry while working at the Sheraton Harbor Island.

I asked Stebner how his food has changed at Region. Over my whole career, I went from a very French cook to an almost Italian cook. At some point while I was at 910, my ideas and ideals as a cook evolved from thinking about the technique to thinking about the products, about freshness. That's the biggest difference between French food and Italian food. You have to have certain techniques, of course, but you don't need all the techniques that I was trained in of how to bring the best out of something - when the product already has what it takes on its own. All you've got to do is not screw it up.

"Here, we make the kind of food you can eat a couple, three times a week. It's straightforward and simple, not overindulgent or confusing. It's Southern California food; it fits in with the lifestyle here. Of course, it's a style that's often associated with Northern California, but our local products are actually better, and we're using as many local products as we possibly can. My goal is to try and define Southern California food, to give it an identity.

"Our menu is essentially home cooking. But we spend more time than the average person can spare just making sure that the food is coming out of the ground and getting onto the plate the same day. Instead of having the food go from farmer to wholesaler to retailer to chef, it's changing hands just twice before it hits your plate, and it's happening in ten hours instead of four or five days. The kind of food we do is so unforgiving, you just can't do it with old broccoli. That's why the menu changes. We don't change it on a whim; we change it because that's what came in today. The worst thing I can do is put something in the cooler and forget about it until tomorrow. We do 'reverse rotation.' We serve the new stuff first, and only if we run out of something do we use the older stuff... Our walk-in is literally emptied on Saturday, and we start all over on Tuesday.

"Since we started, we've had to change a little. At first we thought people would be eating four-course dinners — you know, an appetizer, a pasta, an entrée, a dessert, a bottle of wine. But they just don't. People would come in and order just two things, and some of them complained that the portions were too small, so we've had to increase the entrée portions and prices a little bit."

The protein components include organic chicken, "stressfree" organic beef from Meyer Ranch, organic pork from Pipestone, and cured meats from Nieman, where "they have this awesome guy, an old Italian guy making the speck [Austrian-style prosciutto], the salami in the traditional way..." says Stebner. "Eventually I want to start making our own prosciutto. That's one of our goals here, to be a sort of self-sustained restaurant. We're doing the cheese thing now, and that's something that we want to build on."

Several North County organic or biodynamic farms deliver once or twice a week, Stebner shops at the Coronado Farmers' Market, and Allyson Colwell lives within a short drive of Chino Farms (which delivers to no one). The produce flows into Region all week, but the greatest, most inspiring bulk of it pours in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Through direct contact, Stebner has developed an understanding of the rigors of small-scale agriculture. "I try to be a great ambassador for these local farmers," says Stebner, "and I need to do everything I can to make their life easier. The last thing they have time to do is get up in the morning, plant a bunch of stuff, pick a bunch of stuff, crate a bunch of stuff, and then lug it into the car and bring it down here for a hundred bucks. I'm also at the mercy of these farms I buy from when, say, they have a hailstorm, and they have nothing to sell me for two weeks.

"My goal over the next couple of years is to bring those farms closer with some sort of vehicle program. We've been working on the Public Market Plan for City Heights, planned to open three years from now. I've been in on the ground floor of that. If it's gonna work, it's got to be a market [that benefits] restaurants and farmers as well as consumers. The Public Market has to be supported by restaurants that are big accounts, so it would have the money to support a fleet of trucks - when I say 'a fleet,' I mean two trucks. They would drive out to these farms - all the way to Riverside County for milk and all the drive out to Temecula. San Diego County has the most farms of any county in the United States except Hudson County in upstate New York. But where is the stuff at? It's out there, and we've got to get it down here. That's my number-one priority."







## Shake Dream

*"My husband is American," she says. "He likes pork chops, baked potatoes, fries, canned vegetables."* 

You might say it's the classic American dream. Patty and Jose, one fruit salad at a time. Patty used to sell fruit drinks she made outside the church in Guanajuato. Milk, strawberries, banana, cinnamon. Then in 1994

she came to America, met Jose, who had come up from Durango. They married. Jose worked for a big San Diego catering company, cooking 20,000 pieces of chicken, 1000 pounds of potatoes, giant pots of pork and beans every week.

So one day Patty said to Jose,

"Why don't we start a business selling fruit shakes? Like I did in Guanajuato. They're healthy. Everybody in America is talking about eating healthy."

"Hold it," said Jose. "In Mexico you can start up your business for \$2.00 in your front room. Here, you've got city hall, you've got the health department regulations. It's not that simple."

But Patty hung in there with him, and pretty soon, when he was driving up National Avenue in Barrio Logan, Jose noticed that a little piñata shop just half a block from the Logan Heights Family Health Center was closing down. He thought, "Hmm. Near the health center. Healthy juices, salads. That might work."

He found the landlord and did a deal. "When we opened, we had no money," he says. "We had spent it all painting and cleaning and in-



stalling. Only enough to buy a few fruit. This was 15 months ago. We'd take the money people paid us for a shake or a salad and go and buy more fruit. But we had our business."

Jose's telling me this at one of the glass-top tables with the bright red chairs

in the front of the shop. I've come in on impulse. It's lunchtime. Fresh breezy day. Choice was here or El Porvenir, that great old burrito place across the road. But no, I thought. Something healthy today. Make the leap. Patty's looked so fresh-paint white and bulging

with fruit like papayas and pineapples and bananas hanging on the walls and sitting in rows on high shelves. What cinched it was that the menu board also mentioned shrimp tostadas and turkey and beef tortas.

There was a line, so I took a seat. I faced this big, new-looking mural of volcanoes, palms, parrots. Bright colors. On the right, a lady attacked a torta. "Turkey," she said when I asked her. "It's good. Swiss cheese, chipotle mayo, \$2.99." The guy Keith at the next table was munching into a shrimp tostada. "Can't beat it for \$2.25," he said. Mayra, the lady with him, was picking into a pot of fruit pieces with, like, red pepper on top. "*Pico de gallo*," she said. "Rooster's beak. That's because it's *picante*, with cayenne on the fruit and veggies. It's my power lunch." That's when Jose came over and we got talking. Now it's time for me to take the plunge.

I check the wall menu. There's solid stuff, like hot dogs (\$1.50), nachos with cheese and jalapeños (\$1.99), sandwiches (roast beef, ham, turkey, tuna, veggie) with American or Swiss cheese and lettuce (\$2.75), or tortas with the same fillings (\$2.99), or tostadas with shrimp or *cueritos* (\$2.25). I ask Brizi, the girl at the register, about the *cueritos*. She points to a way-big jar of...wide linguini strips of pork skin, preserved in vinegar. Uh, no. Not this early.

I see they have luscious-looking fruit salads too, strawbs, melon, banana, kiwi, apple, raisins, the whole shootin' match, with cottage cheese, granola, and honey on top.

"It's all fresh. Nothing canned, nothing frozen like some juice places," says Jose. He's behind the counter now. He makes two sizes, medium \$3.50, large \$4.75. "The medium is about two pounds of fruit, the large about five pounds," says Jose. "You won't be hungry."

In the end I go for a shrimp tostada and *pico* de gallo. Sit down at the table where the torta lady's eating. Emma. "My husband is American," she says. "He likes pork chops, baked potatoes, fries, canned vegetables. I like fresh vegetables, chicken, fish, cilantro. He hates cilantro. So when I go to the clinic I come here. I have a torta or the fruit salad."

I start in on my *pico de gallo*. Hmm. *Picante*, for sure. It's mostly fruit. Melon, pineapple, orange, but also cucumber and crisp white chunks of jicama. The red pepper mix on top turns this into a savory meal. And with the tostada, you feel filled up but not clogged, like with a burrito.

"Yes," says Jose. "That first day we opened, we had spent everything. We had that one green milkshake machine and nothing else. No refrigerator, nothing. But guess what? All the doctors and nurses from the clinic started coming here. Now nutritionists send their patients. The health thing is happening in America. In Barrio Logan, anyway."

Three months after opening, Patty became pregnant, so Jose is pretty much carrying the load now.

"But when I think of that girl selling shakes outside the church in Guanajuato and holding on to that idea, I feel good, real good," he says.

Man. So do I. Little choked up for a moment there, if you want to know the truth. I buy a fruit salad, the one with the honey and cottage cheese, to take home to Carla, and head off toward 12th and Imperial. Full, but not clogged. It's a good feeling.

**The Place:** *Patty's Fruitland, 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085* **Type of Food:** *Health, Mexican* 

**Prices:** Turkey torta, with Swiss cheese, chipotle mayo, \$2.99; shrimp tostada, \$2.25; hot dogs, \$1.50; nachos with cheese and jalapeños, \$1.99; sandwiches (roast beef, ham, turkey, tuna, veggie) with American or Swiss cheese and lettuce, \$2.75; tostada with cueritos (pig skin), \$2.25; pico de gallo (fruit and raw veggies, including jicama, cucumber, peppered on top). \$3 50 medium, \$4 50 large; ice cream, 99 cents cone, \$1 99 cu:; fruit solad with cottage

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## **Too Plush and** Sort of Brazen

"Parker has been able to change the way an entire region makes wine. That's unbelievable!"

awrence Osborne has reached that stage in a writer's career where he can put himself on the cover of his book. There he is, gracing the front of his latest, The Accidental Connoisseur: An Irreverent Journey Through the

Wine World, delightfully rendered in pen and ink. He looks a bit like Toad from Toad of Toad Hall, but he assures me that "I chose that picture because I think that's me." As he reclines on his favorite toadstool, he raises a glass of Champagne to all and sundry. You can almost hear him crying,

"Is there anything better than drinking? When the happiness of drinking overwhelms you, you cannot resist it" — a sentiment he expresses on page 21.

But even as he rhapsodizes, something is amiss. One webbed hand toasts the world, but the other hovers above his head, "fretting," as Osborne puts it. Poor Toad is wondering, "Is this stuff really any good? Was it worth the expense? Should I like it as much as I do?" That fretful hand is why Osborne wrote The Accidental Connoisseur, which recounts his quest to ease his mind by discovering his taste. "I have always had a sort of anxiety about my own taste," he says. "Well, more than that - a complete lack of belief in it. I had a be-



lief in my own taste when it came to things like furniture and clothes, but not when it came to wine — the one area where 'taste' is literal. I always wondered why my own likes and dislikes in wine never seemed to correspond with what the

experts thought was good or bad. I never really liked '90s Bordeaux; I always found them too plush and sort of brazen." But wine critic Robert Parker, whose integrity Osborne admires, "raved about them.<sup>3</sup>

Osborne wasn't satisfied with a simple dismissal of the ex-

perts; his quest was not a solipsistic descent into himself. He thinks that "we have two areas of taste. We have our own tastes, which are beautiful and personal and intimate, and which define us as individuals. And then we have mass taste, which is where our insecurity cedes to the authority of critics. There's a kind of dialectic between these two areas. We don't think, 'My taste is infallible, even though I know nothing. We start working our way outward." That's when we bump into the critics, and when "we begin to objectify our taste by exploring the actual world. 'Does my mouth tally with Parker?' That's true not just of wine but of everything - books, for example."

To better understand why he liked what he did — at home, he drinks mostly Southern French, Italian, and "German Riesling when the weather turns warm" he decided to make his quest a physical one. He started in the Marches of Italy, sojourned in Napa and Santa Cruz, tramped across Bordeaux and the Languedoc in France, and then gradually slipped down the Italian boot to Puglia, drinking all the way. He listened as well, soaking up helpful information and candid opinion from all corners. Industry giants Robert Mondavi and Piero Antinori, American masters Paul Draper and Randall Grahm, and old-fashioned operators like Bill Cadman and

Jean-Pierre Jullien all got their chance to bend Osborne's ear as they filled his glass.

Though admittedly skeptical about the glories of California, he tried to go in "without any ideological axe to grind. Those kind of books exist already, and they're written by people who know what they're talking about when it comes to wine — which I don't. I'm ignorant now, but then I was absolutely at base level. When I was drinking Mondavi's wines" — the icon had set up his Chardonnay and Pinot Noir against Burgundian versions of the same was completely out of my depth. I had no clue what to say about them." Wisely, he kept his own counsel and let Mondavi's wife do the arguing. He maintained a similar, student-like reticence through his visits at Sterling, Opus One, Ridge, Chalone, and Mount Eden. Only at Bonny Doon did he open up to the wine-

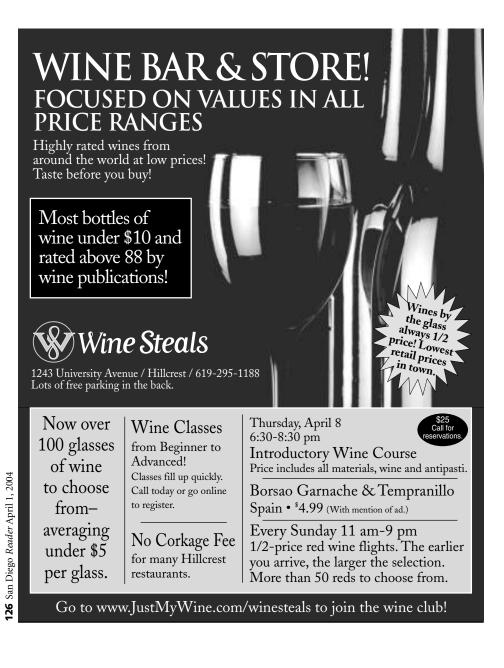


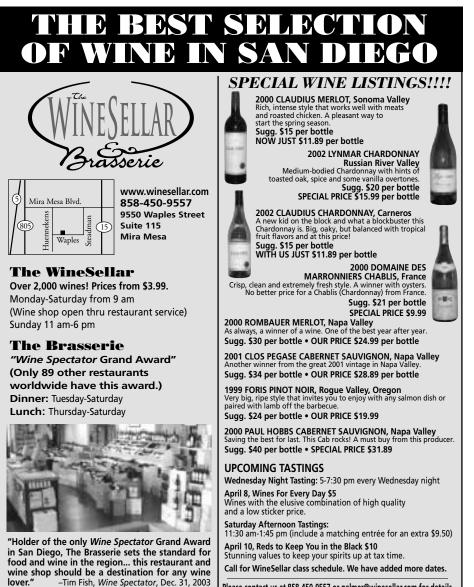
From the cover of The Accidental Connoisseur

maker and admit a fondness for the winery's icewine.

"I was hesitant because that's how I was feeling," says Osborne. He was doing his best Mark Twain, toddling off to Venice "to see if the streets were full of water." He wanted to present his journey as one that any thirsty soul could have made, his conclusions as those of a true amateur. The book's title refers to someone "falling into something that one actually loves. I love wine. If you love something and you set out to learn something about your taste in it," that's when you become an accidental connoisseur.

And like a true amateur, he harbors a certain wariness of professionals - the "real" connoisseurs. The book makes it clear that he is no great fan of attempts to render wine description scientifically. He decries the dismissal of "elegance" as an indistinct descriptor, and has little





use for the wine aroma wheel, which provides a systematic format for wine analysis. "I've never actually tried to taste wine with the wheel and match the terms up," he admits, "but then, God, why would I? Wouldn't that suck the joy out of the whole thing? I understand it was designed for winemakers, so that's a different thing - but I do think it's filtered down to wine critics. You get these descriptions, and sometimes they make sense and sometimes they're completely esoteric to me.' Osborne fears that when the critic starts "trying to sound like an objective scientist," pronouncing on wine with unquestionable accuracy, the way is paved for a "tyranny of "Look at Bordeaux. taste." Parker has been able to change the way an entire region makes wine. That's unbelievable! I'm sure he's very pleased with himself, but is it good for us? I mean, we have to drink the bloody wine. So it's good for these things to be called into question generally.' Looking back on his trav-

els, Osborne grants the classic division of wine into Old and New World, though the book provides evidence that the distinction has something to do with philosophy as well as place. He found some Old World types looking for terroir — a sense of place — in California. And he thinks Bordeaux is tending toward the New World emphasis on the forward fruit qualities of a wine, and what "a certain kind of polished techno-brightness can do to heighten that fruit. It's probably not hard to guess on which side of this divide Osborne comes down — he is given to statements like "wine is landscape." But he wanted to present the matter so that a fellow traveler "could have come out on the other side of the fence." To him, the book "is not necessarily about wine" so much as it is about taste and place and a way of looking at life. That's why he ends in Puglia, "a weird, mystical, Shakespearean landscape where I feel most at home, even though the wines aren't that great." ■

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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#### NORTH COASTAL

**Calypso Cafe** 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

**Del Mar Pizza** 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of serious-ness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials. which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (11/01) **Knockout Pizza** 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**Paul's Place** 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

**St. Tropez** 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this

bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled volau-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

**Teriyaki 101** 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The darkmeat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroided burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

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**Vigilucci's** 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

**The Village Grill** 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

#### NORTH INLAND

**150 Grand Cafe** 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe din certs on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

**Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant** 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118, 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag." She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and

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everything you ate — even if it was just pho bo. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03) **Delicias** 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpelike eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, hu-mongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on week-ends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. -N.W. (9/03)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crèpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj" - style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (1/03)

**Meiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar** 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W*.

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pecially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. - E.W. Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night,

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arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mex-ican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken

when the mysterious low mud-brick

strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

#### LA JOLLA

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Mon-

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terey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarls-berg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W.

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuff-ings speak in a Gallic accent. Other pos-sibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — N.W. (5/02) George's At The Cove 1250 t Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244.

The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is ro-mantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cui-sine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. - E.W. (9/99) Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish wait-resses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the baconloaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-

here-forever waitresses and customers

sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk

patio, too. Long lines on weekends. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 691-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your pre-ferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tan-doori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns karahi, lamb pasanda, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is over-cooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W.* (6/01)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clack-

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Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-some-thing crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin - the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention. fresh and crunchy with veggies and to*biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, how-ever, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour spe-cials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)* 

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy - hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-tourist kind of place has ver-rv faithful customers. But if vou want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpen-sive. — E.B. (5/02)

#### Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

**Dumpling Inn** 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Holein-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-inthe-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, mansize-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-andsour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork

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New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports barpatio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

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**China Inn** 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* 

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this familyowned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide

selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W. Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 825 Garnet Avenue (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang *ped, panang,* and *kang kari.* Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai.* But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course nam pla, Thai fish sauce A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. An-other sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03) Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Ocean Beach.

619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Ave-nue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Ave nue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an antoiito stuffed with beef - it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try any

thing else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

**Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli** 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açai* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açai*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açai* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açai* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

**Sportsmen's Seafoods** 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)* 

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**Big Kitchen** 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrrooms, sherty, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)* 

**El Comal** 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-thanfresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

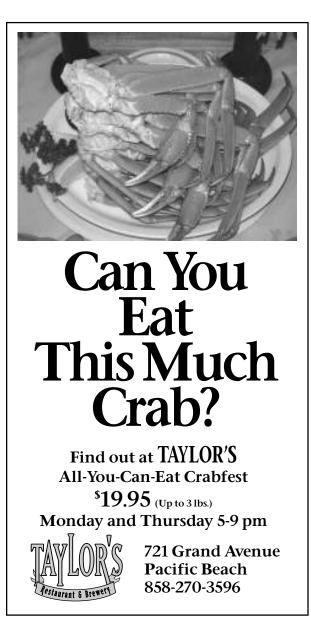
Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made sajj, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of fool mudamas, or slowcooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and baba ghanoush (smoky pureed eggplant hummus). Inexpensive. and M.N. (1/99)

**Vesuvio Gourmet** 3025 El Cajon Boulevard (at 30th), North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.* 

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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are userfriendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salas and the Ranchero sauce. The







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Cafe Zia 6686 El Caion Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. – E.B. (12/01)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Sur-prise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-andwood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B. (5/03)

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of San-tee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good, old-fash-ioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00) Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texasstyle barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

#### FAR EAST

Badlands Market/Cafe The Mall, 561 Palm Canyon Drive (south side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-4058. This is an epicure's oasis in the desert, a combination of gourmet deli and serious café where you can find a lively breakfast, scrump tious picnic lunch, or (on weekends) a light, savory dinner from an imaginative, daily changing menu. Great cheeses, pâtés, extra-virgin oils, artisan breads, delicate pastries and full-bod-



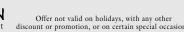


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Old Oak Inn 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-5868. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train de-pot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid tra-ditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the threepiece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. EB (9/01)

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles.* Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fra-grant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat o ut back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

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### What the Chef Eats

#### NEW YORK STEAK ALLA PIZZAIOLA BY SALVATORE VITALE

Owner, De Medici, Gaslamp Quarter

We have just added a new item to our menu called New York Steak alla Pizzaiola. This is my recipe.

It's an old Southern Italian dish, from Naples on down. When we have steaks at home on Sundays, this is how we make them. We brought it here [to the restaurant] and it's going like crazy. People are loving it.

We suggest that the meat be served mediumrare because the more you cook meat the less tender it becomes. We make our pizzaiola sauce and we pour it right on top of the New York steak when it's cooked. Add fresh oregano

and it is so good, it's unbelievable.

There are so many

good wines [to serve with this dish]. My family has a winery in Italy and it's called Tola. We make Nero D'Avola Merlot, a Meritage. I have it here in my restaurant. It will be accessible soon [at other restaurants]. Mona Lisa will be carrying it. A lot of local restaurants will be carrying it. It's well balanced and goes well with meat. However, a great Cabernet would go great with it, a Meritage, even a nice Merlot, but my taste, being Southern Italian, I prefer full-bodied wines. That's why I would

inventions, emphasizing top-grade sea-sonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent

wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-

weather dining on wraparound ter-race/observation deck. Note: parking

entrance on Fourth Avenue: wheelchait

access via ramp to left of reception

desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly.

Expensive. — N.W. (1/04)

suggest Nero D'Avola or a good Cabernet.

ном то до іт Charbroil the steak on a hot grill for 5 to 6 minutes each side for medium-rare. Adjust the timing depending on how well done you enjoy your steak. As the second side of the steak is grilling, heat olive oil in a small sauté pan. Add garlic, tomatoes, Italian parsley (flat leaf), and salt and pepper to taste. Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes

Plate your steak, spoon on the pizzaiola sauce, and sprinkle with fresh oregano. We serve ours with a twicebaked potato and steamed

an exciting total remake in February, 2003. The hard-edged, mirrored decor's the same, but a new chef. Justin Hoehn (coming from Laurel), has replaced the lengthy grazing menu with fewer but better-honed choices that the small kitchen can execute without a hitch. And the guy has a flawless palate. Most appetizers are simple but devilishly clever, literally living up to their name, while entrées exhibit fresh, so-phisticated combinations of exquisitely

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York steak

oil

1 16-ounce prime-cut New

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive

1-2 cloves fresh garlic, chopped

parsley, finely chopped

5 Roma tomatoes, diced

Salt and pepper to taste

chopped

3/4 teaspoon fresh oregano,

1 teaspoon flat-leaf Italian

This recipe serves 1

olive oil.

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific.

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Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss choo chee duck or the Oueen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. -N.W. (5/02)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors - the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the blackand-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-andsour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate —  $\vec{E}B$  (5/03)

Cottage Cafe & Garden Grill 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071 The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian. Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sand-wich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Pol-ish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/01)

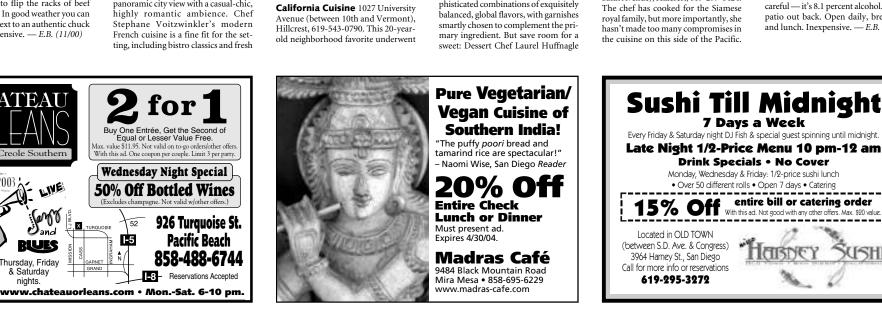
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Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boule vard (between University and El Ca-jon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smokerfriendly front patio. Wheelchair eleva-tor to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (4/03) Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at

Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. This long-running, old-fashioned Italian favorite (formerly Giulio's in Pacific Beach) is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual fare. The best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their fa-mous scampi. Outdoor patio is a plus. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service on weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the ed-ible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chilpotle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. -N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Wash-ington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-andwhite drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. – E.B. (1/04)

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they're spicy). The flesh compo







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nents (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain wa-ter and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. N.W. (4/01)

**Mission Hills Cafe** 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread's incredible. It'll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks' territory Ditto the "Pear Cambozola" salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or "François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna." And check out François's art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called "Sea Biscuits." Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — E.B. (9/03)

#### DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the en-joyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not r-thickened, with tender clams and

tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. -N.W. (8/01)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. Eat-ing's an adventure at this coolly mini-malist urban bistro where chef A.J. Voytko does his magic with a seasonally changing menu of inventive "modern cuisine." Dishes alternate between highrisk global fusion and stringently sim-ple combinations that place outstand-ing ingredients (including free-range chicken and veal) at center stage, accompanied by a revelatory repertory of exotic vegetables. The worldwide wine list offers over 50 choices by the glass. Reserve for weekend dinners, when a chic young crowd pours in. Full bar. No cell phone use inside. Dinner nightly, with weekend service to 11:30 p.m Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and re-fined seafood dishes. The nightly spe-cials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (sim-pler pastas) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

**Dublin Square** 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. -N.W. (3/02)

Gargoyle Gallery & Cafe 1845 In dia Street (at Fir Street), Littly Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest panini ("small bread") sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and toma-toes. Try "The Moroccan" with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or "The Spanish" with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aïoli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg panini with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. - E.B. (5/02) Grand Central Cafe YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at India Street), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway

surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabila like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexi-can cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interest-ing Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, ap-petizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (1/04) Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street,

Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of ice-berg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of grease less, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the ex-haustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. -A.M. (6/03)

Spice House Cafe 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a

pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Por-tuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Orig-inal branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

St. Tropez Bakery and Bistro 926 Broadway Circle (at Second and Broad-way), downtown, 619-696-8695. (Also in Encinitas; see North Coastal listings.) Bright is the word. Bright yellow-and-blue murals of St. Tropez's life and bright sidewalk seating outside. A true sidewalk café. Sitting on the sidewalk here is almost as nice as Nice. Plus, you can eat, drink, or just nurse a coffee for hours. No pressure. But then you'd miss the delish croque monsieur (toasted creamy sauce-topped cheese sandwich, French-style) or *croque madame* (same plus fried egg) or *salade niçoise*. It's a bakery too, so the morning croissants are to die for. Must-tries: the "Marseille" (ratatouille on roasted bread) and the salmon salad. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/03)

#### SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

**Crown City Grille** 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer

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**Crown Room** Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9.a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)* 

**Island Pasta** 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-thepremises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghettini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

**Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub** 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**McP's Irish Pub & Grill** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. -M.N. (11/98)

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)* 

#### BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

**Big Boy Restaurant** 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American afi-cionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Sum-mer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-togringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

**La Baguette** Blvd. Lazaro Cardenas 1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)* 

La Costa 8131 Galeana (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a variety of preparations. Price of entrée includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 pm.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* 

La Espadana 10813 Avenida Sanchez Taboada, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. Beautifully prepared meals that include appetizer, soup or salad, and entrée are available in this structure whose name means bell tower and whose exterior resembles a mission. Best bets here are filet steak on a skewer (*brocheta de filete*), baby back ribs (*costillar de puerco*), and leg of lamb (*pierna de borrego*). The portions are mammoth and the breakfast is excellent. Superb service, delightful atmosphere. Menus are printed in Spanish and English. Some English spoken. Open Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.* **La Fonda** Km. 59, Baja Highway 1 (Alisio exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imag-

ine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Bajagrown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Vuelta 8210 Avenida Revolución (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the occan-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lardfried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

#### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Anthony's Fish Grotto** For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. — *E.W.* 

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708 Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBO chicken, red onions, and cilantro The BBQ chicken chopped salad is

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good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)* 

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive with-out some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by an-other name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks. or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)











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to wait even half a year between Coen brothers films, or at any rate it's nice if you were no more disappointed than I was — only very slightly — in last fall's *Intolerable Cruelty*. Second of

all, it is good to know for a certainty that their latest one, *The Ladykillers*, had to have been in the works before the

commercial fate of their previous one was sealed, so that we needn't reiterate the premonitory misgivings that shadowed that one: the wide release, the A-list star (Tom Hanks, this time, in place of George Cloonev), the absence of any of the Coen repertory players (Goodman, Turturro, Buscemi, McDormand, et al.) in the supporting ranks. If the Coens could be seen as trying for a blockbuster with Intolerable Cruelty, they cannot now be accused of deciding after its so-so showing at the box office that they must try all the harder. Their choice was already made.

At the same time, the first-ever shared directing credit between Joel and Ethan, in addition to the usual shared screenwriting credit, is surely no cause for misgiving, and barely cause even for remarking. It merely certifies the equal partnership we had always heard about. On the other hand, their first-ever "unoriginal" work — a remake of a mid-Fifties British caper comedy by the underappreciated Alexander Mac-

kendrick — gives more pause. At least at first glance. A second glance, a glance backwards, would reveal that the

Coens throughout their careers have been so partial to the pastiche - the neo-noir Blood Simple, the imitation-Hammett Miller's Crossing, the imitation-Cain The Man Who Wasn't There, the Loonev Tunes violence of Raising Arizona, the Preston Sturges hommage of O Brother, Where Art Thou?, the alternately Capra-esque and Hawksian screwball comedies, The Hudsucker Proxy and Intolerable Cruelty — that an actual remake constitutes only a subtle difference in degree. And a third glance, a glance at the Ealing Studios original, would reveal some common interests - an interest in the unravelling criminal scheme and an interest in human stupidity - such that the Coens' appropriation of the material seems not an act of plunder but an act of tribute,

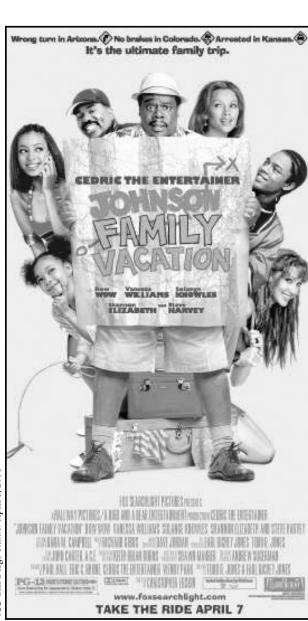


not an act of arrogant takeover but an act of humble gratitude. With *The Big Lebowski* and *Fargo* in particular, the Coens have earned their rights to *The Ladykillers*.

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Finally, a fourth glance, a glance at the remake itself, would reveal so many changes — in milieu, in plot, in character, and in language — as to reclaim a measure of originality. It is there, however, that misgivings may mutate from unfounded apprehension to justifiable qualm. The geography, to begin with, is a vague dreamscape of unconnected dots: the derelict Main Street of a Mississippi small town; a sheriff's office so fallen into disuse that cobwebs grow on the key to the cell; The Ladykillers

an incongruously thriving riverboat casino baptized the Bandit Queen; a jam-packed and jumping Pentecostal church (a bastion of roof-raising gospel music, to supplement the nearby bluegrass of *O Brother*); a picturesque tree-lined residential street (whose reported boom-box terrorizer is never seen nor heard); a massive viaduct to



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Deadline to enter is Thursday, April 1, at 1:00 pm. Limit one entry per person. No purchase necessary. While supplies last. Opens in San Diego April 7. nowhere; and an island garbage dump in the middle of the river. The revised caper - a tunnel from a root cellar on the residential street to the underground offices of the casino - is serviceable but uninspired. (The firing of the gang's "inside man," Marlon Wayans, followed by his threats of a lawsuit over racial bias, is a straight rewrite of a scene in the odious Bad Santa, whose story idea, if you remember, came from the Coens.) More damagingly, the pivotal character of the sweet little old landlady who foils the plot has been so altered as to unbalance the chemistry and spoil the joke. The trouble isn't that Irma P. Hall's weight-throwing battle-axe is a stock character of black comedy by which I of course mean African-American comedy - and certainly the character has been fully fleshed out, from the support hose rolled below her knees to the academic pinnacle upon which she places Bob Jones University. The trouble is that, neither sweet nor little, this old landlady stacks up as too formidable a force from the get-go.

The changes in language are better. The Coens, as it seemed necessary to say of Intolerable Cruelty, have not lost their ear as they have broadened their appeal; and each of the intransigent and intractable characters has his own way of talking. The dreadlocked, sideways-ballcapped, obscenitydependent Wayans is, no less than Hall, a stock figure of African-Amer-ican comedy: "Damn skippy!" And the dim-witted footballer called Lump (Ryan Hurst) and the tight-lipped, cigarette-sucking Vietnamese martinet (Tzi Ma) have relatively little to say, even if they always say it distinctively. But the Coens have much fun, as has Hanks, with the high-flown diction, periodically brought low by the self-conscious adolescent snigger, of the criminal mastermind who styles himself an Old Southern gentleman and scholar: "portal," "redoubtable," "ignoble," "derring-do," "cogitation," "contretemps," etc., etc., not to mention his impromptu recitations from Poe's poetry. (Cape-wearing, creamsuited, groomed like a Colonel Sanders not yet gone gray, he's a kind of distant relation — not in the tangibles but in the airs — of the Coens' Barton Fink.) And J.K. Simmons, the best thing in Spider-Man, made by Coen crony Sam Raimi, is really the best thing here, too, a bald-pated, handlebar-mustached ordnance specialist, a former Freedom Rider, and a lifelong irritable-bowel sufferer, with a small grab-bag of blustery catch phrases: 'Easiest thing in the world" and "Child's play" when confidently on the offensive, or "Just a trial balloon" when in apologetic retreat.

Nor have the Coens lost their eve. Sharply etched details adorn virtually every corner of the screen: décors, costumes, props. The camera idles behind Hall's hips like a Porsche impatient to pass a school bus. The football game photographed from a subjective point of view through a protective face mask is a virtuoso set piece. And, from high overhead, the repeated passages of the garbage barge beneath the bridge, and the repeated dropping of bodies onto it, are every bit as poetic as Poe. (The cawing refrain of the disturbed birds has a marvelous silent punch line when the final drop creates no disturbance whatever: a meter that stops a foot short.) Still, there is no getting around our awareness that this, however well done, is a job of renovation rather than invention. And there is no getting around our legitimate reasons for disappointment: significantly more of it than the very slight amount in the last one.

Note to self: do not — DO NOT waste your time next year seeing stuff like *Dawn of the Dead* and *Taking Lives* when you could be seeing stuff in the San Diego Latino Film Festival. The second sort of stuff — here and gone before I can get a word out — may be no good for filling up a "timely" column. And yet, presented as it is in a favorable filmgoing climate in front of an attentive audience possessed of a strong sense of community and common interest, it is good for something like spiritual renewal.

I was glad, as always, to catch up on the latest Arturo Ripstein, *La Virgen de la Santa Lujuria*, a characteristically tawdry tale of the denizens in a Veracruz bar in the postwar Forties, chief among them the lovesick waiter who marches to the beat of *The Mikado* and the impervious B-girl whose heart belongs to a masked professional wrestler. The quick-cut prelude, incorporating techniques of old-time movie trailers and Expressionistic German silents, offers a startling departure from the accustomed single-take style to which the filmmaker soon reverts: one shot, one scene, no matter whether one minute, two minutes, four, or in one instance, fifteen. It never takes long to establish a stagelike space and pace. The DV image, although higherquality than most, and accommodating some gorgeous gaseous greens, is a shade dingy. ("Get another bulb," one of the characters spoke my mind. "It's darker than your soul here.") And the





film goes on so long that I was obliged to wonder whether digital video might not be too economical for everyone's best interests.

I was also glad to catch Lugares Comunes by Adolfo Aristarain, director of A Place in the World, a memorable memory film featuring the same leading man, Federico Luppi. This new one, against an up-to-the-minute backdrop of Argentina's economic crisis, is a wordy but truly literate, witty, wise, mature, urbane, novelistic account of the forced retirement of a feisty old Leftist professor of literature, long ago transplanted from Spain, and his new beginning as a cultivator of lavender on a farm christened "1789" in honor of the principles of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. I do not expect to see many better movies this year. One beautifully written and acted scene - in which the protagonist's idle flirtation with an attractive new acquaintance by the improbable name of Tutti turns into a declaration of fidelity to his wife of forty years - would be a media sensation, a cultural milestone, the talk of the nation for at least a week or so, if it occurred in a high-profile Hollywood production. But then again, the absence of such roles for actors of such an age is one of the hallmarks of modern Hollywood.

The Latino festival, I remind you, is the one festival that never really quits. The monthly series of Spanishlanguage films, Cinema en tu Idioma, resumes at Hazard Center in May, albeit without the concentrated excitement of the festival. Note to festival planners: do me a favor and try to avoid conflict next year with the college basketball tournament. I'll take care of avoiding next year's Dawn of the Dead and Taking Lives.

The word on the San Diego International Film Festival, in response to my cry of confusion over the conflicting information on the website, is that it will take place from April 23 through 25, quite a shrinkage for an event that used to be spread out from mid-winter to early summer. The word comes not from someone who speaks officially for the festival, but from someone who knows someone.

#### MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com

Acts of Worship — Maudlin, minibudgeted tale of drug addiction. (The tone is set with the opening slide-show of childhood photos, to the tune of "Paper Doll.") The autobiographical nature of the work makes it more personal for the filmmaker, Rosemary Rodriguez, though not necessarily more interesting for the outsider. With Ana Reeder and Michael Hvatt. 2001.

• (HAZARD CENTER 7, 4/2 THROUGH 8)

Broken Wings — Israeli domestic drama, centered around a morose widow and four morose children, with the wider national issues kept well out of it. Realistic, life-sized problems, relationships, emotions, crises; touching performance by Maya Maron as the guilt-ridden and grudgingly dutiful daughter. With Orly Zilberschatz-Banai, Nitai Gvirtz, Daniel Magon, and Eliana Magon; directed by Nir Bergman. 2001. ★★ (KEN, 4/2 THROUGH 8)

#### **Confessions of a Teenage Drama** Queen — Her Highness is exiled from the

island of Manhattan to the cultural wilderness of Dellwood, New Jersey, a new world to conquer. The adult perspective (i.e., sardonic condescension, campy ornamentation) doesn't broaden the appeal beyond girls only - little ones. With Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia, Glenne Headly, Alison Pill, and Carol Kane;

Broken Wings

directed by Sara Sugarman. 2004. (PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Dawn of the Dead — Shorter, straighterfaced, 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 film industry overly dependent on blood-sucking remakes. The same could have been said, in fact did get said, 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 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. With Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames, Jake Weber, Mekhi Phifer; directed by Zack Snyder. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless** Mind — Charlie Kaufman, scriptwriter of Being John Malkovich, Adaptation, and Confessions 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 memory erasure service called Lacuna, Inc.

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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-science versus-warm-humanity emerges. And inasmuch as the protagonist is asleep for the operation, 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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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. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOLIARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

**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. (GASLAMP 15)

50 First Dates — High-concept romantic comedy about a love-'em-and-leave-'em ladykiller, a marine-park veterinarian in Hawaii, who tumbles for a brain-damaged blonde who can retain no short-term memories since her year-ago car accident and who is doomed every day to relive the day of the accident with no knowledge of intervening days: a scoop of Groundhog Day, a dash of Memento. It showcases the unique comic gifts of Adam Sandler, namely the ability to be funny only when attempting to be tender, touching, heart-tugging, etc. (With that in view, don't leave your seat, if you insist on taking one in the first place, until the long-winded "dedication" to his late father in the closing credits.) He gets little help from Drew Barrymore's selfinfantilization, Rob Schneider's two-toned eves, Sean Astin's lisp, or running gags to do with walrus genitals and the androgyny of a braided German *fräulein*. Blake Clark, as the heroine's guilt-ridden father, doesn't even try to be funny and comes off, by comparison, looking like John Wayne Directed by Peter Segal. 2004. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO DEL REY 16: VOGUE)

**The Fog of War** — Errol Morris documentary, subtitled "Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara." It amounts to a sort of anti-war seminar chaired, hosted, conducted by the eightyfive-year-old former Secretary of Defense (*a/k/a* "Mac the Knife") throughout the first phase of the Vietnam War (*a/k/a* 

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"McNamara's War"). What you think of it will be difficult to disentangle from what you think of him in specific, and war in general. The eleven lessons, taken straight from the horse's mouth, run along the lines of "Empathize with your enemy" and "Rationality will not save us" and "In order to do good you may have to engage in evil." Each of these and the eight others are neatly tied in to events from McNamara's life, illustrated with well-chosen archival footage to supplement Morris's nose-to-nose (or rather, nose-to-lens) interview material. Basic biographical information gets filled in along the way: infancy in World War I, college during the Great Depression, marriage and military service in World War II (when he would first team up with that Vietnam ogre, Gen. Curtis LeMay, architect of the firebombing of Tokyo), postwar prosperity with the Ford Motor Company, and then an invitation to Camelot to sit at the Round Table with Kennedy and Kennedy and Company. The movie compels your interest. But it might be better to say that the man compels your interest: an imposing man, and in the eyes of history an important man, by all accounts a brilliant man, seemingly, at this stage, selfassessing, self-transforming, and fearlessly self-revealing. But the movie can't, or anyway doesn't, supply sufficient

information to sort out his motives or his

truthfulness in here reshaping his legend and his legacy. It is no small thing for a man in his position to confess that his understanding of the essential nature of the conflict in Vietnam was incorrect - and no small "scoop" for a documentary. But although he, together with the handholding filmmaker, cultivates assent on that and many other points — and although the ticking-bomb background music of the ever-monotonous Philip Glass insists on the urgency and the magnitude of the business at hand - these are social and political and historical rather than artistic issues. The artistry is little more than functional. 2003 ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

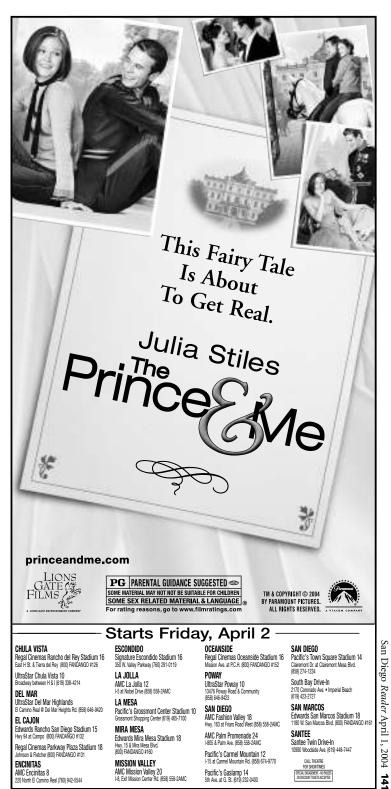
**Girl with a Pearl Earring** — Envisioning a chain of events that might have led to the Vermeer painting of the same name: the coming to the Master's household of a chaste young maid, daughter of a blinded Delft tile painter, and her inch-by-inch entrée to the artist's atelier by virtue of her demonstrated 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)

**Good Bye, Lenin** — Wolfgang Becker's political comedy on the fall of Communism in East Germany. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Hellboy — Comic-book fantasy starring Ron Perlman, John Hurt, and Selma Blair, directed by Guillermo Del Toro. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;



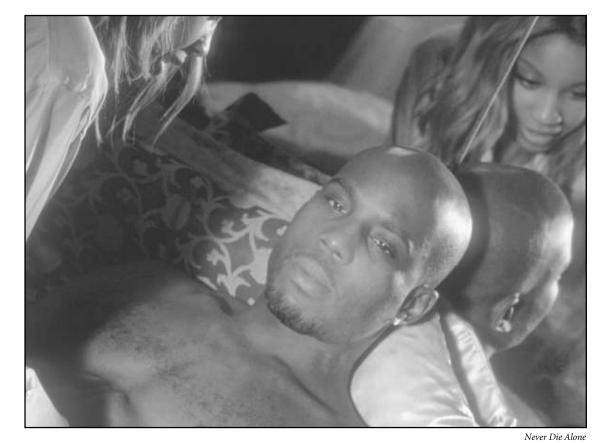




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Hidalgo — One of the legion of Disney sports films - the allegedly factual story of a long-distance Bedouin horse race across the Ocean of Fire to Damascus - feeds the current hunger (to put it as crudely as it merits) to kick some Arab butt. The titular mustang, the lone American entry in the field, mirrors the components of his native land: horse of the Red Indian, descended from Spain, of mixed blood, and subjected to a bit of thoroughbred (or Old World) snobbery. His rider, the legendary Pony Express courier Frank T. Hopkins (a mumbly Viggo Mortensen), is himself a half-breed, who otherwise perfectly matches the profile of the American invader and conqueror of The Last Samurai: a drunken participant in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a tormented soul eaten by guilt over the massacred Sioux at Wounded Knee, and a rakish blade who effortlessly cuts through cultural barriers and in particular the facial veil of a sheik's daughter named Jazira ("Why do I feel that you truly see me when others do not?"). Spurred on by the blustery 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. CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION



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Home on the Range — Animated animal tale from the Disney studio, with the voices of Roseanne Barr, Jennifer Tilly, Judi Dench, and Cuba Gooding, Jr. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR

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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-the-board competent performances (Colin Farrell, Colm Meaney, Cillian Murphy, Shirley Henderson). Kelly Macdonald supplements competence with comeliness. Directed by John Crowley. 2004. • (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Jersey Girl — We've 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 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 appearance. But ultimately the best fun in the movie — a straight-priorities movie, a heart-on-the-sleeve movie, a lose-the-cool movie - is in imagining how disappointed in him 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. With Liv Tyler, George Carlin, Raquel Castro, Jason Biggs. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18. MISSION MARKETPI ACE 13. MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

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about a team of Swedish efficiency experts who descend upon a Norwegian village to study scientifically the kitchen habits of bachelors. The observers are to perch on a high chair in an out-of-the-way corner of the room, under strict instructions never to interact with their subjects. But the old truism proves true: the presence of an observer alters the behavior of the observed. Barriers crumble; ice melts; a bond forms; the comic edge is dulled. Engagingly underplayed, at all stages of development, by Tomas Norstrom and Joachim Calmeyer. Directed by Bent Hamer. 2003. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 4/2)

The Ladykillers — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Hanks, Irma P. Hall, Marlon Wayans, and J.K. Simmons; written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. ★★★ (CHULA VISTA 10: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Lawrence of Arabia — The movie that introduced, world-wide, the tormented eyes of Peter O'Toole and the moony eyes of Omar Sharif is, more importantly, an unabridged lexicon of sun-and-sand imagery. Scrupulously compiled by director David Lean and his photographer Freddie Young (Nicolas Roeg served on the second unit), it's the standard reference work for every desert movie ever since. Not even the fully restored (or nearly fully) Director's Cut, however, all 220 or so minutes of it, can clear up the enigma of T.E. Lawrence. With Anthony Ouinn, Alec Guinness, Arthur Kennedy, and Jack Hawkins. 1962. ★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 4/2 AND 3 7 P M )

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of

**the King** — Peter Jackson grinds out the final 200 minutes: "Things are now in motion," intones Gandalf, "that cannot be undone." From this promontory, you can look back and see the immensity of the enterprise, indeed so immense - nine hours and two years - that you can barely remember whence you have come, or why. One measure of the immensity, over and above the increasing confusion, is the increasing dependence on the expeditious head shot, a time-saving mainstay of the made-for-TV quickie. Astoundingly enough, the filmmaker manages to crank up some excitement as the end approaches, or maybe it's only some eager anticipation of relief. Whatever it is, it gets discharged over the last hour and a half or so, when the movie seems to be forever on the verge of ending; and the twenty minutes or so after the conclusion of the hostilities amount to sheer torture. Even at that, there's no time set aside to get back to Saruman for a reaction from the losers' locker room. Or for that matter, no time for a pre-game pep talk or a halftime strategy adjustment, either: Christopher Lee is nowhere to be seen. Part Three certainly has its moments: the relay of the signal fires ("Hope is kindled") across the mountain peaks is really quite thrilling ("And Rohan will answer"); and the giant spider Shelob is a skin-crawling special effect, though not more tingling, in another way, than fat Sam to the rescue. (With this, Sean Astin has his meatiest screen role after *Rudy.*) But the decisive battle is even more interminable than the one in Part Two, and more ruinously cartoonized through computer-generated imagery. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. 2003. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; 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

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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)

**Master and Commander: The Far** Side of the World — The first screen incarnation of Lucky Jack Aubrey, hero of Patrick O'Brian's loved and admired series of historical adventure novels, captain of the British man-of-war, the HMS Surprise. This is preeminently a boys' story, and as pure and innocent a specimen as you are apt to find anymore, uncorrupted by concerns with democracy or demographics. (The closest you could find to it in the oeuvre of its director, Peter Weir, is the curdled Conradism of The Mosquito Coast.) There is an actual boy on view, a cherubic curly-topped towhead, but of course boys of all ages want to choose their role models and hero figures from among grown men (as the towhead, for example, has chosen Lord Nelson). Girls have no place here at all. There is but one, brief, silent, almost spectral appearance by a female, a copperskinned native on whom Lucky Jack allows his gaze to linger - gateway to another world - before he gets back to business. That business would encompass, among other things, the pursuit of a bigger and faster French privateer, the amputation, the flogging, the flagons of rum, the parrot on the shoulder, the typhoon, the man overboard, the seamen's superstitions (is there a "Jonah" among the crew? is the enemy a "phantom"?), the military stratagems (a makeshift raft, festooned with lanterns, cut adrift as a decoy to throw off the trailing French ship in the dark), the naturalist interlude on the Galápagos (the

flightless bird, the amphibian iguana), the Churchillian if not Shakespearean address to the troops on the eve of battle ("Though we be on the far side of the world, this ship is our home. This ship is England"), and most importantly, at the core of it all, the masculine camaraderie, especially that between the Captain and the ship's surgeon, Dr. Stephen Maturin, whose harmonious friendship, as well as harmonious violinand-cello duets, sometimes must give way to the traditional testiness between the soldier and the scientist, the man of action and the

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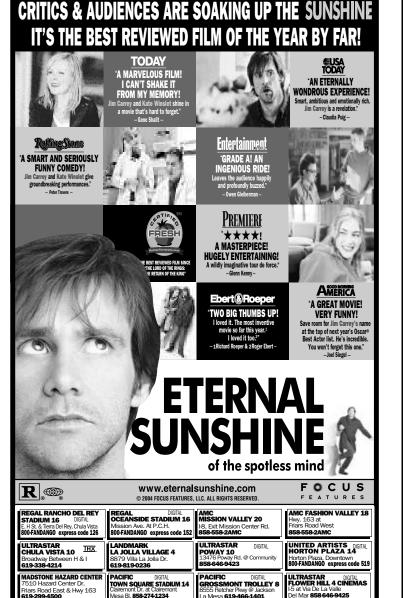
**Monsieur Ibrahim** — French coming-ofage trifle, set in the Sixties, with a rock-androll playlist to prove it, about a Muslim grocer ("I'm not an Arab. I'm from the Golden Crescent") who helps a neighborhood Jewish boy to pinch pennies and save up for streetwalkers. Plenty of sightseeing interest, 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)

My Architect — About as "personal" as a documentary can get. Nathaniel Kahn, the unacknowledged bastard son of Philadelphia-based architect Louis Kahn (whose obituary in the New York Times mentioned only one offspring, a daughter, Sue Ann), sets out twenty-five years after his father's death, when the filmmaker had been but a boy of eleven, to disentangle the strands of his father's private life - there is yet a third offspring, Alexandra, by yet a third mother - and to visit all of his father's major edifices, of which, owing to the man's lifelong contentiousness, there are not a lot. ("Three or four masterpieces," opines I.M. Pei, "[are] more important than fifty, sixty buildings.") The film offers a good overview of the works themselves: the Salk Institute in La Jolla comes off well on screen (or as well as anything can in the pallid and fuzzy DV image), with the son roller-skating around the courtyard to Neil Young's "Long May You Run," and the capitol of Bangladesh makes a fitting climax both emotionally and artistically. We might have hoped for more out of the arranged meeting between the three half-siblings, and many questions remain unanswered or unasked. But one way or another the filmmaker completes his mission and has

something to show for it: a compelling film to show for it. 2003. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mystic River — Clint Eastwood's somber meditation on chance, fate, doom; scarred souls and endless repercussions; violence begetting violence. Just as Unforgiven was an act of penance for the body counts in his Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns as well as in his self-directed imitation Leones (High Plains Drifter, The Outlaw Josev Wales, Pale Rider), this can be viewed as an act of penance for the lone-wolf vigilantism of his Dirty Harry urban shoot-'em-ups: a kind of cleansed Harry. (There is no room here for Eastwood the actor, standing aside for the "liberal" casting of Sean Penn and Tim Robbins, and their highly emotional, tearful, unstoical, un-Eastwoody histrionics.) Although formulated as a murder mystery, it is not narrowly focussed on the investigation, but divides its time more or less evenly among three main characters, and expands continuously into the specific milieu, the complex personal relationships, the affected and ongoing lives, in fact life in general, life with a capital "L." All throughout, it sustains a tone of lamentation, underscored by the churchy musical theme composed by Eastwood himself (albeit orchestrated by his trusted collaborator, Lennie Niehaus). The retributive anger never supplants the sorrow; the release never comes. Admittedly, the outcome of the case depends upon a







fortuitous coincidence that reeks of mystery-making for its own sake: a previously unrevealed second murder on the same night as the first. Yet the solution to the original murder is not overly tricksy, is perhaps even overly obvious; and the mood of the moment in any case is not one of parlor games and "gotcha." The honest the aggrieved - the penitent emotionalism of the film makes up for either the fortuitousness or the obviousness, as necessary. Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney, Marcia Gay Harden. 2003. ★★★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14: LA PALOMA) FROM 4/2)

**Never Die Alone** — Pretty good title for your basic black-folks-killing-black-folks 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 antennaless TV. With David Arquette, Michael Ealy. 2004.

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The Passion of the Christ — A work of devotion, and a big gamble, for Mel Gibson, financed out of his own pocket, boasting no big-name stars (Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci, the biggest), not to mention English subtitles for ancient languages graphic gore, and a firestorm of pre-release publicity on its latent anti-Semitism. A version of this story that would bear down on the bodily punishment absorbed during Christ's last day on Earth was probably, in the fullness of time, inevitable. And it's a 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 martvrdom in Braveheart was but an

appetizer); the marathon uphill climb to Calvary; the spikes in the hands and feet and the spear in the side; and scarcely more than ten seconds for the rolling-away of the stone and the restoration of the body for the ascent to Paradise. A major contributor to the aforesaid duration - two hours plus is the willy-nilly use of slow-motion, always a handy access to dramatic emphasis for a filmmaker too lazy or inept to achieve it by honest means such as pacing and camera placement. And please don't bother to voice

any misgivings over the suitability of so voguish a device in so classical a setting: that just goes along with the ultra-violence to identify the film as of its time. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

The Prince and Me — A Wisconsin farm girl faces tough choices. Can she go on loving the heavenly exchange student after she finds out he's really the Crown Prince of Denmark? (No wonder he knows what Hamlet's about!) Must she give up her

dreams of attending Johns Hopkins and bringing medical relief to Latin America in order to fulfill the duties of Queen? Or then again, will the long, strong arm of feminism permit her to Have It All? Director Martha Coolidge applies her usual gentle touch, where a sharp rap on the knuckles with a yardstick was wanted. Julia Stiles, Luke Mably, Ben Miller, Miranda Richardson, James Fox. 2004.

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Rana's Wedding — A look at the divided city of Jerusalem through Muslim eyes, more specifically the eyes 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 eye-opening, even mindbroadening, 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. Directed by Hany Abu-Assad. 2002. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7. THROUGH 4/1)

The Reckoning — Medieval detective varn 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, THROUGH 4/1)

The Same River Twice — Rough-hewn, 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

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### 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 VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Secret Window - Cheap-trick chillerfrom 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: FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Something's Gotta Give - Wrinkly romance between Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson, both of whom fudge a bit on their ages (she, when she estimates herself to be "almost" twenty years older than an

explicit thirty-six-year-old; and he, when he holds up three fingers to indicate how far he is past sixty), but both of whom have resisted any surgical stretching of their skins to a trampoline tautness. The selfcaricaturing stylization of the stars' mannerisms, the luxury of their lifestyles (hers as "the most successful female playwright since — who? Lillian Hellman?" and his as the head of the second largest hiphop record label), and the creaminess of the cinematography (Michael Ballhaus), all conspire to eat away at the purported humanness of the characters. In addition to which, the movie appears, beneath the surface, to be as much about revenge as about romance: writer and director Nancy Meyers (What Women Want, a more telltale title than the all-purpose present one) opening up the whole older-man-youngerwoman can of worms, giving the man a

Secret Window

boudoir heart attack for starters (before he can consummate relations with his current companion, Amanda Peet, Keaton's daughter: consummation would have been altogether too wormy), giving the audience three separate shots of his heinie in a hospital dressing gown, giving the woman a tit-for-tat - or perhaps that ought to be tatfor-tit — younger suitor in the bargain (Nicholson's cardiologist, Keanu Reeves fudging a bit himself as the aforementioned thirty-six-year-old), giving the man an earful to think about (a dinner-table diatribe by Keaton's sister, the anomalous Frances McDormand as a Columbia professor of Women's Studies), filling his eves with nearly as many tears as the woman's. The sexual politicking and posturing do tend to get in the way of the comedy. But with that said, let it also be said that this is at all levels a polished and professional piece of work,



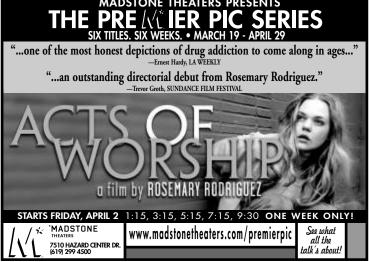
and pleasant enough to sit through for the starry-eyed or the brown-nosed. 2003. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 plotting 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 Picassoesque self-portrait with which the missing girl signs her missives.) The effect is exhilarating, and frankly a little flattering. Mamet trusts us to catch up and keep up; expects us to suck it up and tough it out. The gappy plotline, needless 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. Macv, 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: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Taking Lives — Copycat serial-killer film. But let's be clear: it's not really the killer who's a copycat — one of those diabolically clever, games-playing, wits-matching superfiends — but rather the film itself, with its strained performances, transparent tricks,



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jack-in-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. With Ethan Hawke, Olivier Martinez, Tcheky Karyo, Kiefer Sutherland, and Gena Rowlands; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2004.

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Touching the Void — Kevin Macdonald's documentary cliffhanger — in the most literal sense possible — on the amazing-buttrue story of Joe Simpson (based on his memoir), a British mountaineer who breaks his leg on the descent from a Peruvian peak in 1985, slips over a precipice at the end of a rope a hundred feet above a bottomless crevasse, is cut loose by his climbing partner,

Simon Yates, and left for dead, yet lives to tell the tale. We know the outcome from the outset, though not the ghastly details. Dramatic re-enactments and high-grade nature footage illustrate the talking-head and voice-over accounts, with only an occasional straining for effect. 2004. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:20, 10:40; Sun.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30) 7:50, 10:15; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:20) 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:50; Sun. (1:30, 2.20) 4.20, 5.10, 7.15, 8.00, 9.50; Mon - Thu (1:30, 2:20, 4:20, 5:10) 7:15, 8:00, 9:50; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 2:15, 3:15) 4:45, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (12:50, 2:15, 3:15) 4:45, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:15, 4.45, 5.45) 7.20, 8.10, 9.45: Master and Com mander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:00, 10:15; Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:00, 9:55; **Never Die Alone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 1:40, 3:05, 3:45) 5:15, 6:15, 7:35, 8:25, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (12:55, 1:40, 3:05, 3:45) 5:15, 6:15, 7:35, 8:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:40, 3:45, 5:15) 6:15, 7:35, 8:25, 9:50; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:30; Sun, (12:30, 2:00, 3:00) 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:10, 8:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:10, 8:05, 9:40; **Spartan** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; **Starsky 8** Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 10:05; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 2:50, 3:50) 5:00, 5:55, 7:30, 8:15, 9:40, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 2:50, 3:50) 5:00, 5:55, 7:30, 2004 8:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:50, 3:50, 5:00, 5:55) 7:30, 8:15, 9:35

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Horton Plaza 14 475 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:15) 7:05, 10:05; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 11:45, 1:00,

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- 7:00, 7:50, 9:15, 10:15; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (12:45, 3:25) 7:15, 9:55; **The Lord**
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- **9** Mon.-Tue. (12:45, 5.25) (10, 5.25) of the Rings: The Return of the King

(PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 4:30) 8:40; **Mystic River** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 3:20) 6:25, 9:30; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 12:40, 3:00, 3:35) 6:40, 7:15, 9:25, 10:00; **Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:25, 1:05, 2:45, 3:30, 5:05, 5:50) 7:25, 8:10, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:25, 1:05, 2:45, 3:30, 5:05) 6:15, 7:25, 8:55, 9:45; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 2:55, 4:00) 6:30, 9:00, 9:50; Some thing's Gotta Give (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:35) 6:55; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 12:10, 1:50, 3:10, 4:35) 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (12:10, 12:55, 3:10, 3:50) 6:45, 7:20, 9:20, 9:55

#### LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Taking Lives: Dawn of the Dead: Spartan: Secret Window; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; My Architect (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:40) 4:15, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Touching the Void** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sat-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Mon. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Tue. (1:50) 4:25, 9:50; Wed.-Thu. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50

## **MIRA MESA**

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; 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; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; 50 First Dates

## **MISSION VALLEY**

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; 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: Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ; Twisted; 50 First Dates;

### Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Acts of Worship (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Eternal Sunshine of the **Spotless Mind** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Kitchen Stories (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; 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; 50 First Dates

# **STATE UNIVERSITY**

Cinerama 6 *5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)* **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:55) 8:30; Home on the Range (PG) Fri. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30; **Never Die Alone** (R) Fri. (1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45, 1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:15, 5:15) 7:20; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri. (3:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:15; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Un-leashed (PG) Fri. (1:35, 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:35, 3:55) 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:45, 5:50) 8:00; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 1:20, 3:40) 5:45, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40, 5:40) 7:50

4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236) **The Same River Twice** (Not Rated) Thu. 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Broken Wings** (R) Fri. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

#### UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

965 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.-Tue. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Wed. (1:40) 4:20, 9:40; Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Inter**mission** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Wed. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 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) Lawrence of Arabia, Friday, 7 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Reuben H. Fleet Science Center** 1875 El Prado (619-238-1233) Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk Fri. 2:00, 8:30; Sat. 12:00, 4:00; Sun.-Thu. 2:00, 5:00; Alaska (PG) Thu. 7:00; Australia: Land Beyond Time (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 4:00; Sat. 2:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 3:00; Coral Reef Adventure (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sun.-Thu, 11:00, 1:00; Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 7:00; Lewis & Clark (Not Rated) Thu. 6:00; **Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 6:00; **Sky Tonight** Wed. 7:00, 8:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat. 10:00; **Top** Speed (Not Rated) Fri 9.30; Sat 11.00, 8.00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 4:00

# **EAST COUNTY**

## **EL CAJON**

**Parkway Plaza 18** 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **50 First Dates** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:40) 7:20, 9:50; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Tue. (2:10, 4:45); Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG) Fri.-Tue. (1:45) 7:00; Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 4:10) 9:25; Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 11:25, 1:55, 2:15, 4:45, 5:05) 7:35, 7:55, 10:25, 10:45; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:40, 3:50) 7:00, 10:10; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; The Ladvkillers (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 3:40); Never Die Alone (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:55, 10:15; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Tue, (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:05, 4:50) 7:35, 10:20; **Scooby-Doo 2**: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Tue, (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)

Tue. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Tue, (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30

## LA MESA

**Grossmont Center** 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (619-465-7100) **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-8at. (12:40, 2:55) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:20, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:20) 8:00, 10:10; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:00, 10:00; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (1:10) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:05, 9:50; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:05) 7:40, 9:55; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:45, 10:05; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sun. (1:05) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:35; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:05; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15)

7:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 4:35) 7:00

### SANTEE

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri - Thu 8:50: Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 10:30; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:35; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 6:45,

## **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483) Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:05) 7:10; Hellboy (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 12:01; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:05) 7:15, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 12:55, 4:05) 7:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:05) 7:15 10:30; Home on the Range (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:00, 510, 5120 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (100, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (111:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 10:00; The Ladykillers (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:00, 4:40) 7:25, 10:15; Never Die Alone (R) Fri.-Thu, (11:40, 4:50) 9:55: The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Thu

(12:00, 3:45) 6:45, 9:40; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:20, 5:30) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:20, 5:30) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:05, 4:20, 5:30) Mon.- Inu. (11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 5:05, 4:20, 5:50) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 10:20; **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35

## SOUTH BAY

## **CHULA VISTA**

# Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 2:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:30; **Never Die** Alone (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:45, 10:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **The** Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Un-leashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

#### Palm Promenade 24

70 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; The Ladykillers; 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

# Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 4:45) 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 4:45) 10:25; Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:35; Sat.-Sun (10:00, 12:35, 3:30) 6:45, 9:25; Mon.-Thu, (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:35; **Eternal Sun-**shine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri. (2:00) 7:35; Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 3:40) 9:35; Mon.-Thu (2:00) 7:35; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri. 10:55, 12:00, 2:45, 3:55, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:05, 12:20; Sat.-Sun. 9:55, 10:55, 12:55, 2:45, 3:55, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 10:55, 12:00, 2:45, 3:55, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:05; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 3:00) 6:40, 10:10; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 1:20, 4:25) 7:20, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:20, 4:25) 7:20, 9:30; Jersev Girl (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:50, 3:35) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:15; The Ladykillers (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:55; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri. (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:50, 10:30; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Fri. (10:50, 1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (10:50, 1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri. (10:50, 11:25, 1:20, 1:55, 3:50, 4:20) 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; Sat.-Sun (10:00, 10:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:55, 4:00, 5:20) (6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (10:50, 11:25, 1:20, 1:55, 3:50, 4:20) 6:55, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 10:20; **Secret window** (PG-15) Fr. (11:45, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:15, 12:55, 3:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Mon.**-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 1:40, 4:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Sat.**-Sun. (10:35, 1:10, 4:05) 7:25, 10:05; **Mon.**-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (10:25, 1:05, 3:55) 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:25; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:35, 4:00)

Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 7:15, 9:35; **Tak** ing Lives (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:55) 7:25, 9:35;

7:30, 9:40

**Grossmont Trolley** 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Su (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:35, 2:15, 5:00) 7:35; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (11:50, 3:55, 5:45) 7:40; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:30; **Never Die Alone** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:10) 4:25, 6:45, 9:05; Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 4:25, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:10, 4:25) 6:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 3:30) 6:25, 9:20; Sun.-Thu. (12:20, 3:30) 6:25; Secret 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. (11:30, 2:20) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 4:35,

identically initialed Pauline Kael), this cheesy feminist thriller, fully worthy of the Lifetime Channel, might remedy the problem all by itself. Though intriguing in its initial set-up and directed with care throughout, it takes a suicidal high dive from the lofty pomposities of Quills, Kaufman's preceding one. Our ballsy heroine (Ashley Judd, always sinking to the bottom of her vocal range, trawling for gravitas) has just been promoted to

Homicide Inspector on the S.F.P.D., when the first case to fall in her lap proves to be the serial murder of her former bedmates, their bodies turning up with regularity whenever she blacks out on Cabernet. Could she be her own prime suspect? For all the perfunctory interest in psychology - her sessions with a police therapist, her passion for casual and rough sex, her violent temper, her childhood trauma over the deaths of her parents - the film knows only one

motivation: to astonish the audience at all costs. The audience is liable to laugh in its face. Samuel L. Jackson, Andy Garcia, David Strathairn. 2004. (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Walking Tall — The title and the timber are taken from the 1973 biopic on Sheriff Buford Pusser, but this remake-slashupdate-slash-relocation is so generic cleaning up the gambling, drugs, and

corruption in a Northwest mill town - that no attribution was really required. Perhaps it would have been better called Walking Wide, to fit the physique of The Rock, whose air of moral rectitude has a nice sincerity to it. Or even Walking Short, to fit the hour-and-aquarter running time of a grade-B programmer of 1954. With Johnny Knoxville and Neal McDonough; directed by Kevin Bray. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/2)

7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 1:25, 3:50) 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:35, 4:00) 7:10, 9:55

**Vogue** 226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) 50 First Dates (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00; Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:15; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00

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Galaxy 6 5256 S. Missi 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Thu, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri - Thu 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

**CARMEL MOUNTAIN** 

#### **Carmel Mountain**

11620 Carmel Mt. Road (858-674-6164) Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10); **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 10:00; Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:30) 7:05, 9:50; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:55) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; Sun.-Thu. (12:05, 3:00) 6:45, 9:40; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 1:35, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (11:40, 1:35, 3:30) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:40, 1:35, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30, 9:30; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:05, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:05) 7:25, 10:05; **The Passion of** the Christ (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:45) 4:35. 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; **The Prince & Me** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 4:50, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 4:50, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 4:50) 7:20, 10:05; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25) 4:20, 5:35, 6:30, 7:45, 8:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu, (11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:15, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35) 6:30, 7:45, 8:40, 9:55; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (11:10, 1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45) 7:50, 10:00; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 7:10, 9:40; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:25, 7.15, 9.55; Sun 4.25, 7.15, 9.50; Mon - Thu (4:25) 7:15, 9:50; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55 Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55, 5:55) 7:55, 9:55

# POWAY

Poway 10 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 7:00; Home on **the Range** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Jersey Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The** Ladvkillers (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Prince & Me** (PG) 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. 10:00. 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 5:15, 10:15; Sun. 12:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 5:15; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 2:45, 7:45; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 4:30; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30

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San Marcos 18 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) **Dawn of the Dead** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:55, 3:30) 6:05, 8:20, 10:45: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:35, 3:05) 7:15, 10:20; Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:50, 11:30, 1:35, 2:15, 4:20, 5:10) 7:10, 7:55, 9:55, 10:40; **Hidalgo** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 3:55) 6:50, 9:55; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00) 7:00, 9:00; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:05) 6:45, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The** 

Return of the King (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05,

3:20); Never Die Alone (R) Fri.-Tue. 7:30, 9:45; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:20; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:10, 3:25, 4:25, 5:45) 7:05, 7:55, 9:15, 10:05; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 1:50, 4:30) 6:55, 9:20; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri - Tue (11-15. 1:45, 4:20) 7:25, 10:00; **Taking Lives** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 1:40, 4:10) 6:45, 10:10; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:40, 2:45, 4:50) 7:05, 9:15

#### VISTA

# Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; The Ladykillers; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey

Girl; Never Die Alone; Taking Lives; Dawn of the Dead; Eternal Sunshine of the Spot-

less Mind; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo; The Passion of the Christ

Plaza Camino Real

7:00, 9:30; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:30, 2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 7:30, 9:15: The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:20. 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 8:45; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:05

# DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 4:45,

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2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147) Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30,

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7:45, 10:45; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Passion of the Christ** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Thu, 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Starsky & Hutch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10:15; **Walking Tall** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45

## Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Secret Window** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 5:15, 10:15; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:45, 7:45

## ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Hellboy; Home on the Range; The Prince and Me; Walking Tall; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed; Jersey Girl; Starsky and Hutch; Hidalgo

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471 South Coast Highway 101 4/1 South Coast Figure 201 (760-436-SHOW) Girl With A Pearl Earring (PG-13) Fri. 6:15; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:15; Mon.-Thu. 6:15; Mystic River (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:30; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

## LA COSTA

## La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Hellboy (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Hidalgo (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 7:15; **Home on the Range** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Jersey Girl (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:05, 15:05, 15:05, 15:05, 15:05, 10:30; Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:45, 10:15

# OCEANSIDE

# Mission Marketplace 13 College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Dawn of the Dead (R) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Hellboy** (PG-13) Fri. Sat. 10:45, 11:15, 1:35, 2:05, 4:25, 4:55, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:35; Sun.-Tue. 10:45, 11:15, 1:35, 2:05, A:25, 4:25, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05; Home on the Range (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:45, 11:45, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:10; Jersey **Girl** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10; **The Ladykillers** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; The Passion of the Christ (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:00, 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; The Prince & Me (PG) Fri.-Tue, 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; Scooby-Doo 2: Mon-sters Unleashed (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:10, 11:40, 1.45, 2.15, 4.45, 6.45, 7.15, 9.45; Secret Window (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 1:55, 7:00; Starsky & Hutch (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 4:10, 9:15; Taking Lives (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:20, 4:20, 9:25; Walking Tall (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9.30

### Oceanside 16

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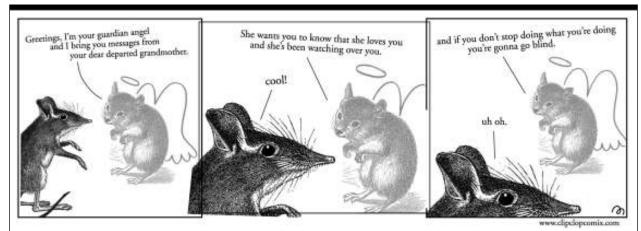
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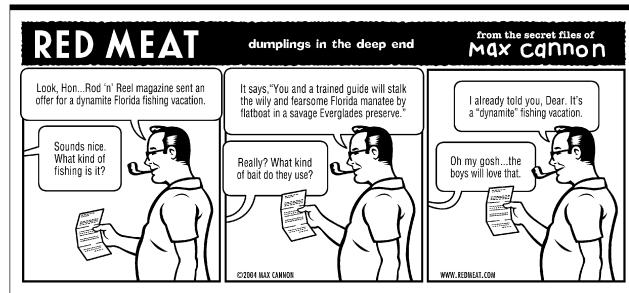
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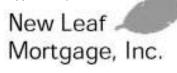
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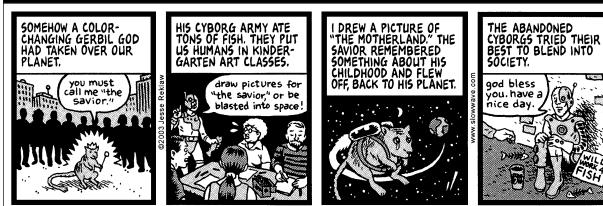
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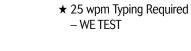
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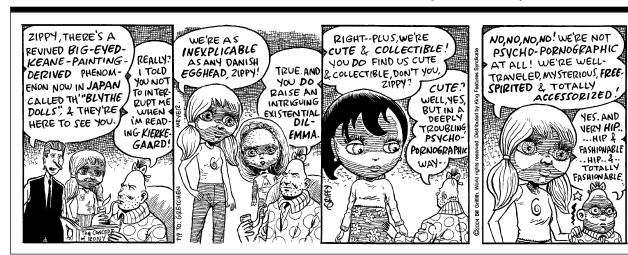
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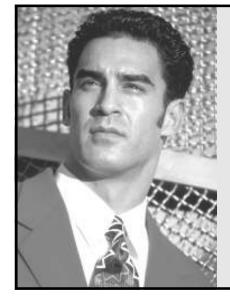
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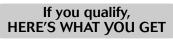
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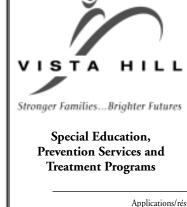
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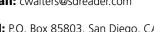
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It must have been a couple weeks ago since I last went to church. My dad is a retired Lutheran Minister, so I grew up in the church and I go every time that I visit my parents. My mom asks me if I go every time she talks to me. Of course I tell them that I have, even if I don't go because it's easier than getting lectured about missing church. In my parents' eyes, there's no good reason for missing church. If I were feeding homeless crack babies, my parents would want me to do it any other time than Sunday morning.



Sarrah Hatcher Theme Park Attendant Anaheim

I usually attend church on all the major holidays; I go Christmas, Easter, or whenever there's something going on where it seems like the world is going to end. I've been in a relationship with this guy and his family thinks that we're "living in sin" because we live together and we're not married. In my opinion, I think he might be a little repressed, but he's a very respectful person and that might be why I love him the most. Church can be a good thing for people who lack role models, and I would never discourage anyone from going.



Janna Law Enforcement Pacific Beach

I went a lot more when I was younger, but I think that might have more to do with where I'm from. I grew up in the Ohio Bible Belt, so church was something we always did as a family. Now that I live out here in California, the act of church doesn't seem to be as important with the majority. I see people going to church on Sunday, but back home everyone went. I'm not sure what the exact relationship the church has to a region, but California also feels a lot more liberal in terms of tolerance. I don't think anyone would have anything bad to say about tolerance.



Whitney McCal Businesswoman Pacific Beach

The last time I went to church was probably Christmas. I went with my family a lot when I was younger. Since I've gotten older, I find myself going less and less. It has to do with the fact that I went away to school and there were different activities that took the place of church on Sunday mornings. My parents still go, but I don't think it's as big a deal as when I still lived with them because it was an activity that we did as a family. I'll probably go more often once I have a family of my own.



Todd Mills Clothing Designer Clairemont

My family is a totally hardcore Mormon family and they go all the time. Luckily, I have a job that has me working a lot on the weekends, so I don't have to attend service and all the other activities that my parents are involved with. My parents were strict when I was growing up and I guess it made me rebel. They weren't especially excited when my ser-girlfriend became pregnant with my son because we weren't married. My parents love my son, but they still don't condone premarital sex. It's hard on me because I'm in my late 20s, and I want to have a good time like everyone else.



Andy Newman Engineer Oceanside

In high school I got into the Young Life scene pretty hard, and they had me thinking "What Would Jesus Do?" every time I had a problem. My girlfriend at the time wore one of those promise rings that parents give to their daughters so they won't have sex. The funny part is that I'm Jewish, but Jesus was a Jew and things didn't work out too bad for him. Since then I've wondered if I always did what Jesus would have done. I mean, who am I to know what Jesus would do in every situation? What if I'm playing roulette in Vegas: would Jesus always bet black, or does he put his money on red? I'd really like to know what Moses would do because he seemed to be prepared for any situation.

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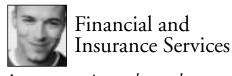








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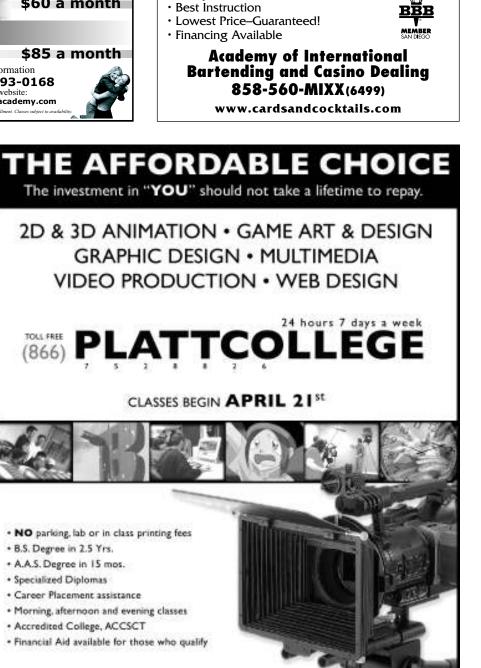
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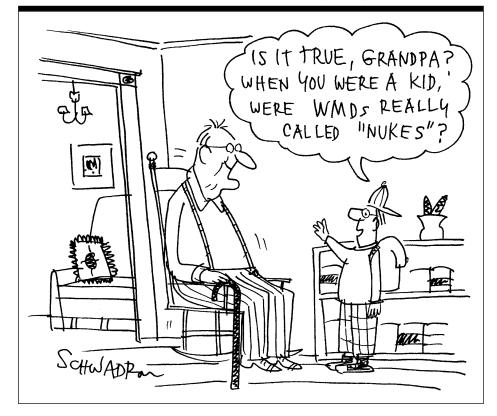
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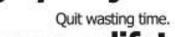
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BLACK, FULL-FIGURED, 46, secure, af fectionate, down to earth. Seeking black nate, down to earth. Seeking black 40-55, who loves excitement, and g fun with that special person. (4/7)

RADIANT, ATTRACTIVE, European, edu-

handsome, passionate, sexy, artistic, successful gentleman, to share romantic time together, enjoy life to the fullest, 43-55. (4/7) 220126

BEAUTIFUL, BLONDE, Pacific Beach slender, 5'6", sweet, degreed profes sional, midwest values. Seeking attrac tive, white, educated, kind, easygoin dog lover, 50-65, likes outdoors, dancing, dating, commitment. (4/7) 20105 AUSTRALIAN/AMERICAN, 5', 110lbs. grace, elegance, culture, blue/blonde former swimming/skating professiona Seeking tall, health conscious, spiritua match, 60+, fine dining, dancing, theatre baseball. (4/7) 220111 blue/blonde

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TIRED OF THE GAME and disappoint ment? Energetic, spirited, compassionate woman seeking sensitive, honest man to share commitment, laughter, excitement, dreams. Let's embrace the journey to-(4/14) 220142

gether. (4/14) ☎ 20142 PETITE TEACHER, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys the arts, hiking, bicycling, jogging, medi-tation, yoga. Seeking gentleman, 5'10"+, 45-55, athletic, health conscious, inter-ested in spirituality. Long-term relation-ship. (4/14) ☎ 23152

PERFECT MIX OF BEAUTY, brains, per sonality. Naughty but nice, ac

tionate, spiritual, professional, wants 40-50 nice guy, honest, funny, fit, handsome. nice guy, hones all me. (4/14) 🅿

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) 220117 WORTH THE WAITI Professional, 32, 5'4", curvy, sweet, happy, active, humorous, affectionate. Seeking nice guy, 29-40, educated, nonsmoker, caring, honest, fun, romantic, for sincere relationship. (4/14)

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, nonsmoking woman, 57, Jewish, verý outgoing and personable, seeking similar man to enjoy life. I like movies, long walks, quiet times. (4/7) 220103

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, YOUNG 55, 5'5" active, looking for relationship with nice guy, successful, educated. I am down to earth, caring, kind, financially/emotionally secure. (4/7) 22120

WOMAN SEEKING SOMEONE to enjoy the beauty of life with. I'm 60, work pa time, enjoy the outdoors, reading, anima and good conversation. (4/7) 20114 work part **46, HISPANIC, SENSE OF HUMOR,** enjoy jazz, affectionate, honest, easygoing, semi-retired. (4/14) **○**20131

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BEAUTIFUL BLACK FEMALE, 34, long gs, slim, seeking older white male over 5. Seeking financially secure and giving r fun, possible long-term relationship. (4/14) 20137

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5'4", SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, spiritual, sensitive soul, retired educator, seeking cozy, romantic, single white male for af-fection, fun, conversation, travel, possible life mate. (4/14) 220874

LOVING SWEETHEART WANTED. Beautiful, blonde/blue, 59, lady. Share exciting adventures, never boring relationship. Handsome, upbeat, secure, intelligent, romantic gentleman. I could be the one. (4/7) 220116

ONE SPECIAL GENTLEMAN wanted. 70 years, young heart, attractive lady. Life is great. Dreams do come true if shared by two. Adventurous, exciting, awesome, sharp. (4/14) 20129 INDEPENDENT, HONEST, CARING, giv

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mantic heart, seeking energetic, well edu-cated, romantic male, age 42-54, movies, travel, theater, dancing, camping and

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ATTRACTIVE. 48. MIRA MESA. Italian/ Irish, professional, financially stable, loves animals. No children at home. Fam-ily life OK with me. Asymptomatic her-petic seeks special person. (4/14) **2**20134 petic se

BLACK MAN WANTED, 40-55. White, full figured lady seeks romance, fun, possible long-term relationship. (4/14) 20139 Gorgeous, Sexy,

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WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU HAPPY? Thoughtful, easygoing, fit, monogamous, stable, honest, reliable, good morals, car-ng, listener, blue eyes, 48. Seeking femi-nine, petite woman for companion-

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SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE, intelli good natured, affectionate, light brown/ blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 56. Relationship minded, fi-nancially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (4/14) 20890

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TALL, CATHOLIC, conservative single male seeks single female, 25-35 without children, nonsmoker, no drugs, no alco-hol. Yes, Padres, Chargers, Disney, and Sea World passes! (4/14) 20856

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FUN LOVING, TALL, ATTRACTIVE, white 50+, intelligent, sense of humor, who en-joys dinner, walks, movies, beach, etc. Seeking nice woman to enjoy life with. (4/7) 220838

TALL, LEAN, MUSCULAR, handsome, ed-ucated, romantic, passionate, bald black male, 40s, waiting on full-figured middle-aged curvy Caucasian cutie for my lover please? (4/7) ☎ 20834

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MIGHT... (4/14) 2/20889 MIGHT... BEACHWALK for Leon Russell ticket. Roadtested funky Caucasian cur-mudgeon 53. Needing soulful/Irie estro-gen-laced "little" sugar to sweeten my daze. Moderate vices OK! (4/14) 2/20865

IF YOU'RE REAL, I'm ready. 40, nice look

ing, 6', 178lbs., green eyes. I'm good company. Seeking an easygoing, realistic woman over 35. (4/7) 20836

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TALL, GOOD LOOKING, architect, 43, Jack Nicholson type, healthy, toned body, intelligent, humorous. Seeking slender, very curvy, caucasian woman, 21-38, for friendship, romance, and more. (4/14) T20900

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SEEKING DEMANDING FEMALE by handsome, athletic professional, 37, 175lbs. Seeking attractive, fit, 25-40, who insists that her needs/desires are com-pletely satisfied. (4/7) 20845

pretery satisfied. (4//) **37**20845 **HANDSOME, SEXY,** successful execu-tive, 59, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, carring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relation-ship. (4/7) **37**20822

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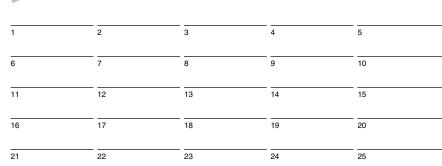
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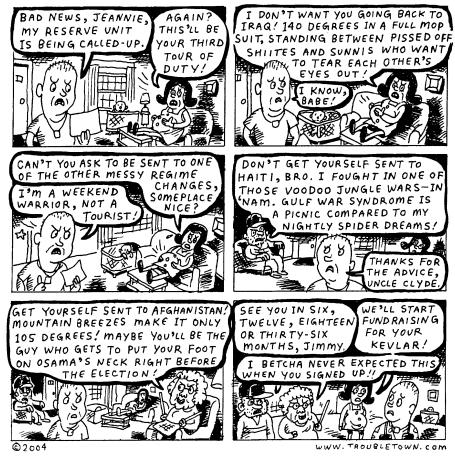
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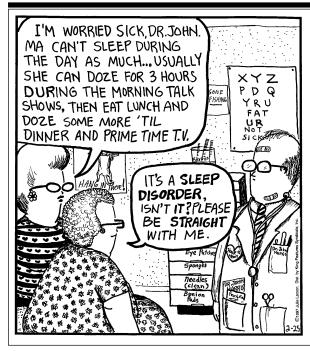
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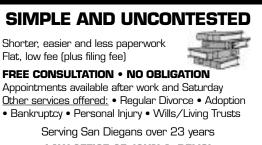
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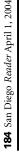




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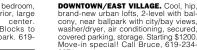
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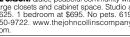
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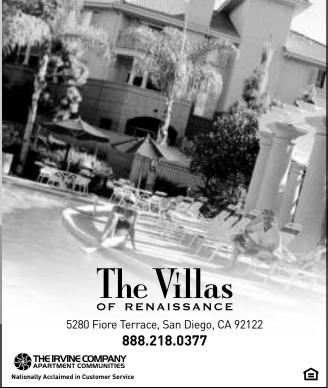
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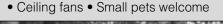
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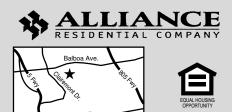
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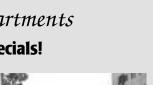


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er Rice, B. 619-934-4307 CHULA VISTA. Garage sale. 8am, Satur-day, 4/3. All good stuff, furniture, lamps, home decor. No clothing. 329 G Street (rear of building).

(rear of building). **CLAIREMONT.** Multifamily garage sale. 7am-1pm, 4/3. Washing machine, elec-tronics, clothes, birdcage, bicycles, lad-ders, books, small appliances, much more. 7081 Hilton Place.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 7am-noon, Saturday, 4/3. Furniture, computer, desk, lamp, microwave, iron, miscellaneous. 7675 Stalmer Street, #B. 858-573-2689.

(6/5 Statimer Siteet, #D. Suborcezos. CLAREMONT, Yard sale, 8am-2pm, Sat-urday, 4/3. Corner of Teal and Mocking-bird, must off Genesee and I-163. CLAREMONT. Horizon School of E fundraiser. 7am-2pm, Saturday, 4/3. Dinette set/4 chairs, commercial copier, weight bench, 5 new desks, TV, mi-crowave, clothing, 4680 Huggins.

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DEL MAR. Huge multifamily yard sale Clothes, toys, books, videos, furniture Clothes, toys, books, videos, furniture, electronics, double stroller, car seats, housewares and more. 2478 Carmel Val-

ley Road. ENCANTO, moving sale. Saturday-Sun-day 4/3-4/4, 9am-3pm. Furniture, kitchen stuff, clothes, shoes, miscellaneous, and m. mi day 4/3-4/4 stuff, clothe much more! 6739 Springfield Street. No

HILLCREST. Multiple moving sale. 8amnoon, Saturday, 4/3. Kitchen table, chairs, dishes, microwave cart, living room set, plants, coffee table, awesome green couch, TV, and stand, clothes 4-8. 1221

IMPERIAL BEACH. Moving sale. 8am Saturday, 4/3.Piano, washer/dryer, dinin Saturday, 4/3.Piano, washer/dryer, dining set, surfboard, snowboard and much more. 1213 Louden Lane. 619-254-2482. LA JOLLA SHORES, moving/garagetaz. LA JOLLA SHORES, moving/garagetaz. Sunday 4/4, 8am-5pm. Bike furniture, toys, baby supplies including stroller, books, clothes, tapes, miscellaneous. 8033 Paseo Del Ocaso. 858-456-6221. LA JOLLA. Moving sale. Friday/Saturday, 4/2-4/3. Piano, NordicTrak, bike, bike rack, computer desk, printer stand, laser printer, many miscellaneous items. By ap-pointment, 858-454-6220.

pointment, 858-454-6220. LA JOLLA. Moving sale. 8am-1pm, Satur-day, 4/3. Women's clothes, furniture, kitchen items/appliances, picture frames, books. Alley behind Cuvier Street (near Jack in Box), 760-716-2710.

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LA MESA. Garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 4/3. Furniture, computer, dishes, kids' bi-cycle, bedspread, bed skirt, valances, exercise equipment, barbecue, etc. 4030 Rosarita Drive, 619-463-6786.

Rosanta Drive, 619-463-6786. **LAKESIDE.** Garage sale. 7am-1pm, Sat-urday, 4/3. Furniture, electronics, and all the other usual stuff. 13642 Cunning Lakeside. Moving sale. 7am-noon, 4/3-4/4. Antiques, tools, kitchen items. 8973 Emerald Grove.

LINDA VISTA. Yard sale. 9am-2pm, Sat-urday/Sunday, 4/3-4/4. Furniture, books, and much more 2750 Wheatstone Street, #179. #179. MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. Moving sale

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4784. NORTH PARK. Massive yard sale. 8am, 4/3 Community collection of funny, use-

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NORTH PARK. 5-family yard sale. 7am 2pm, 4/3 only. Home goods, clothing, an-tiques, and much more. 4370 Kansas Street (between El Cajon Boulevard and

OCEAN BEACH. Multifamily sale. Satur-day, 4/3. TVs, furniture, kitchen stuff, 12day, 4/3. TVS, Turniture, monor, etc., channel PA mixer, clothes, lots miscella-neous from 3 houses. Not just crap! 4638

OCEAN BEACH. Moving sale. 7am-10pm, Sunday, 4/4. Bikes, day bed and some electronics and other knick-knacks. 4606 Avenue Niagara Avenue. OCEANSIDE, moving sale. Sunday 4/4, 9am-4pm. Glass table dinette, kids toys/

9am-4pm. Glass table dinette, kids toys/ clothes, glass cabinet, baby stroller, jog-ger stroller, treadmill, dresser, etc. 199

PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 8:30am-1pm, Saturday/Sunday, 4/3-4/4. Furni-ture, electronics, clothes, books, and more. 1943 Emerald Street.

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Street (parking lot). PACIFIC BEACH, huge 11 person sale. Saturday 3/3, 8am-2pm. Don't miss this! 1279 Diamond. No early birds.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Multifamily moving sale. 8am, Saturday 4/3. All household items, furniture, home theater, all electronics, sporting goods. 842 Felspar Street.

Sporting goods 842 Felspar Street. PACIFIC BEACH, Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday and Sunday. Must sell this weekend. Furniture, exotic plants, clothes, shoes, diving gear, sporting gear. 1140 Oliver Avenue.

POINT LOMA. Moving sale. 7-11am, Sat-urday, 4/3. Large selection of household items, clothing, camping gear, miscella-neous. 1201 Fleetridge Drive.

POINT LOMA. Gigantic rummage sale! 7am-11am, Saturday, 4/3. Furniture, clothes, toys, miscellaneous. 4409 Mon-talvo Street off West Point Loma Boule-

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## **Yogis in the News**

 In February, a consortium of voga teachers filed a lawsuit in San Francisco against yoga master Bikram Choudhury (creator of the celebritytrendy "Bikram" style), demanding that he become a little more serene and stop hassling them by claiming a copyright on his positions, some of which, they insist, are centuries old. ... Agence France-Presse reported in January that yoga classes for dogs are available in Miami, New York City, and Hollywood, producing such success stories as the aging pooch that, having assumed special dog-yoga positions, supposedly regained mobility in her hips.

#### **Finer Points of Privacy Law**

 Patient privacy regulations (under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) were recently blamed for hospitals' placing restrictions on ward visits by Santa Claus (in Davenport, Iowa, December) and by clergy members (in Morgantown, W.Va., January) unless all patients give permission. ... A Silver Spring, Md., woman was billed \$17,000 by Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center before the hospital was allowed to tell her who the patient was because of federal privacy laws. The patient was her missing-

person husband, who had been killed by a hitand-run driver, news the police were late in giving her. ... Privacy laws recently prevented the public school system in Nashville, Tenn., from having an "honor roll" unless all parents consented (even parents of mediocre students, who would be publicly revealed as non-honor roll).

#### **Can't Possibly Be True**

- Cheryl L. Cooper was, until October, a counselor for Pyramid Healthcare Inc. in Pittsburgh, working with drug- and alcohol-addicted patients, but following a break-in and armed robbery of her home, she was fired. Pyramid claimed (according to a February Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story) that since she had become a target of neighborhood tough guys, Pyramid clients and staff who would be with her at any time were thus in danger. Among the problems Pyramid counselors must work through are traumas to crime victims and rehabilitation of criminals.

- In March, a court in Ansbach, Germany, turned down a challenge by a 43-year-old unemployed man to the government's denial of benefits stemming from his temporary separation from his wife, who is in her native Thailand. He claimed that since she could not afford to return to Germany, the government should pay for the travel, and since it refused to do that, it should pay him for at least four visits a month to a prostitute, plus an allowance to buy condoms, pornography, and an appliance to aid masturbation.

- In February, social workers found a feral family of six (only the father spoke a recognizable language; others used hand signs and noises) living in a shed on a farm at Theunissen, in Free State, South Africa. None of the kids (aged 14 to 26) had ever met anyone outside the family and simply ran into the woods anytime visitors approached. One boy ambulated only in a frog-like manner. The father said the kids were born normal, and

he assumed their poor development was punishment because he could not afford the ceremonial sacraments of the Maiola tribe.

 A case report in the January issue of the Indian Iournal of Chest Diseases and Allied Sciences described a 27-year-old woman with an unshakable cough who, based on a radiograph, was found to have a condom lodged in her "upper right lobe bronchus." She eventually disclosed to doctors that she had accidentally "inhal[ed]" it during fellatio.

- An African grey parrot, N'kisi (trained by New York City artist Aimee Morgana), has been reliably observed with an English vocabulary of 950 words and the ability to manipulate some of them in context, according to a British Broadcasting Corp. magazine report. According to a Cambridge University veterinary professor, the most promising gains from cognitive-ability testing on animals recently have been achieved with parrots.

 In January, Sunnyside Elementary School (Stanton Heights, Pa.) suspended Brandi McKenith, 7, for a day for bad language; she had pointed out to a classmate that he was going to wind up in "hell" because he had said, "I swear to God. .. In December, Ernest Gallet Elementary School (Lafayette, La.) sent Marcus McLaurin, 7, to a discipline class for telling a fellow student, accurately, that his own mother is "gay" (which, he said, "is when a girl likes another girl").

# **Least Competent Criminals**

- (1) The December attempted robbery of a BB&T bank in Chesapeake, Va., was aborted when the robber and the teller arrived at a stalemate. The robber pushed a holdup note across the counter, but the teller read it, said, "I can't accept this," and passed it back. The robber pushed the note through a second time. The teller wadded the note up and tossed it back at the robber, who picked it up and walked out. (2) The robberv of a liquor store in Greenville, S.C., in February was aborted when the clerk ran out of the store after the perp told him to empty the register, while pointing his bare index finger at him, simulating a gun.

#### Thinning the Herd

 A 44-vear-old man was crushed to death by a slow-moving tractor-trailer when he jumped underneath it to get the reportedly "well-worn" baseball cap that the wind had just blown off his head (Lethbridge, Alberta, November). ... A 55year-old man died of a heart attack, most likely, said the police, during or moments after stabbing his wife numerous times in a domestic altercation (Keene, N.H., December). ... A 23-year-old man was hit by a subway car at New York City's 34th Street station when he leaned over the tracks to see the oncoming train, not realizing that it was coming from the other direction (December; the last press report available said the man was in critical condition).

#### In the Past Month...

A female Catholic catechism instructor was awarded \$950,000 from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for injuries from being punched by a priest during a discussion of teaching techniques. ... The San Jose Mercury News reported that teachers at several California schools have begun offering extra course credit to students who bring in vital classroom supplies no longer affordable under school budgets. ... Abbeyfield School (Chippenham, England) banned regulation-size soccer balls during recreation periods, permitting only small, soft balls, but denied the reason was fear of lawsuits.

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# VERBATIM POLICE REPORTS

# It's a CRIME

#### **ROBBERY - GRAND THEFT**

Location: 1135 25th Street, Golden Hill Time/Date: 10:40 p.m. on 3/19/04

Officer's Investigation: There was a show of graffiti art at the District 3 Art Gallery. When they were closing, the suspect, "Andrew," entered the business. "Andrew" ran to a wall and grabbed a painting. It was a one of a kind, painted by Mear One...titled "Why Music Is Currently Fucked." The painting depicts caricatures of pop



[Kid] Rock and Brittany [sic] Spears...valued at \$6500.00. Timothy M. and Joshua K. [the

gallery owners] chased the suspect into the dirt lot north of the gallery. M. caught the suspect and tackled him, after the suspect had put the painting in the trunk of a waiting car. M. grabbed the painting and was immediately hit in the head by a bottle, which caused him to fall to the ground. M. grabbed a stick and hit the suspect with it. The suspect reached for his waistband and told M. he would shoot him. (M. never actually saw a gun.) M. turned to run, but was again hit in the head by a bottle. As he fell to the ground, he was hit by more bottles and kicked by numerous people. The suspect had run to a group of between 8-15 of his friends. When K, came to M.'s aid, he too was struck with several bottles and kicked. The suspects left in at least three vehicles, eastbound and westbound on B Street.

# **CHILD ABUSE**

Location: [400] Grand Avenue, Spring Valley Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 3/6/04

Officer's Investigation: Carl S. threw a bottle of vitamins at his six-year-old daughter, Teresa, [Her] nine-year-old brother, Carl Junior, and four-year-old brother, David, witnessed the battery. I took a statement from Teresa's mother, Patrica F. F. was upset because the police were getting involved. F. does not want anything

# done to her boyfriend, Carl S.

Victim's Statement: My dad and two brothers just came home from the ice cream store. I made a little mess



with the ice cream and my dad yelled at me to put the ice cream away. I didn't hear him. My dad got mad and threw a full big bottle of vitamins at me. The bottle hit me in the eve and hurt me badlv.

# MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Location: 8899 University Center Lane, La Jolla

Time/Place: 4:05 p.m. on 3/16/04



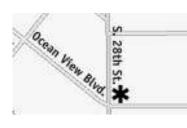
Officer's Statement: I received a radio call to evaluate a need to check on the welfare of a subject, Karoline H., who sent an e-mail to the office of Dr. E. I spoke with Lynn E., office manager of the medical office. E. told me she found an e-mail from Karoline H. while she was checking incoming mail. E. does not know H. and has never had any other contact with her. E. gave me a printed copy of a six-page e-mail. The letter laid out why H. believes her husband, Joe. H., is trying to kill her.

I discovered H. had been in contact with Detective Goodman #4542 of the SDPD Domestic Violence Unit. I contacted Goodman. He told me he had been unsuccessful in making contact. Goodman asked me to conduct a welfare check on Karoline H.

I was accompanied by Officer Hebdon #5311 and PERT Clinician Alderman #0496. When we arrived at the residence we contacted H. She told us her husband was asleep and insisted on talking with us in the parking lot. H. told us of a plot she believes her husband has with other unknown people to have her "killed for profit." H. admitted she has no concrete proof but she "knows it is happening." She was slightly agitated and spoke rapidly. She did not meet 5150 criteria while we were there.

# CHILD STEALING

Location: [2800] Franklin Avenue, Logan Heights Time/Place: 3:05 p.m. on 3/15/04



Officer's Investigation: I received a radio call to investigate a disturbance. When I arrived, I learned it was a custody dispute. Lonnie L. has a three-year-old daughter with Ms. Alicia G. L. and G. have no formal custody and visitation agreement. Today, L. decided he was going to visit the child. He pulled up in the alley behind the mother's residence and saw the child was playing in the rear yard. He

decided to take the child without contacting or saving anything to Ms. G. or her family member(s).

L. had the child in his car and was about to leave when he was confronted by G., her brother, and a sister. An argument took place and L. displayed a knife in a threatening manner toward G.'s brother, Robert, Robert retrieved a pipe from his vehicle and a fight almost took place. Police arrived and quelled the situation. Robert did not wish to place L. under citizen's arrest for displaying the weapon.

Both mother and father were advised to contact the Family Court as soon as possible in order to get clear custody in place.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY** 

Location: [4200] Chamoune Avenue, Talmadge

Time/Date: 9:12 p.m. on 3/17/04



Officer's Statement: When I arrived I spoke to reporting party. Laura W. She told me her neighbor, Dawn, had some of her property and would not give it back. I spoke with Dawn. Dawn told me Laura had given her some things, but she said she would give them back to keep the peace. I escorted Laura to Dawn's apartment and stood by while [they both] retrieved the items Laura wanted back. Both parties were happy with the outcome.

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But Lisa Fredsti says, "It's actually really wide, and the wheels are at the far corners of the car. They call it a bulldog stance. So the Mini's stability is amazing. My favorite thing to do is you know those on-ramps that are banked at about 90 degrees? I love to go around them.

"Before this I've always driven trucks, because I had to carry musical equipment. The last pickup I had was an aluminum-foil-constructed Nissan. Then I got a '96 Explorer. But immediately after I got it, all these things started coming out about how its air bags will kill you and it will roll over, and I realized that when you go around a corner, you really have to slow down. You think you're in this thing that's

very heavy and safe, but you're not." I say, "But when the SUVs come blazing by, isn't your head about at their hubcaps?"

"I laugh at the lumbering beasts," Lisa says, "especially at the Escalade or the Ford Valdez driven by a tiny woman on her cell phone or some Yo-dude in his Hummer compensating for God knows what. The Mini's a whole different ethic.

"As soon as I drove the car, I felt secure, and it's so fun to drive. The only thing I don't like about being down low is you can't see the road ahead as well. But especially after Gulf War II, it feels immoral to drive one of those brutes. Somebody has to disarm. I'll start."

"Maybe they're the future," I speculate. "They haven't been around long, have they?'

"The first year in the U.S. was 2002. The story I heard, John Cooper designed the first Mini to be an efficient car that transcended class barriers, that was inexpensive, and that you could fit a lot of people into. This was back in the '60s. I think Linda McCartney had one. But then they stopped making them, and later BMW bought the company. This model is a cross between a British car and a BMW, with a lot of the BMW safety features. It's supposed to be the safest car in its class. I looked at the Prius because I liked the idea of getting a hybrid, but the Mini did a lot better in crash tests. Six air bags. Front driver, front passenger, side and curtain, overhead. Somebody said if you crash it's like a giant exploding cannoli.

"And I can carry whatever I need to. It's a hatchback, and the back seat folds down. I've gotten an eight-foot ladder in the car and large pieces of furniture. With the back seats folded down and the hatchback up, I can easily get my bass rig in there. You could probably get a full drum kit in.

"And the Mini is beautiful. It appealed to my shopping genes. I don't

**OWNER: LISA FREDST** 

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mind driving like I used to. Big vehicles are about adding layers and layers of leather and chrome and steel and home entertainment systems so it's your own little private floating world, and you can pretend that you're not actually driving, and the world isn't out there. The Mini's exactly the opposite. The Mini's all about enjoying what you're doing, enjoying the drive, the process, the trip."

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# He had left an incomprehensible suicide note.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

#### Madness.

It is on that short list, the top three things I fear the most. I would have automatically, pretty much without thinking, placed it at number one even just six months ago because I've experienced it on psychedelic drugs. A temporary psychotic state, but an effective little preview, I'm betting.

It's Tuesday morning (still dark); Friday was my last full night of sleep. It was the night before my son emerged from the front door of the house where he lives with his mother and stepfather, while holding a samurai sword. He was shot in the knee with what is called a beanbag, fired by a sheriff's deputy from a shotgun. It was the only way to get him down, to stop moving. He's 27 and weighs well over 250 pounds. He's delusional, possibly schizophrenic and was in the throes of psychosis.

When I was able to reach him by phone in the psych ward at the hospital, he told me, "The police shot me in the knee.'

"I know, son. You were carrying one of your swords." For some absurd reason, I felt a certain relief that it was not one of the swords I had given him as a gift, as if it made any possible difference. "Why were you holding a sword?"

"I was going to cut my own throat with it."

- "My God! Why would you do something like that?"
- "Because my brain was melting."

Any possible reply to that, short of completely changing the subject, would be absurd. Without thinking, I said, "Your brain was not melting," turning the conversation into a dialogue from a cheap sitcom while simultaneously giving weight to his delusion by disagreeing with him about it.

He had left an incomprehensible suicide note. Incomprehensible because he had attacked the household's long-neglected liquor cabinet and mixed some horrible concoction of crème de menthe, tequila, and God-knows-what. He has exhibited little but rudeness to me for almost three years. Recently (This morning! My God, it seems like a week ago, as if the reality-distorting properties of mental illness were contagious.) he has told me he doesn't want me to visit him in the hospital; has lashed out at me as if I were a simpleminded, bungling assistant to his vision, or "reality paradigm," when I try to follow along and then miss some fundamental principle. An example involved "the life force" and raw eggs, oranges, milk, or salt - the only things he will consume and in such compulsively large quantities he makes himself physically very sick. Despite these things, one comprehensible line in his suicide note was, "I love my Dad. He understands that there is no coming back from the other side of ... " and then it becomes unreadable again.

Now I'm afraid he is laboring under some possibly lethal misunderstanding of something I have said. He speaks in metaphors more often, the further he gets from normal conversation. I can speak in metaphors, too, and I have bought into his delusion more than once to get him to take medication or accompany me to a psychiatrist appointment. To think that while in his country of the mad, I have garbled the language and contributed to his alienation and pain is not bearable.

But I don't think he has referred to me with genuine love, as this reference appears in the suicide note, since some long-ago Father's Day when he was small and happy

Something happened to Jason three years ago. Something violent, a brutal beating over a girl. This has never been processed adequately, as he would

never discuss it. The symptoms of dementia are birds come home to roost in some transmogrified way. And indeed I do feel an Igor-like character, a bungling assistant to the healthy part of that good mind and that kind soul that I know well. These things are now caged in some perversely constructed citadel or dungeon where lunacy may reign. But the illusion of control over this mindscape is fleetingly convincing, then suddenly frightening and deadly.

Possibly it is unfair to write about this in a column one may reasonably look to for amusement, a kind of gratification of a strange kind on occasion. Friday is a kind of light at the end of a tunnel and so falls within the borders of that country, Hope. The act of writing (creating anything) is a life-affirmative move. Having a child is taking that life affirmation into the end zone and just a few feet beyond into a district of the death defying.

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# The Glow of Warmth

My cousin Tommy got married. I haven't seen Tommy for 12 years. Jack and I visited Tommy and my cousin Betsy and my Aunt Anne and Uncle Gib in Hawaii on our honeymoon. We stayed with them for a few days at their house on the North Shore of Oahu. Tommy was just a high school kid. Jack borrowed Tommy's surfboard and tried to catch some of the huge waves that barreled onto the North Shore beaches. I'm sure Tommy thought Jack was a kook.

I was surprised when we got the invitation in the mail a couple months ago. I inadvertently let the RSVP date come and go without replying. The first week in March, Tommy called.

"Thanks so much for inviting us," I told Tommy on the phone. "I'm really sorry I didn't reply on time and you had to call. Like you don't have a million other things to do right now."

Tommy laughed. "So are you all coming?" "You do know we have five kids, don't you? Did you really mean to invite all of us?"

"I've got you down for seven."

My girls were thrilled at the prospect of going to a wedding. "Can I get a new dress?" Angela asked.

"Can I borrow one of your dresses, Mom?" Rebecca asked.

"I never get anything new," Lucy moped. By the time we set off last Saturday from our home in San Marcos toward the church in North Park, the girls all looked beautiful. Johnny and Ben had gotten haircuts the day before and wore their best California casual khakis and Gap Hawaiian shirts. "You guys all look great," I told the kids as I backed the van out of the driveway.

#### "Thanks, Mom," they answered.

The wedding started a little late. Ben got antsy and spent his time walking from pew to pew gathering the little orange pencils placed with the collection envelopes. "I got more, Mom," he whispered to me gleefully every time he returned to my side. He stopped his foraging when a screen slid down from the ceiling behind the altar and pictures of Tommy and Tere as kids flashed by while music played. "This is a cool picture show," Ben said.

After the sermon and the vows and the recessional, we all headed to the reception on Point Loma. "Where are we going?" Rebecca asked.

"To the officers' club at the submarine base," I answered.

"Is it nice?"

"I'm sure it is."

I was right. The dining room was all white and gold and crystal. A big blue deck behind a wall of windows looked out over the harbor and the channel and the ocean beyond. We wandered around for a while. Jack took the kids outside on the deck. We ended up sitting at a table with my three nieces and my dad's cousin Larry and his wife Cathy. My mom and my sister Anita and my two brothers and their wives sat at the table next to us.

After an Irish coffee and a glass of wine, I felt the glow of warmth and family begin to envelop me. We are not the sort of people who gather every year for elaborate family reunions. Over the past ten years, we have gotten together mostly at funerals - my grandfather's, my grandmother's, my dad's. I looked across the table at my children basking in the delight of Larry's attention. I listened to Cathy and my older nieces discussing college and travel. I caught my breath for a moment when my Uncle Gib walked over to talk to Larry.

I am always jealous of characters on TV who get to see the people they love who have died. On Six Feet Under, the dad died in the

first five minutes of the pilot. For the rest of the series, he appeared at odd times. His sons and daughter spoke with him, asked him questions, just got to be in the same room with him. With Gib at the table, I could almost conjure up my father. Gib has my father's rumbly voice, the same inflections, the same laugh. He is my dad without so many hard edges.

I squeezed Jack's hand and went over to stand by Gib. He put his arm around my waist and hugged me to him. "Here's my girl," he said.

I leaned in to say in his ear, "You sure make me miss my dad."

Gib paused a moment. "Time moves on, doesn't it?"

"I guess it has to."

Later, after dinner, the dancing began. Jack pulled me out onto the dance floor. We found our way out onto the deck. In the cool night air, Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy danced in a circle with their cousins. Ben chased a toddler he had befriended. Johnny danced a frenetic, rhythmless kung-fu-like dance all by himself.

Within a short time, the rest of our part of the family came out on the deck. I stood with my mom and my sister and my brothers and their wives and watched the kids. "Dad would have gotten a real kick out of this," Anita said.

Had we been on TV, my dad would have stood at the edge of the circle in his best blue suit. The smoke from his cigar would have wafted away on the ocean breeze.

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