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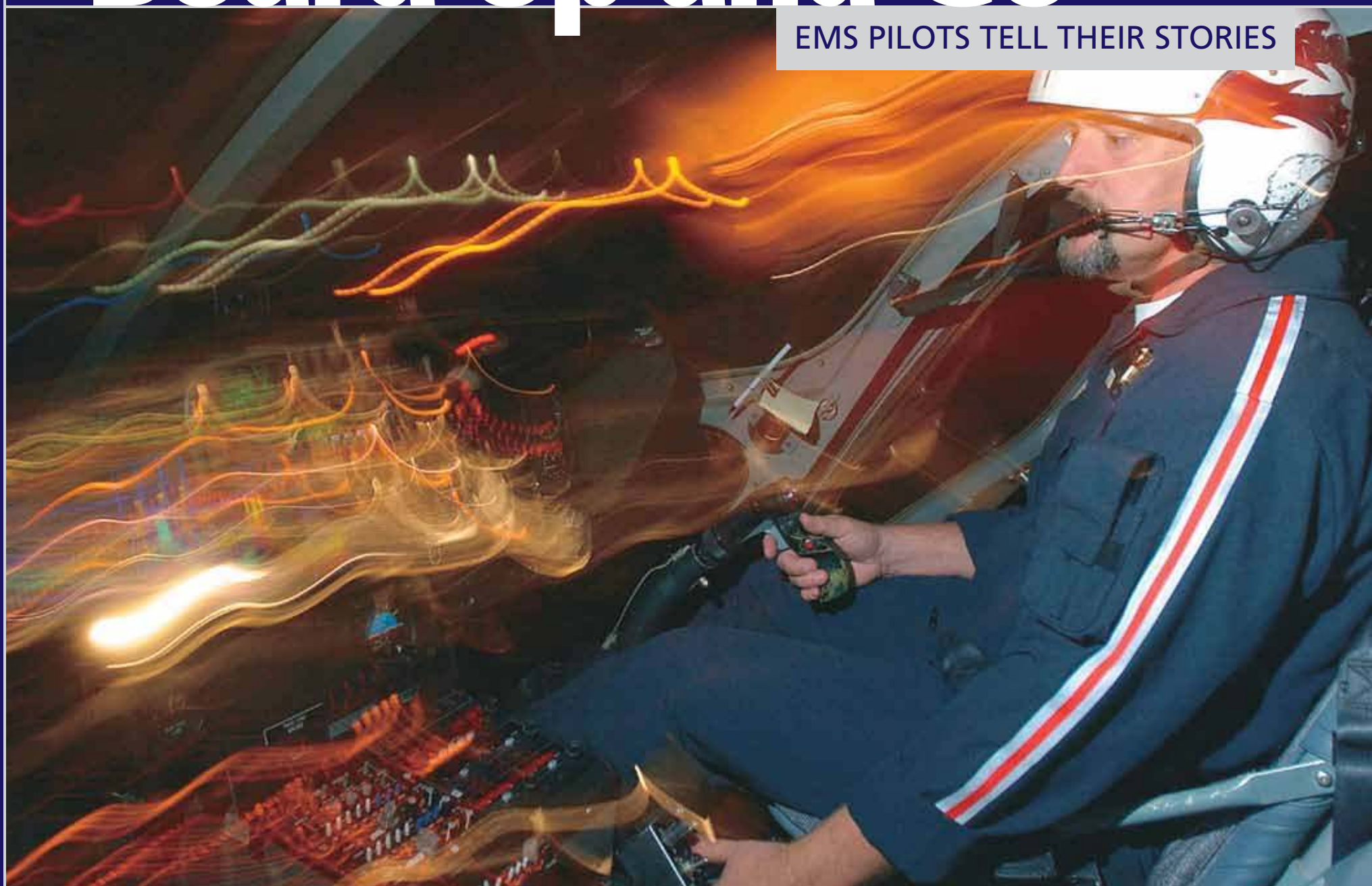
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Cut-Line

“It was my first training flight with Mercy Air,” says J.P. Wilson, a large, white-haired man. “I had gone through the ground school, and I was scheduled to fly with Jeff Emery. I got here about eight o’clock, and right at eight o’clock we got a call out here on Interstate 5. We took off. Jeff was doing the flying. As we got over the scene, it was easy to find because all of southbound Interstate 5 was completely blocked off. We were told to land in the middle of the freeway. Jeff set up and started to land, and we’re all thinking traffic accident. There were a tremendous number of emergency vehicles, and what

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Fabulous Eleanor

Thank you so much for "The Soufflé Has Fallen" (November 24). It was so enlightening to read all about the fascinating life of Eleanor Widmer from her son, Jonah Widmer. I wanted to let him know how much his mom meant to my husband and me. We were big fans of her radio, TV, and print work. I had the honor of talking to her on the radio once. She was a wealth of knowledge on the San Diego food scene. We never knew why she disappeared before reading the story in the Reader. I had no idea she had such a fascinating background. There are not enough fabulous people on this earth. She was certainly one of them, and those of us who loved her will miss her. She was irreplaceable. I'd love to talk to her son about her. Maybe he will read this and contact me.

Belinda Etezd Rachman,
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via e-mail

Salt-Free Desserts

It was with real sadness that I read of Eleanor Widmer's passing. I remember well the interest with which we read her reviews after we arrived in San Diego in 1977. It's difficult to realize this now, but in 1977 the restaurant scene in San Diego was pretty dismal. Ms. Widmer took it upon herself to explore new places, and those explorations were greatly valuable to us.

Of course, it took a while for us to "calibrate" Ms. Widmer's views and reviews. Obviously someone who hated salt and ate her desserts first would not have tastes that aligned with ours. But once we figured out her perspective, she was a great help. I remember well when she panned a restaurant in Old Town named Berta's. When I read the review I could tell that

Berta's was exactly my kind of place, which it turned out to be. There is no doubt in my mind that Berta is one of the best cooks in San Diego. And without Ms. Widmer's review I might well have never found Berta's.

I hope that wherever Ms. Widmer is now, she is getting her desserts first and her meals with no salt.

Alan Campbell
via e-mail

God Armor

Your article "They Tried to Cut the Roof with an Ax" ("City Lights," November 24), about Total Shield, the Mexican firm experiencing a surge in demand for its main product, auto armor proofing, reminds me of my all-time favorite movie, *Romero*. That film is based on the life of Oscar Romero during his tenure as archbishop of El Salvador from 1977 to 1980. Romero used his spiritual authority to counter the repressive control of the ruling oligarchy. In my favorite scene from that movie, Romero and a small group of campesinos take back a local church which had been appropriated by the military. As per the movie (and perhaps this event is entirely fictional, but I love it anyway), Romero wraps himself in his liturgical vestments, adopts a look of fierce determination, and slowly begins to stride towards the church. A frail old woman joins Romero in his walk, and then an old man, followed by the local priests, and soon a small party of ordinary townspeople, led by Romero (Raul Julia in one of his finest roles), is bearing down upon the entrance to the church. That building is guarded by a tall, burly soldier whose grim stare is the equal of Romero's. The soldier raises his pistol and commands the approaching mass to stop, and, of course, they continue towards him, and at the last possible moment the soldier drops his weapon and allows Romero and company to enter the church.

Although I am moved to tears by film accounts of the utterly unguarded earthly works of great spiritual leaders like Romero (and Gandhi and King), in my ordinary, everyday walk through life I appreciate seat belts and armor plating

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Dinner at eight Embattled San Diego Unified school superintendent **Alan Bersin** is already trying to make amends with those three new board members elected against his wishes who will take office next week, but his first olive-branch offering may have come close to violating the state's open-meeting law, otherwise known as the Brown Act. In an e-mail message dated November 17, Bersin's second-in-command **Leslie Fausset** invited the new board to a fancy dinner in San Francisco, where an education conference is being held, on Tuesday, November 30, or Wednesday, December 1. "We're looking forward to spending some time getting to know each other and opening lines of communication. Thank you!!" Newly elected board member **Luis Acle** replied: "I am very much in favor of getting to know each other and opening lines of communication. Would all five (next term) Trustees be present at the same time? Is there a Brown Act problem? Would an objective observer conclude that we are not going to discuss 'business'? P.S. Dinner in San Francisco sounds extremely attractive, but could it be that we might better open our lines of communication in an open office setting?" Responded Fausset: "The dinner that we are proposing is purely social. We would certainly not discuss district business or policy and would, in fact, stay away from discussion about education. I have asked our General Counsel to provide some guidelines for us so that we will all be protected. The San Francisco location was recommended because we will all be in the City, I believe." That brought a response from board veteran **John de Beck**: "I would suggest that a reporter representing some San Diego media be invited to assure the 'social context.' At a minimum, they should be notified of the time and place of this meeting. This needs to be monitored by more than our good will. Folks will refer to this meeting as evidence of 'untold conspiracies,' no matter what we say. A media witness is essential." To which Fausset replied: "Absolutely!" This Tuesday de Beck reported that, because of the questions raised by the board members, the dinner had been cancelled.



Luis Acle

Going both ways La Jolla **Larry Remer**, the longtime Democratic political consultant who worked for such law-and-order types as former district attorney **Paul Pfingst** before managing to get himself indicted for wire fraud and conspiracy in connection with a campaign-funding scandal at Southwestern College, saw a sharp drop in business this campaign season. Before his August 21 indictment, Remer's company, Primacy Group, was on a familiar roll, getting \$24,000 from rookie assembly candidate **Lori Saldaña's** campaign along with his regular \$2200 a month or so from assemblyman **Juan Vargas**, as well as \$18,224 from **Patty Davis**, who was running an ultimately failed race against Republican assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**. Post-in-



Larry Remer

dictment, however, Saldaña and Davis dropped Remer; Saldaña, who went on to win, replaced Primacy with none other than Cornerstone Strategies, the outfit tied to Democratic ex-state senator **Steve Peace** and his onetime aide de camp, **Arturo Casteneda**. Records show that on October 7 Saldaña paid Cornerstone \$89,287 for consulting and TV-commercial production work. Coincidentally, Cornerstone also has a \$60,000, six-month contract to do political consulting for the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, set up by a Peace-authored bill. Davis switched to San Diego's Drew Consulting, which records show got \$56,330. Drew, owned by **C. Ray Drew** (who formerly ran the Family Pride Coalition, which advocates the legal rights of gay, bisexual, and transgendered parents), had a record year. In addition to D.A. **Bonnie Dumanis** and Republican mayor Dick Murphy, whose daughter Kelly has been employed by the firm, Drew clients included Democratic assemblyman Vargas (who paid him \$24,445) and the GOP's county central committee, from which Drew got \$21,637. The campaign for Yes on 1-A, Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** local agency funding deal, paid him \$16,000. In addition to Drew, Davis paid Chase Public Policy Consultants \$6833 and McKinley + Pillows, a Sacramento-based fundraiser, \$12,089.

Rotten designs Architect **Hal Sadler**, a big-shot in the local architectural world, also sits on the Centre City Development Corporation board, where he has been voting regularly on at least one project that his firm has a contract to design: Mayor **Dick Murphy's** proposed downtown library. But that was before city hall watchdog **Mel Shapiro** lodged a complaint with the city's ethics commission, which has launched an ongoing investigation into the situation. Last week the sometimes voluble Sadler was forced to stand aside as his CCDC fellows "re-voted" without him to re-approve the project's funding. The move was reminiscent of those city council "re-votes" to uphold multimillion-dollar city subsidies to Padres owner **John Moores** in the wake of the resignation of council member **Valerie Stallings**, for whom he had done financial favors ... Last week's sudden Thanksgiving-eve ousting of SDSU football offensive line coach **Damon Baldwin** has caused tongues to wag again about the school's troubled athletic program. The controversial Baldwin — who once ran a summer "sand training" camp for SDSU players at Mission Beach, which he videotaped and offered for sale on the Internet, leading to a probationary slap from the NCAA — may not be the last to go, insiders speculate.



Hal Sadler



Damon Baldwin

— Matt Potter

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Wall Street Loves Gobblers

By Don Bauder

The world's biggest maker of baseball gloves can't make any errors. The company, K2 Inc., moved to Carlsbad from

Santa Monica last year. It has more than a billion dollars in annual sales of sporting goods — baseball and softball equipment, fishing gear,

backfire.

Most companies that issue debt and dole out their own stock to buy other companies in a hurry run into



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skis and snowboards, and paintball equipment. Right now, things look good, but this company has been piling up debt so fast to make acquisitions that it can't afford to have any buyouts

problems — often fatal ones. That's the lesson of the conglomerate era of the 1960s and the takeover movement of the 1980s. Companies in San Diego County — including Carlsbad — have

learned that lesson.

But right now, K2 is a Wall Street darling. Sales zoomed 99 percent, and profits soared 293 percent in its most recent quarter, ended September 30. On the other hand, the company's debt more than doubled, from \$148 million a year ago to \$383 million. During that period, the company also doled out 10.1 million shares to make five acquisitions. In just a year, it has purchased nine companies.

Alan House, securities analyst for Wall Street's *Value Line*, says that ski and snowboard sales are hot right now, while baseball and softball should do well in the spring. The company's earnings growth should be strong through 2005, he says.

Wall Street loves acquirers that gobble up other companies quickly because it gets fat on investment banking and finders' fees, among many things. When a company launches an acquisition spree, it always looks good. It's only after the acquirer has owned a company for a while that it discovers it bought a stinker. "Wall Street loves to finance these types of companies and talk them up until they falter," says securities analyst David Allen of Palomar Equity Research of North County. Sporting-goods equipment is not a

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Neal Obermeyer



Nonstop to Wild Goats

By Ernie Grimm

Captain Ramón Orta Vidrio, one of three owners of Aeroservicios de California, had left instructions for me to meet him in downtown Ensenada. Five minutes after we arrive at 7:00, Orta shows up in his black Suburban. The wind off Ensenada bay this autumn morning chills us as we exchange warm greetings. Orta, in his mid-50s, stands about 5'9." He's a barrel-chested man decked out in brown cowboy boots, blue jeans, a blue cotton jacket over a white dress shirt, and a straw cowboy hat with a black band. He sports the trim mustache favored by many Mexican men of his generation. "Follow me," he

says, waving his hand eastward. "The plane is in Ojos Negros."

Following Orta proves easier said than done. The 35-minute drive winds past the junkyards — "Yonke" read the signs — on the east edge of town, then up and over the coastal mountains and down into the 12-mile-wide, mountain-ringed Valle de Ojos Negros (or Dark Eyes Valley). The flat valley floor is green with growing crops and new wild grass emerging after five straight days of rain. Though large



Orta (center) and fellow pilots

puddles still line the road, there isn't a cloud in the sky today. Halfway across the valley, a strange sight comes into view: a bulky airplane sitting 100 yards north of the road. At this point, Orta swings his Suburban off the highway and up a dirt road toward the plane. He parks near a singlewide trailer home out of which come running three little boys in brightly colored pajamas. Their father, the caretaker, follows them. As Orta chats with him, my eyes are drawn to the aircraft that dominates the flat landscape.

It's a twin-engine propeller plane the color of an old Airstream travel trailer, except for the tail section and large vertical stabilizer, which are yellow. It's about the size of a Southwest Airlines 737, except it sits higher off the ground to give clearance to the mammoth three-bladed props.

"It's a Convair 340," Orta says as he walks up. "It was built in 1955 in San Diego. It belonged to the United States Air Force, then a private owner, then a Mexican company, now us."

"Where's the runway?" I ask.

"It's past the plane about 50 meters," Orta answers.

"Is it paved?"

Orta shakes his head. "We're trying to get a loan to pave the runway, but right now it's dirt."

I'm about to take off from a dirt runway aboard an antique airplane flown by foreign pilots in a foreign country with who knows what kind of aviation regulations. Orta seems to read the worry on my face. "We have to meet all of the spec-

ifications and service schedules of the FAA," he offers, "because it's an American-built plane. Plus we have to meet the requirements of the Mexican version, Aeronáutica Civil, in order to get a permit to operate. It's actually more stringent than the FAA. We have our own maintenance people, but any engine rebuilds have to be done in the United States. Legally, in order for us to even run the engines, we need to have FAA approval."

Today's flight to Bahía Tortugas and then to Isla Cedros is a scheduled weekly flight that Aeroservicios agreed to make when they were granted their operating permit. They started making the regular flight in September, five months after another small airline, AeroCedros, went out of business — a victim of rising fuel costs. Asked how he plans to succeed where others failed, Orta responds, "By keeping costs down. We keep the plane up here in Ojos Negros because Ensenada only has one airport, which is military. It would cost us \$2000 a month to keep the plane there. This land is owned by one of my partners. Today, we're going to fly to Ensenada and pick up passengers and some cargo; we have permits for both. But soon we're going to develop this land so we can start loading



Ramón Orta Vidrio



Convair 340

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Wall Street gobblers

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growing industry. Thus, "There is no room for error." If there are dogs among the purchased companies, the

debt burden could become onerous. Also, those shares that were doled out to buy other companies could dilute the ownership of current shareholders.

K2 admits as much in its latest annual report to the

Securities and Exchange Commission. "We have incurred substantial indebtedness," says the company. Today, this debt includes \$100 million of bonds that are convertible into common stock and \$200 million of

notes that are rated BB, or junk-bond status. The company admits in the filing that its substantial debt could harm its ability to tap lenders for more money, make it harder to compete with companies having less debt,

and hurt its chances to expand the business and make capital expenditures.

Company spokesman Andrew Greenebaum notes that in the most recent quarter, K2 had organic growth

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(growth that does not include acquisitions) of 12 percent. That's excellent. It should be able to keep organic growth

going at a mid-single-digit percentage rate in the future, as it expands marketing opportunities and product development for the many brands that it buys, he says. But overall, those companies are run autonomously. Right

now, the acquired companies are contributing immediately to earnings. If that keeps up, the debt won't be a problem, says Greenebaum.

However, such performance would go against the company's sometimes rocky

history. It first went public in 1959 as a swimming-pool maker. In 1980, it acquired Shakespeare, a maker of fishing equipment. In 1985, it bought K2, a maker of skis, skates, and snowboard equipment. During these years, it

also bought some industrial concerns that it later shed. In 1996, the company sold the swimming-pool business and changed its name to K2. But bad times hit. In 2001, it closed plants in Washington, Minnesota, and Alabama and

moved the businesses to low-wage countries offshore. Now, 80 percent of its manufacturing is done abroad. (And therefore it's not surprising that Wal-Mart accounts for 15 percent of its sales.)

K2 lost money in 2001, and for a while it was out of compliance with its bank-loan covenants. That brought plant closures and downsizings. "Growth was slow for about ten years until the company started making acquisitions," says Allen.

In October of 2002, the company named Richard Heckmann as chief executive officer. He is a veteran of several industries and has served on the board of such companies as Waste Management and Station Casinos. He launched an acquisition binge concentrating on sports equipment.

Rawlings, the largest maker of baseball equipment, came onboard in March of 2003. In September of that year, K2 bought Worth, a maker of softball gear. Two months later, it completed a deal for Brass Eagle, a maker of paintball products. Early this year it snapped up Fotoball, a San Diego maker of team sports souvenirs and memorabilia. Fotoball had made money in 2002 but had been losing money for nine months in 2003 before the buyout. As this year progressed, K2 added several companies, including makers of skis, ski bindings, and outdoor apparel and equipment.

Now, marine and outdoor-sports equipment are 45 percent of sales; action sports gear such as skis, snowboards, skateboards, bicycles, and paintball equipment are 39 percent; and athletic equipment for baseball, softball, and other team sports are 16 percent.

Sitting on the board are two jocks of note: Lou Holtz, retiring football coach at the University of South Carolina, and Dan Quayle, former vice president of the United States, who is said to be a heckuva golfer.

K2 has more than 3500 employees, but only 30 are in the Carlsbad headquarters. Many of those are the ones who reconnoiter possible acquisitions. But, admits K2 in its last annual report,

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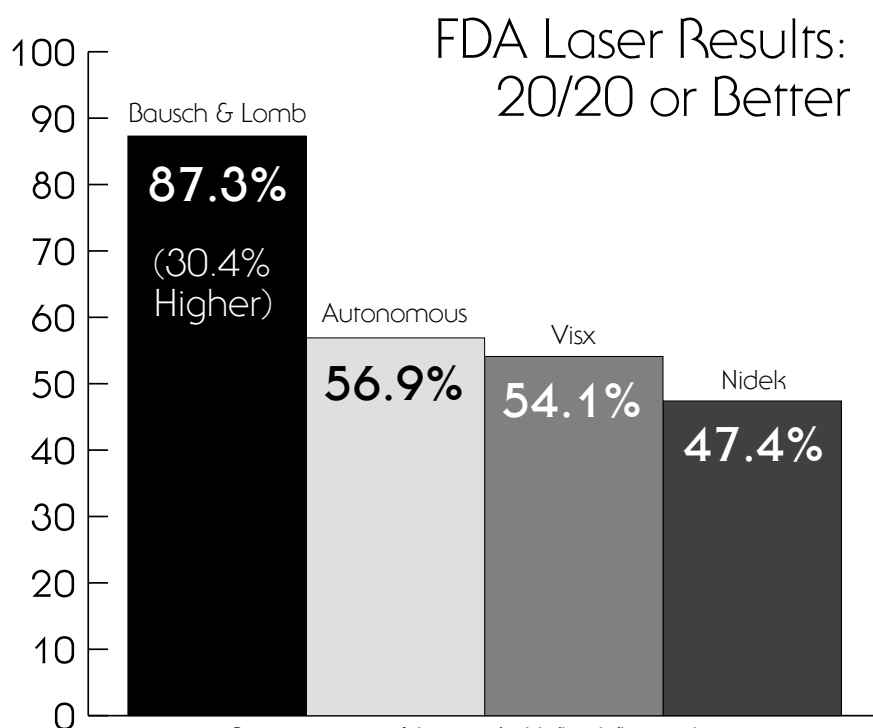
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another risk of the feverish acquisition pace is "substantial diversion of management's attention from day-to-day operations." Stockholders and noteholders could get burned, K2 admits.

But these new enterprises have to be integrated into K2 to get efficient, says Allen. "There's always a risk when you are integrating a lot of acquisitions. Something doesn't work — a risk comes out of the blue."

Plenty of San Diego companies found that out. Wickes Companies went bankrupt in the 1980s because it couldn't service the debt it had taken on to buy a Minnesota diversified retailer. Debt also undid Intermark, a highly diversified conglomerate, which went bankrupt in 1992. Sunrise Medical moved to Carlsbad in 1994 and shortly discovered internal cooking of the books. In 2000, the company was sold for a low price. Rapid acquirers such as U.S.

Financial, Westgate California, and Peregrine Systems failed because of fraud.

As it pursues its rapid acquisition strategy, K2 must not take its eyes off the ball — particularly an oncoming paintball. ■

Nonstop

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here and flying directly. That will save us a lot of fuel because we'll have one fewer takeoff. Also, this land sits at 2500 feet above sea level, while the airport in Ensenada is at sea level. We'll save on the fuel it takes to climb to this altitude."

Another cost-cutting measure for Aeroservicios: they won't have to hire any pilots. Orta, Captain Carlos Robles Linares, and Captain Carlos Cervantes del Río, all former airline pilots, will handle the flying themselves.

Minimizing fuel costs, Orta says, is the key to success. "Fuel costs 9 pesos per liter in Ensenada, 14 in Cedros." He points to a tank, about the size of a tanker truck's tank, mounted on concrete footings. "We have

a permit to begin selling fuel here. So we'll be able to pay 8 pesos a liter."

Developing the Ojos Negros ranch into a cargo airport is phase two of Orta and his partners' plan. "This runway is longer than the one at Tijuana airport," he says. "This is three kilometers long, and we could still make it longer if need be. It could be a good freight airport. In fact, I'm having breakfast this week with a person who is interested in setting up a freight airport here."

The Friday-morning flight to Bahia Tortugas and Cedros is the only scheduled flight Aeroservicios flies at present. "But we do charters as well," Orta says. "We've flown some groups out to Isla Guadalupe," Orta says. "In fact, we have a charter to fly a hunting club out to Guadalupe to hunt wild goats. We also want to do adventure travel and eco-tourism charters. We can use this plane to fly to Laguna Scammon and Laguna San Ignacio to see the whales. And we are trying to promote tourism flights to San

Luis Gonzága, which is a peninsula on the Sea of Cortez. There are miles of pristine, virgin beaches. It is a nine-hour car ride from Ensenada, and we can do it in an hour."

San Luis is not a resort town. "There's one hotel with ten rooms, and it's always packed. So it's a backpacking, camping kind of trip," Orta says. "But we can fly down a mobile kitchen and offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

For the flight to San Luis Gonzága, Orta says, "We are planning on charging around \$190 round-trip and having the plane there waiting for them for the two days. Very reasonable. The passengers can take all the drinks that they want, and then we'll provide the meals for \$20 a day."

A trip to Isla Cedros or Bahia Tortugas is a little less, "\$80 to \$85 each way," Orta says. "But Cedros is not a tourist destination. The people we fly there are locals and people doing business there. There is not much beach, and the only things on the island are a fishing *cooperativa*

and a salt operation."

At 8:45 a.m., about an hour after we arrived at the airport, Robles, Cervantes, and two flight mechanics show up in two Suburbans. "Buenas tardes," Orta calls to them, a sarcastic reference to their tardiness. The group drives past us and over to the plane. After another 45 minutes of loading and preflight checks, Cervantes and Robles fire up the two engines, and the rest of us enter the plane via a fold-down staircase about six feet in front of the spinning left propeller. Onboard, the plane has a used feel to it. But the 20 tan upholstered seats — some of them arranged facing each other — are comfortable, recline farther than an average airline seat, and have plenty of legroom.

Orta buckles in across the aisle from me. He's leaving the flying to Cervantes and Robles today. Once the ladder is pulled up, and the hatch is closed, the pilots rev up the 2850-horsepower, 18-cylinder engines. The noise and vibration are louder, lower-pitched, and more

pronounced than they are on a jet-powered plane. We taxi to the east end of the runway, turn around, and begin lumbering westward down the runway. "Eight hundred meters," Orta says when the plane lifts off, indicating the distance it took to get airborne.

The flight to Ensenada, flown through the pass between two mountain peaks, lasts only eight minutes. The break to fuel up and take on 10 passengers, 25 or so cardboard boxes, and 10 pink cellophane-wrapped boxes of *pan dulce* lasts about an hour. At 9:40 we take off east to west and immediately bank into a left turn. Climbing gradually, we pass over the headlands that form the south rim of Ensenada bay. Todos Santos island looms to the right, about 15 miles out to sea.

Cruising at about 199 knots, at 9500 feet, we follow the jagged coastline on its southwest march. At 11:40, we pass the farm town of San Quintín as crewmembers offer coffee in Styrofoam cups

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and donuts out of one of the pink boxes. The crew has an informal feeling about it. The cockpit door is open, and half a dozen men — some of them crew members, some

passengers — crowd behind it, chatting away. At 11:35, the plane veers right, away from the coast, which is soon out of sight. We're crossing the mouth of Bahia Ojo de Liebre — Eye of the Jackrabbit Bay — toward the point

of land known as Punta Eugenia. It takes 45 minutes to cross the bay. At 12:20 we cross over the point, circle around 180 degrees to the left, pass over a town at the end of a cove — both the cove and town are called

Bahia Tortugas — and land on a roughly paved runway just north of the town. The plane taxis to a parking area where half a dozen vehicles are waiting.

The landscape here is hard desert — tan-colored

sand, red rock formations, dunes, and scarce, scrubby vegetation. The town of 2000 owes its existence to the abalone and lobster in the local waters. About half the passengers get into the cars and head for town. The other

half, plus a few new passengers, get on the plane. At 12:40 we take off and fly between two rocky spires at the end of the runway, like a football through goalposts.

We're headed for Isla Cedros. The three-pointed island rises 3500 feet out of the Pacific. Cedar trees, after which the island is named, crown its tallest peaks. It's eight miles to the island, and the landing strip is right on the coast, so Captains Robles and Cervantes fly low across the strait. As we approach the island, out of the window it looks as if we're flying straight toward the sandstone bluff. Only a second after we cross the coastline, the pilots set the plane down at the very beginning of the runway. The strip is only a kilometer long, and the Convair 340 needs all of it to land and stop. The landing is a bit rough, and I feel the adrenaline surge in my body as the pilots bring the big plane under control. We park in a paved area at the land end of the runway. Next to the parking lot is an open hangar under which sits a plane almost identical to the one we flew in on. It's coated with white dust. At the ocean end of the runway looms a mountain of salt, 50 feet high, covering an area equal to 10 or 12 football fields. "The salt is harvested in the lagoons over on the mainland," Orta explains. "It's brought over here on flat barges, then cargo ships, mostly from Japan and Korea, dock over here and load up with salt." Turning to the plane under the hangar, Orta says, "It belonged to AeroCedros. It's actually newer than ours — it's a '59, and ours is a '55 — but ours has been treated better, and it has fewer flight hours. Still, this other one has got some good use left in it. We'd like to buy it and run two planes, but we'd have to do it quickly, before the end of this year, because the salt blowing off that pile is killing it."

At 1:10 the plane is rumbling back down the runway. We lift off and bank to the left toward Ensenada, an hour and a half to the northwest. I notice a fishing village clinging to the clay-red mountainside rising steeply out of the water before the loud humming of the engines lulls me to sleep. ■

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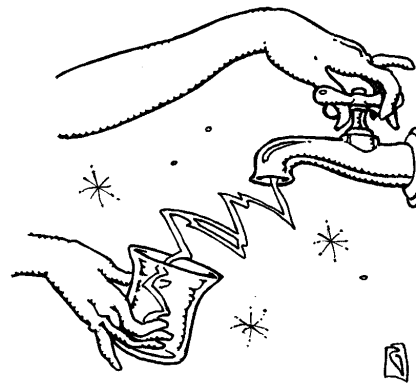


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Hey Matt:

On a recent Sunday morning, a thunderstorm woke me up. I thought I would go peepee and return to bed. Once in the bathroom, it occurred to me that I once read you shouldn't use faucets during thunderstorms. I assumed the electricity probably couldn't travel through porcelain, but who knows. It would be a horrible way to die. Although kind of cool in a way, to be found dead next to the toilet, like Elvis Presley. I have to assume if this was dangerous, we would've heard about it by now.

— L.Vess, San Diego

Our thunderstorm two weeks ago blew a hole in the wall of a friend's house and fried their electrical wiring and appliances. What luck! I figured, just call 'em up and see what happened in the bathroom. Unfortunately, nobody was peeing at the time. But I'll assume you Alicelanders were taking notes when *Mythbusters* did their death-by-urination experiments on the Discovery Channel. Very hard, perhaps impossible, to kill yourself by peeing on high-voltage things.

A toilet is probably as safe a place as any in a lightning storm, if you're not touching metal. Porcelain is a great insulator. In a lightning storm, don't stand in the shower clutching onto the shower head. Don't sit in a bathtub while in contact with the metal drain cap or faucet. If you have metal plumbing instead of PVC, lightning can follow the pipes through your walls and give you a good (perhaps fatal) jolt. Don't talk on a land-based phone; use your cell phone, which has no wiring for the current to follow. But according to NOAA and the National Severe Storms Lab in very stormy Oklahoma, lightning-strike deaths are generally misunderstood anyway.

Finally, somebody's come to the rescue of beleaguered trailer-park residents. Every year in the U.S., more people die in lightning storms (67 in 2003) than die in tornadoes (64). Most of the people "struck" by lightning are actually affected by the voltage differential that surrounds a direct lightning strike. Even if the bolt doesn't hit your bod, you can be injured or killed in the disrupted electrical field created around the strike point, which cause a sort of flashover to adjacent things (like you). And even if you're hit by a bolt, you have a 75 or 80 percent chance of surviving, since the current tends to go around your body on your skin, not through it, though it can cause heart, nerve, and neurological damage. Besides, most lightning is cloud-to-cloud, not cloud-to-ground; and because of our climate, we live in one of the least thunderstorm-prone areas of the country. Though, try telling that to my acquaintances with the fried microwave and the hole in their bedroom wall.

Hey Matt!

My friend, who always complains about my yard sales, had his car swiped. It was an older model. Probably a Tercel. Ugly poop-purple colored. I told him, from my ESP powers, that "Jimmy" took it. Sure enough it was a "Jimmy." My question is, why do Jimmy be the ones stealing cars? Any weigh, I think mommas should stop calling their kids Jimmy. But, hey!

— Pat N. Paul, Clairemont

This required an emergency meeting of the Matt Alice Codebreakers Squad. In the end, we think — we're not sure — but we think the question being asked is why, when you pry something open, like the brain of the person who asked the question, you're jimmying something. And why is the tool called a jimmy. Anyone with a different take on this, feel free to contribute your thoughts too. Can't be any more random than what's going on here.

The answer to why a jimmy is only vaguely interesting. It's a variant of a perfectly legitimate British word, jemmy, which is a type of small crowbar (crowbar: ca. 1400; a tool named for the crow's foot appearance of the flattened end). Jemmies seem to have been created as tools for a specific purpose in the late 1700s. The way words change in common speech, jemmy was bound to become jimmy, a more commonly heard name. Slightly more interesting is the international tendency for people to name their machines, tools, cars, large objects or phenomena after people. Show of hands. How many of you have a pet name for your car? I'll go first. I have a friend with a classic, curvy Italian car that he's named Sophia. Another friend calls his BMW Klaus because it's German and because a mechanic named Klaus takes all his money. Do we figure if we name things, make them family members, as it were, they'll be sweeter and more cooperative?

Jemmy and jimmy might be variants of the nickname for James, say our word-origin geeks. Not any particular James, though. They also point out that you lift your car with a jack, you hit somebody with a billy club, and another name for a construction crane is a derrick. All words derived from common names. A derrick is named after Goodman Derrick, an 18th-century hangman who was in charge of the very efficient three-man gallows in West London. Any structure designed to suspend heavy weights became known as a derrick.

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They misnamed the sport; they should have called it *paddling* instead of surfing.” “Is that what a lot of it is, paddling around the ocean, looking for the next wave?”

"Absolutely."

I'm speaking to Pat Weber of San Diego Surfing Academy. He and his wife Lynne—a championship tandem-surfing team in the early '90s—started the business in 1995.

Weber says, "The bottom line, if you want the wave of the day, you got to pay your dues to get there."

"You might wait years," Weber laughs. "If you want the wave of the day at Swami's, you've got to have the juice and judgment to be in the right place at the right time, so when that Mac Daddy swings in, you're in the spot. And you better go, or you're not going to get respect from the rest of the crew, and the next time another one comes through you're going to get shut down because...you blew it."

Sounds like authentic surfer ethics. “How many students per year?”

"Well, we've had over 10,000 transactions since 1995."

"What's a transaction?"

"A sale. That could be a private lesson or it could be a group of 20."

Looks like Pat's made himself a good gig. "How about San Diego residents? They've been around beaches all their lives. What makes them decide to learn how to surf with you?"

"I think it's being able to offer a supportive atmosphere," Weber says. "Surfing can be intimidating. You read reports about surf rage. You don't want to go to a place like Swami's or Windanseae or Sunset Cliffs, which is experts only. You're going to get run out of there if you don't have the skills, because you're not safe. But if you're going to a place that's going to be supportive..."

"Nobody's going to kick sand in your face at Pat's school."

Weber laughs. "Something like that." Silence. "It's more like, 'Let's get you started the right way.' Most of us need a mentor, somebody to point you in the right direction."

I mention that his website claims South Carlsbad State Beach as headquarters.

Weber says, "We are permanent, insured, authorized, bonded, certified in safety, to be at that location. We're there 7/24 from June to September."

Weber's made himself a great gig. "And the idea of a surf camp is to have a place where students

can hang out, get something to eat, take a nap..."

"That's surf camp."

"How's the surfing?"

"Excellent for beginners. It's consistent year-round. In the summer, when some beaches like Cardiff are flat, South Carlsbad is two feet, and it has a level, sandy bottom, which means no chunking up your feet on rocks.

"We're set up there. That's our base of operation. During the rest of the year, we'll meet you there by appointment. Like today. Had my guy from Boston today, two hours. Had this stretch of pristine beach all to ourselves. It really is cool because you don't have much development across the street; you don't have a big community nearby like Pacific Beach or La Jolla or Ocean Beach where everybody can ride their bicycle and walk over to the surf."

I wondered how long it would take someone — say, 35 years old in half-ass shape — to get up on a board and ride a wave.

"Depends on what kind of physical condition they're in," Weber says. "Whether they're 25, 35, or 45 years old. What kind of natural ability they have. If you've got a go-for-it attitude, that's gonna help. Here's the short answer: if you're athletic, you're going to be up on the first go-out with us. You're going to be standing and surfing."

Ah, but we want more. “You’re standing and surfing, and then there’s a bump up from there. There, you can stand and surf and do something else. What’s the next something else up from standing?”

"Riding across the wave. Standing in front of the white water. Using the wave like a canvas and the surfboard as your instrument of expression. That's when it gets fun."

I ask Weber where he found surfing. He says, without hesitation, “I was six years old. My dad’s coaching buddies at Cocoa Beach High School nudged me into a wave on a *giant* surfboard. This *was* your father’s surfboard. Huge. That free ride and that exhilaration of being propelled by a natural force with no effort, that’s what addicted me.

"Now I'm 45 years old and I'm as stoked as I ever was. It doesn't get old. Take today, for instance. I'm giving my lesson. Not more than ten feet away from us, a pod of dolphins emerge. Popped up. You don't *get* that on the Internet. You don't *get* that sitting in front of your TV."

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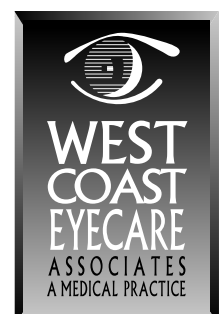
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Congregation size: 1200
Staff size: 5
Sunday school enrollment: 200
Annual budget: rather not comment
Weekly giving: rather not comment
Singles program: no
Dress: casual to business casual
Diversity: white
Times of worship: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday,
8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: www.ascension-sd.org

Reverend Charles "Chuck" Fuld told me he felt leery to speak with me. "Everyone is trying to point their finger at the Catholic Church," Fuld remarked. I reassured Reverend Fuld that my intentions were not to discuss the troubles of the Catholic Church. With that, our conversation continued.

I asked Reverend Fuld what distinguished Ascension Church from other churches. He answered, "One of the first things people seem to notice is the church building."

This became clear earlier, as I drove into the parking lot to attend service. I exited my car but had a difficult time identifying the church. No building resembled what I thought of as a Catholic church. I asked two elderly people where the church building was. They told me to follow them. The front building, which I had assumed was an office, turned out to be the church. The brown brick, wood-paneled structure bore no mark identifying it as a church.

Inside, the church resembled a conference room. Acoustic tiles and fluorescent lights covered the low ceilings. Sliding partitions that formed walls added to the sense of utility. Rows of interlocked steel-frame chairs filled the room.

I spoke to Reverend Fuld about the facility. Fuld confessed, "The structure is like a multipurpose room instead of a church. I'm trying to soften that." Fuld told me that the Navy just approved 1000 housing units within walking distance of the church. If enough families join, they could start construction on a new church.

There were a few features that serve as a reminder that this is a church. Stained-glass windows line two walls. The stained-glass windows display scenes from the Lord's Supper and Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection. The expressionistic style removed all traces of the human visage from the images. In scenes I examined, several pieces of glass represented Jesus Christ's face, but left Jesus himself void of facial features or expression. In the front of the sanctuary two candles flickered on either side of a wooden communion table. A white banner, embellished with a picture of a lamb, hung from the ceiling.

Prior to service beginning, Reverend Fuld walked around the room shaking hands and hugging people. People responded kindly. The

congregation numbered over 100 and included all age groups. The majority of the congregants were over 40. In the back, families with babies peered through the window of a crying room.

Service began as a young girl walked forward to greet the congregants. She welcomed us, saying Jesus represented the light of the world. In preparation for the Mass, she exhorted, "we should cast off our dark deeds."

The opening hymn, "Christ, Be Our Light," continued the theme of light. A band of two singers, a guitar, and a piano led the congregation. Throughout the evening various men and women stood up to pray and to read for the Mass. The liturgy was listed in a booklet that allowed those of us who are unfamiliar with the order of service to participate. The order of service included the entrance song, followed by the greeting, penitential rite, opening prayer, first reading, responsorial psalm, second reading, gospel reading, homily, serving of the Eucharist, communion song, prayers, and a closing blessing. Celebrant Father Lloyd Bourgeois presided over the Mass.

Deacon Jim Scull presented the homily. Scull continued the service's theme of light. He equated the Christmas lights people string up to the hope, joy, and goodness people want in Christmas. Scull asked, "What is the hope of Christmas? It is the hope of the magic of Santa as a child, a hope before a divorce, a hope that the pressures of the daily life could be erased." He closed by telling the congregation that "the hope in Christmas cannot change anything. Only the hope in Jesus Christ who dealt with sin, died, and was raised from the dead will change our lives and make them worth living. All our Christmas lights should be a reminder of the future return of Christ."

After Mass, Father Bourgeois told me that he drives 35 miles to serve at Ascension. "I could serve somewhere closer to home, but I love this community of faith."

Ascension is a cross section of different people and nationalities that get along really well. In the last few years, three different pastors have led the congregation. The congregation really needs stability right now." Bourgeois believes part of the stability will come from Reverend Fuld, who became the pastor this year.

I concluded my interviews at Ascension by asking Reverend Fuld: "What happens after a person dies?"

Reverend Fuld answered, "I choose to accept the story of the prodigal son. I choose to accept that after death our Father grabs us in his loving arms and we probably sit down and cry together. Yes, we believe in life after death; we believe the resurrection and all that good stuff. Death is something that we celebrate. We celebrate the life of a person rather than their dying and going to a bottomless pit or something like that. As for final judgment and all that kind of good stuff, I'll leave that in the Lord's hands. I think a Father who loves his child will be kindly to him."

— Drew E. Goodmanson



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Dear Saffron,

I'm an artist, as are many of my friends. A custom among artists who like each other's work is to trade pieces. It's an indication of mutual affection and respect. I was close friends with "Edmund" for about five years. We decided to trade artwork. I gave him one of my large paintings and he gave me three small sculptures. Six months ago we had a series of serious disagreements which caused a rift in our friendship. The result is that the friendship is over. We haven't spoken in a while and I doubt we will again. I'm heartbroken and angry. My enthusiasm about owning his sculptures has evaporated. I don't want them around anymore. Back when we made our trade, Edmund, who is very concerned about his status in the art world, asked me to promise that I would never sell the sculptures he was giving me because it could depress the prices of his work. I told him not to worry, that I had no intention of ever selling his gift. Now I feel I have a right to sell them because Edmund has been such a creep. Not only is the friendship dead but also all bets are off in terms of promises I made when we were close. Some of my other artist friends insist that while Edmund's behavior sucked, I must keep my word about not selling his work. I'd sure like to get rid of these pieces, which are just sad reminders of a relationship gone bad. Can't I in good conscience do so?

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Dear Picasso,

What would we do without our friends? They keep us true to ourselves. Yours advised you well. You agreed never to sell those sculptures. Regardless of how mad you are at Edmund right now, I think you're still bound by your promise. I'm sorry about the pain of the busted friendship, but don't go back on your word just because your former pal turned into a reptile. You might want to put the sculptures in storage and give the matter more time and thought so you don't do something in a fit of anger that you'll be sorry for later. If you're in absolute agony and feel like you have to get the sculptures out of your house right away, could you arrange to donate them to an art museum or farm them out to a friend until you cool off? Or you could give them back to Edmund, or have a third party do so for you if you can't stand to have contact with your former friend.

Dear Saffron,

My headstrong, impulsive son, a very young 22, is about to commit to a foolish marriage. His mother and I are worried sick about it. He and

his fiancée have only known each other three months. I don't know why our son is so anxious to get married. He's wanted to marry every girl he has dated since he was 14. This current girl is very temperamental and I think she's trouble. She has a kid already (she had a baby at 17). The father is nowhere to be found. My son's fiancée and her parents don't speak. She's real pretty and sexy and I hate to say it but I think our son is just infatuated with her physically. My wife says that we shouldn't say anything to him about our negative feelings regarding this girl because that will only make him more determined than ever to marry her out of some cockeyed idea of asserting his manhood or to show that he's so independent and grown-up now. She says we'll lose him forever if we let him know how we feel about his fiancée, but every time I see them together I feel like I'm choking. Help!

FREAKED-OUT SANTEE DAD

Dear Dad,

Find a way to talk to your son. You're going to hate yourself if you don't. Get him alone and be warm, funny, loving, ultrafatherly, generous, and super understanding. Don't tell him you think his fiancée's a big loser. Just ask, "What's the rush?" You're not trying to break them up, just hoping to get him to slow down on his race to the altar. Suggest a longer engagement so they have time to plan and really get to know each other. If he can wait, your son might see the light after the initial sexual rush has faded a little. Junior may get pissed, and in the short run things could get a little uncomfortable in the family, but you can weather it. Show him you respect him adult-to-adult and man-to-man, but please speak up! You owe it to your son not to hold your peace any longer.

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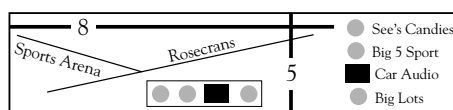
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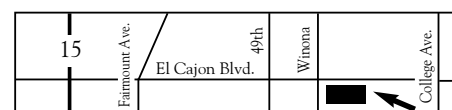
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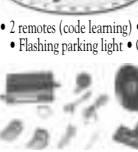


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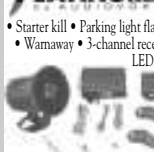


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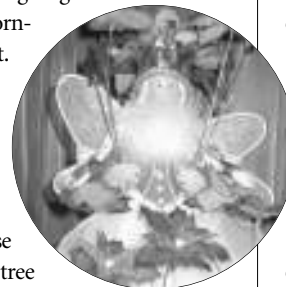
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"It's the most wonderful time of the year....," sings hubby Patrick. He has been belting that holiday tune out since before Halloween, his way of poking fun at his Christmas-loving wife. "Halloween is right around the corner, time to pull out the Christmas CDs," he jests. "Coal is what you're going to get Christmas morning," I usually retort. Of course, it won't be coal for the man in my life. I'm not sure what gift he is going to find yet, but one little surprise is going to be a new tree topper. Usually the tree is adorned with a large Neapolitan angel. But this year, I want something different — to shake tradition up a bit. That cherub is to be demoted to ornament rank and something else will take its lofty place.

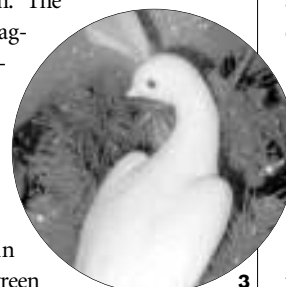


First call went out to Jean Leighton, owner of Impact Decorating. "Most of the time I don't even do a tree topper; I do just a great big bow out of wire ribbon," Leighton explained, "with long streamers. The size of the ribbon depends on the size of the tree. I wouldn't use anything less than a number 40 ribbon. If it is a really huge tree, we go up to what is called a number 100, which is about four inches wide.

"I've also done snowflakes for the top of the tree. I have used flat snowflakes and put them back-to-back on the top of a tree. My signature look is icicles," she said. "We do lots and lots of icicles and it gives the tree a really elegant look."

Leighton suggested a decorating haunt. "You should really go to Dave's Display World. They have the most unusual things."

I hustled straight there and chatted with manager Lynn Koontz. "Here we believe anything can be a topper," Koontz offered. "Just use your imagination." The store was full of imagination. A tree covered with two-foot glittery pink flamingos scattered among white peacocks and green finches sparkled in the corner. A lime-green tinsel tree glowed with dewy fruit ornaments. Koontz was working on an underwater-themed tree, complete with mermaids and a King Neptune doll (\$126.95) for the top. The other side of the tree was going to be a boating theme, with wooden fishermen figures, lighthouses, and wooden boats. "Anything you have at home, if you have a collection, put it on the tree," she said. "Just wire it to the tree; in some instances you can actually take a piece of the greenery of the tree



"I try to do a nativity tree every year, where I actually put the nativity scene into the tree."

and wrap it around the ornament."

Flanking the entrance of the store were two silver tinsel trees, sparkling with all-silver ornaments; peering down from the top were two enormous silver jesters. "They are 60-inch jesters" (\$595 each), Koontz said. "The jesters come with movable legs so they can be seated on the tree." A smaller 14-inch red velvet jester costs \$24.95.

Another tree was topped with a pair of snowmen (\$129 for the two-foot pair), both mechanical, one adorned with a black top hat and the other with a red Santa hat. "You can also use toy soldiers," continued Koontz, "or elves, or musical ornaments, or candy canes for the tree. I try to do a nativity tree every year, where I actually put the nativity scene into the tree. The angel sits on top and then Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus sit in the middle of the tree — a portion of the tree is cut out. Then the animals and the other figures actually become an inner part of the tree."

"Fresh flowers seem to be a fad this year for the trees," added Koontz. "Roses are big and fresh poinsettias and fresh fruit are always used."

Creative juices flowing, I hit a few more stores. At Circa A.D., sales-

man Charles showed me their Krinkles Queen Fairy Tree Topper (\$65). "She's very whimsical; she's kicking up her feet in the back." The 12-inch fairy has a white organza dress with red bodice, candy-cane-striped tights, and she holds red poinsettia flowers.

"I also thought you could take four of these jeweled red-and-gold poinsettias," he continued, holding up the seven-inch flowers with beaded centers and petals made of wire, glitter, and sequins (\$6.50 per stem). "They are bendable, and you could put three red flowers around the bottom with the gold one on top, in the middle, and then just push the whole thing into the top of the tree. That would be very pretty."

"And putting a red Santa's hat on top of the tree is always fun," he added.

On the road home, I popped into Target to check out their tree-topper selection. They were heavy with star and snowflake toppers, but a few stood out as possibilities. A wire ten-inch glittered gold star (\$9.99) with gold swirls throughout the star was eye-catching, as was an ivory fabric poinsettia topper (\$7.99) trimmed with iridescent glitter, clear glass chunks in the center, and white spray berries spreading out from the top.

1. Krinkles Queen Fairy

2. Tree topper

3. Peacock at Dave's Display World

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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Twenty feet from the monument, two Border guards stand next to their patrol cars, one of which is a sort of paddy wagon with a thin Mexican locked in, looking out. The Mexican wears a gold wedding band.

"We caught him walking too far up the beach. Border Park is open to 'them,' but we have to see that they don't go too far north... We catch 50 or 60 of 'em every night from here to five miles the other side of San Ysidro, but that's only two percent. There's 3000 of 'em that make it across every night. And now's not half as bad as January. They all go home for Christmas, you see, and then they come back. No, no, we don't have to shoot. They're used to the Federales. They stop right away. Those Federales, they shoot if you run; no questions asked."

— **"MONUMENT ROAD,"** Jean Navarro,
December 5, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I dressed up as a clown and went to the public utilities commission hearings and passed out balloons to SDG&E employees that said, "SDG&E is full of hot air." They paid for the balloons. I actually charged them 50 cents and some of the execs even bought them. I gave a speech, too. I said that I couldn't afford SDG&E as a utility company anymore because they were making bad management decisions in investing in power plants.

— **OFF THE CUFF: "HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO MUSTER UP SOME COURAGE?"** December 6, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

Proponents of Downtown's Budget-breaking new convention center get a boost January 1 when Maureen O'Connor is removed from the port commission at the expiration of her four-year term. O'Connor was skeptical of the port's ability to build the bayside monument for \$95 million, and when cost estimates this year jumped to \$125 million, she was the only commissioner to demand voters be polled a second time on the issue.

Fred Schnaubelt, the former city councilman allied with O'Connor on the cost issue, doubts O'Connor can be effective. "She'll talk, but once you lose your [port commissioner] title, you lose 95 percent of your volume," says the libertarian politician.

— **"THE INSIDE STORY,"** Paul Krueger,
December 6, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

You can tell a good taco shop by its paint job: bold yellow and orange vertical stripes. It started with Roberto's, which has more than 30 locations; it's been adopted by other



San Diego Reader, December 5, 1974

local Mexican food drive-ups, including Alberto's (with 17 locations), Aliberto's (with four), Ramiro's (with three), and Rodolfo's and Adalberto's (each with two).

Last month, Jose Ceballo decided to open a taco shop on La Jolla Boulevard. He hired a paint crew to cover the building's exterior with yellow and orange stripes. "People see those colors and right away, they know what it is," Ceballo says.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "THE TACO SPECTRUM,"**
Thomas K. Arnold, December 7, 1989

Ten Years Ago

A bad architectural reputation is hard to undo, and stucco has one of the worst. San Diegans, with the rest of the West, took to calling their housing tracts stucco wastelands after World War II, when stucco pushed other building materials off the local scene. After designers and builders roll up their plans and leave, it is natural to fault this material for the sameness of our merchant-built housing: creeping characterlessness.

— **"STUCCO REIGNS,"** Peter Jensen,
November 30, 1994

Five Years Ago

"I'm kind of depressed."

"Why do you suppose that is?"

"Well, you know, my mother. I had to put her in an old people's home last week and we never got along very well and we argued. Everything I tried to do for her was no good. Also, I fell off the wagon and my landlord..."

"Wait a minute. You fell off the wagon?"

"Yeah, a little bit, you know."

"How much is a little bit?"

"A slip, a lapse, a few snorts."

"How much would you call a few snorts?"

"Look, my mother was driving me insane. My sister and I got into this huge argument. I took time off of work and I have deadlines."

— **T.G.I.F.,** John Brizzolara, December 2, 1999



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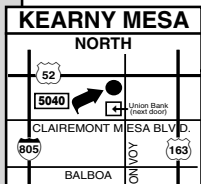
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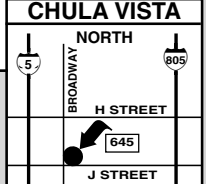


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Crasher

THE THRILL OF THE HILL

by Josh Board

Well, it's appropriate that I crashed an event where there can actually be crashing. It was the Soap Box Derby Races in La Mesa.

The Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program that has been going nationally since 1934, and has gone on every year since (with the exception of during World War II). It started in Dayton, Ohio, and that's where the national championships are still held.

There were 35 kids participating in this race on the street at La Mesa Middle School. Conveniently, there are no houses on this street and it has a down-grade hill.

The Kiwanis Club of La Mesa puts on this event, and they get a few companies to sponsor, most notably Drew Ford, which has trailers attached to its trucks. They bring the race cars back up to the top of the hill.

I wondered why all the cars' shapes looked the same. One father told me, "They are built from a \$500 kit, so they are all the same kit. There are different weight classes. One is a total weight of 200 pounds. That includes the driver inside. There's also the 'super stock' which is 230, and the 'masters' which is 255 pounds. The mas-



ters is for the oldest kids, 11 to 17 years old. And sometimes you see weights being put inside because the car was too light."

That reminded me of the wrestlers at my high school. When we'd be finishing basketball practice and they had a weigh-in before a match, they would be spitting into cups, and have all their clothes off, even their underwear, just to make sure they'd make their weight. (Note to self: find out how much



Top and bottom left: Soap Box Derby; bottom right: La Jolla Playhouse party

sides. One said "Hot Rod Lincoln." I didn't know if that was for the local band of that name, or the old Commander Cody song. Another car was painted white, and the kid had written graffiti on it. The most elaborate

sponsors to pay for their kits. I laughed. I have no problem buying Thin Mints or some Christmas wrapping paper from the kids who come to my door, but giving them a hundred bucks to have a sticker slapped on the side of the car...

It did make the car look more like professional race cars, which have sponsorships splashed all over. One father told me about a girl named Laura who is a dwarf and has lots of businesses sponsoring her. He said, "She's a great girl. And I think this is a sport where her size works in her favor."

After one kid won his race,

I asked how he got his car to go so fast. He said, "I think I just got lucky. My dad just says to keep my head down, so there's less wind resistance. And you try to keep your car going straight."

I asked one of the announcers — yes, they have announcers and even a guy waving a checkered flag — if adults are allowed to help the kids build the cars. He said, "Oh yeah, of course. We don't expect the kids to build these. We like to have the parents working with their kids. They learn about aerodynamics and weight distribution."

I thought it was interesting watching the parents lined up on the street. Some were standing, clapping, and yelling out words of encouragement. Others were sitting in chairs with umbrellas and eating snacks. After one race, a bigger guy had his arms around his daughter. She looked to be about 12 and she was crying. He put his forehead against hers and was saying, "You did great. Why are you upset? It was a good race. He only beat you by a little bit." As he had his arms around her, the little sister came running up and hugged them both. I started bawling like a baby.

It's not just the boys beating the girls in this event. I heard two African-American

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spit weighs.)

I loved the paint jobs some kids had on their cars. One girl had painted hers like a ladybug. A few had flames painted on the

paint job had horses and lightning bolts all over it.

One had sponsors' stickers all over. I found out from someone else that the kids can get

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boys at the bottom of the hill. They looked to be about nine years old, and one said, "Yeah, that girl dusted me. I'm going to come back strong in the next race. It was fun." Wow. If all kids could be that gracious in defeat.

The races only take about five seconds to complete. I heard somebody say the top speed was 22 mph. Although, with a vehicle that's only three inches from the ground, it seems faster.

When I worked in radio, my morning show partner and I turned a casket into a go-kart. A guy was selling caskets he had made himself, because he was angry that funeral parlors charge so much. For \$29.99, we had to get one. A listener suggested we put wheels on it, and a spoiler in back. We called it the Roadkill Rocket and took it down Scripps Poway Parkway before it opened, and crashed bad. We decided to use helmets the next time we did it in front of

listeners.

They were prepared for accidents here. There were haystacks by all the curbs and at the end of the street. The only crash I did see involved a kid skateboarding near the refreshment stand on the steps of the school.

This event was entertaining. The announcers once said they'd found a watch, and that usually they sell stuff they find on eBay, but decided to see if they could find the owner first this time.

One grandfather was telling me he and his grandson were new to the event. He seemed so proud telling me about their car.

I glanced around near the hamburger stand before leaving. These twin sisters, the Osbournes, were talking shop with another racer. One lady said, "It's chilly." And her friend said, "No, we don't have chili. Just hamburgers and hot dogs." Ah. Refreshment stand humor.

When I walked back to my car, I saw Channel 8

interviewing one of the organizers. There was a big story in the *U-T* the next day. That's a lot of press for races that last around five seconds each. But as one kid said to me, "It's all about the thrill of the hill." I wondered if that was a B.B. King song, or Fats Domino. Or am I combining two songs?

Since this was all during the day, I was able to crash another event that night. It would be a lot harder to get in. This was a gala at the La Jolla Playhouse called "A Party Fit for a King." Tickets ranged from \$250 to \$2500. I called Jessica, who does PR for the Playhouse, on the afternoon of the event. She said it would be hard to get me in on short notice, but I weaseled my way in.

They stuck to the "Fit for a King" theme, with court jesters running around, and people dressed the parts. It was hysterical when I pulled up at the valet parking area and trumpets went off. They made an announcement as I got out

of my car. A woman was standing on this giant ball, balancing herself perfectly. It was a nice way to enter.

It was then that I found out my crashing skills hadn't worked as well as I had hoped. First, they couldn't find my name. Then they did. They said, "Okay, the media has their area over at the loading docks." I was wondering why I'd worn a suit to go over to the loading docks.

I was taken over there by Beth, a tall, beautiful woman. We were talking about the event and she said, "Ya know, Frankie Valli and Bob Gaudio [of the Four Seasons] are both here." I wondered if I'd see them. Probably not from the loading dock.

The regular guests may have been eating caviar, truffles, filet mignon, carrot risotto, peeled asparagus spears, and kabocha squash soup. But they actually had a nice little setup for us on the dock. There was alcohol and lots of appetizers. (Who the hell likes caviar any-

way? Someone told me it's an "acquired taste," which means it tastes like crap the first 20 times you eat it, but you eventually get used to it.)

For the person who left a message on my voice mail asking why I always describe the food at parties — you didn't tell me what you'd rather I describe from these events. I could tell you about the cars I saw in the parking lot. There were Jaguars, Mercedes, BMWs, and a few Bentleys and Rolls-Royces. At one point I saw a UCSD student walking by glancing at them. I wondered if he was thinking that if his hard work at school paid off, he might someday have one of these rides.

My PT Cruiser, with the flames painted on the side, didn't fit in here. It looked better next to the soap box cars earlier in the day.

This event was to celebrate the grand opening of the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Center at the Playhouse, and the Potiker Theatre inside

that. We were given a nice tour of the facility. Some of the upstairs offices had incredible views. One person, looking at the Mormon church, said, "From here, that looks like something you'd see at Disneyland. It would fit perfectly in It's a Small World."

All the areas had food, drinks, or desserts being served. One guy who'd had too much to drink said, "You wenches are doing a wonderful job! Keep my glass filled."

Director Des McNuff spoke with us about some of his future projects. With noise coming from next door, somebody asked, "Are there dentists working over there?" Someone else thought it was an air-conditioning unit. Des looked over and explained that it was the hydraulics that are used in the play *Jersey Boys*. We would occasionally see people come outside wheeling a bunch of outfits that they were going to change into.

I was talking to one

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woman from New Zealand. I forgot which publication she worked for. Everyone was guessing her accent wrong. She said, "So many people get the accent wrong. And when they find out I'm from New Zealand, they ask about vacations there. Some talk about living there, especially since the last election." When an African-American couple walked by, I asked what she thought of the lady's funky hairstyle. She said, "Well, I'm all for individuality and expressing yourself. That being said — no, I don't like it. What about you?" I told her I liked the Monarch butterfly she had in it.

I found out rich people like to gossip, too. When it was announced during the auction that Audrey Geisel (Dr. Seuss's widow) had donated one million dollars, a woman next to me told her friend that just a few years ago, Audrey talked about getting a face-lift. She said, "Why in the world would a senior citizen care about getting a face-lift? That is beyond me."

The auction had some interesting items. A dinner with Des McNuff and Jacob Irwin went for \$10,000. Storyboard paintings from *Jersey Boys*, signed by Frankie Valli, went for \$2500. One person bid \$22,500 for a walk-on role when *Jersey Boys* goes to Broadway. A lady next to me said, "I guess you have to be able to walk. What if someone in a wheelchair had bid on that? It could be considered discrimination." We both laughed, and I said,

"I wonder if you'd have to sing in that falsetto of Valli's."

When Des McNuff and the Red Dirt Band got on stage to play some songs, I talked to a nice older couple. They worked for the *North County Times*. We talked about people who forward e-mail jokes that aren't funny. I said, "Some of them are 20 years old." The woman replied, "I hate political messages, too. I have no desire to read those. I usually delete all that stuff right when I get it."

Since I was going to see a concert at 'Canes that night, I had to leave before 10:30 p.m. I was bummed, because actor John Goodman, who has appeared in a few Playhouse productions and is an honorary trustee, was going to hit the stage. I had seen his Blues Brothers partner Jim Belushi at a party I went to in New Orleans earlier this year. Belushi got on stage and played harmonica and sang a few songs. I'd heard Goodman was going to do the same here.

When we walked past his dressing room, it was obvious Goodman had smoked a cigar. It would've been cool to have smoked a stogie with him. I could tell my friends I hung out with John. And that reader I met once who complained about my writing about cigar smoking would have another reason to complain. ■

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The Jerky Survey

USA Today has come out with a new survey — apparently, three out of every four people make up 75 percent of the population.

— David Letterman

At first, I thought it would be cool — I mean, free jerky, right? I've never been much of a jerky eater; I find its chewiness to be antagonistic to my already popping and misaligned jaw. But what the man on the phone said next diverted my mind from thoughts of the rough texture to the countless jerky possibilities. They thought this would be just another survey, but I knew I suddenly had the power to alter the course of history and how people would forever after view that spicy, dried-out little piece of meat.

Many look at surveys and solicitors as a waste of time, a nuisance — a grave downside to having a phone number. I look at them as opportunities for a bit of fun and free shit. At the mall, I stop to humor pimply faced canvassers,

appearing to listen intently to their rehearsed spiels. I nod in agreement whether they're right wing or left, Jesus freaks or Hare Krishna recruiters. I gaze sympathetically at those raising money for needy children. But in public, I never sign a thing, and I rarely give a dime, as my charities are chosen privately, and my motivation for giving has nothing to do with what some random person tells me on the street.

Callers and canvassers try to guilt their way to money or signatures, but an understanding smile, a sincere wish of good luck, and a firm answer have never failed me. Catholic guilt is like baby fat — your soul dispenses it as you grow spiritually. I have a healthy dose of guilt, but I try not to let it get in my way. David's still working on his; he used to fear answering his phone when the Caller ID revealed

an 800 number. Now, he hands the receiver to me, and I get right to the point — "What do you want?" and "No."

A small yellow book entitled *The Power of No* used to grace my living room. I lost it years ago, but its message has remained — there is nothing wrong with "No," and anyone who tries to tell you otherwise is frustrated that he or she is being refused something they want. I do listen, though. I hear callers out because it's polite, and you never know what could happen. Not only have I worked as a telemarketer, but I have also trained others in the art of phone rapport. Once, a prospective customer I'd phoned invited me to a party. I went, of course, and the ensuing porn-star hippiefest turned out to be an interesting, eye-opening evening that went down in the annals of my scandalous journal. (As Oscar Wilde eloquently put it, "I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read on the train.")

When telemarketers ask me for money, they get a prompt "No," but if they want me to take part in a survey, my answer is "Yes. Oh, yes!" Which brings me back to the jerky. I was sitting alone on the couch, flipping back and forth between Comedy Central and Animal Planet, when he called. I must have been on some kind of "survey list," because in one week I'd completed a music survey, restaurant survey, and grocery-store survey — two over the phone, one by mail. I had even reviewed TV pilots to have my say. This time, the soft-spoken male voice at the other end of the line said, "Would

you be willing to take part in a jerky survey?"

"You mean, like, beef jerky?" Already my mind was open and willing. Sure, why not, I said, and then listened to the jerky man's obligatory spiel, which he launched into despite the fact that he knew I was as good as another notch mark on his quota list. I half-listened and tried to silence my laughter at the picture on my TV of a kitten falling off of an ironing board. He told me they'd be sending me samples, *blah, blah*, and beef marked A, B, *blah*, and one is spicier than the other, and something about how to fill out the forms and how to send them back. But then he said it.

I asked him to repeat himself, and the quiet voice said, "You should 'Use the jerky as you would normally use the jerky.'" This sent me reeling. "What do you mean, *use it*?" Now he had my full attention. "As I would *normally* use it? What am I supposed to do, take it out and slap my ass with it? How do *you* use the jerky?" I detected an embarrassed waver in his voice when he said, "That's what it says here, I'm supposed to tell you to 'Use the jerky as you would normally use the jerky'; that's just what it says."

"Nothing about eating it or tasting it on your paper there; you just want me to 'use' it, right?" The semantics-lover in me could not let it go, but I sensed his exasperation with my outspoken incredulity. "All right, just send it," I said, letting him off the meat hook. "I'll use it to the best of my ability." I had more than eating meat in mind — I had a plan to free jerky from the bondage of its food pigeonhole. I

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needed help to execute my ideas, so I implored my sister Jenny for her assistance.

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I lit the end of one piece of jerky, and after learning that it's not really possible to "smoke" it, I used the flaming jerky to light a candle. One sliver had a hole in it and we used this as an incense holder. Jenny wanted to color her hair, so I took a photo of her with the dark dye wet on her usually blonde head as she smiled and held up a bit of jerky. We called it, "jerky hair dye." This went into the silly-picture category along with the "jerky cell phone" and "jerky ear cleaner." The "jerky bookmark" wasn't a half-bad idea, and I would have kept it

in my copy of *From Socrates to Sartre* if it weren't for its pungent odor and the greasy stain it left on the pages.

So many uses for jerky, so little time. During all of the fun, I forgot to complete the survey. A week later I received a call from a woman inquiring after my unsent review. I explained to her how I chose to use the jerky, and she did not seem amused. For days, I gnawed on the leftovers, smug in the knowledge that no one had ever "used" jerky like I had. I thought about sending the pictures in lieu of a finished survey, curious to see how they would react to such an odd response. But in the end, I worried that if my pictures were somehow connected to the confused, obedient man who originally called, he might have to suffer through an intense reeducation on jerky policy.

Now, I stand by as my father receives survey after survey, and I jealously watch as he opens envelopes full of coupons and spends minutes contemplating various products. For some reason, I haven't been contacted in a long time. I've come to the conclusion that the jerky people might have gotten me blacklisted. I wonder how I can get back on their good side. ■

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“After we landed, Jeff and I were sitting in the aircraft, and the medical crew went out to the ambulance. You keep the aircraft running, usually, on the scene. The nurse came back and opened Jeff’s door and said, ‘Get him out of here,’ meaning me. What had happened was one of the SANDAG tow truck drivers had stopped to help this fellow and the guy had shot him. Four or five or six times. A Marine saw what was happening, jumped the fence of the Marine Corps base, grabbed the tow truck driver, and took off running under fire. The guy was shooting at them. The shooter somehow got on the Marine base or got down by the fence. Anyway, the highway patrol and military police showed up, and they told him to throw down his gun and shot at him. He died of lead poisoning shortly after that.

“We were there to pick up the tow truck driver, who was, in the slang of the business, he was circling the drain. He was dying. He’d been shot. He had multiple bullet holes. The reason they wanted me out of that aircraft was because it was one of our 222s, in which you can spin the front seat around. The nurse was convinced she was going to have to intubate him — in other words, put a tube down his throat, protect his airway, and breathe for him — and she knew she didn’t have time on the scene to do that. Most of

the time they do that in the ambulance. There’s a series of drugs they administer and insert the tube and it’s a controlled environment, but this young man needed to get to a trauma center in a hurry. I kind of stood there and held the door while they loaded him, and he didn’t look good at all. Then I stood there in the middle of the freeway as the aircraft took off, literally standing in the middle of Interstate 5 with all of these emergency vehicles around — lights and the cacophony of multiple radios on the same frequency repeating. And I’m thinking, ‘Man, this is going to be a cool job.’

“That afternoon as I was driving home after I’d finished training, they were talking about the shooting on the radio, because it was pretty big news in San Diego. They said he was in fair condition at Scripps. About 30 to 45 minutes after he was shot, he was getting wheeled into a trauma center and going into surgery. That felt pretty good to be part of that, even as a knuckleheaded observer.”

J.P. Wilson, who is 51, lives in Bonita with his wife and two children, an 11-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son. He began piloting helicopters for Mercy Air after a 22-year career in the Navy.

“I was a forester by training,” he says, when we talk one morning in the crew quarters at the

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Carlsbad airport. "That's what I went to school for. I was working up in Idaho for the U.S. Forest Service, and we used helicopters all the time for logging and firefighting. I didn't fly them, but I flew in them all the time, and I'd always, even as a kid, been fascinated by helicopters. One day we were on a fire that was on the middle fork of the Salmon River, and the pilot dropped us off. He just tipped the nose over and went straight down into the middle fork of the Salmon River and tore out along the river bottom, and I thought, 'Hey, that looks like fun. I gotta learn how to do that.'

"I went down to Challis, Idaho, which was the closest place that had an instructor pilot. I asked him how much it would cost to learn to fly a helicopter, and I looked at my GS-5 salary as a forester —

which I think in the mid-'70s was about five and a quarter an hour — compared the two, and realized that it wasn't going to happen.

"I started looking around, and the Navy offered me a job, which at the time was a five-year obligation. I thought I'd get out and go back to logging and firefighting, but one thing led to another and I did a career in the Navy."

Upon retiring in 2001, Wilson planned to fly for regional airlines, but his first training flight was on September 10. As the airline industry suffered following September 11, his career plans shifted. He has been flying with Mercy Air for over two years.

Mercy Air Services, Inc., which is not affiliated with Mercy Hospital, operates the only air-ambulance helicopters based in San Diego



Jeff Emery

County. None of the local hospitals owns a helicopter. "We're part of a national corporation called Air Methods," says Pam Steen, a program

director at Mercy Air. Air Methods has two different models. "There's the traditional side, which is mostly hospital-based programs, and then

there are the independent programs like Mercy Air. It's very expensive for a hospital to have a helicopter and to be able to maintain it and use it for scene calls. It just doesn't tend to be very profitable from the hospital's standpoint, and that's why we're seeing more and more independent operators."

The emergency medical services (EMS) helicopter "is an ambulance with a rotor system," Wilson explains. "We're an advanced life-support ambulance with a highly skilled medical crew with a rotor. We don't do cliff rescues. We don't do beach rescues. We don't go out in the water and pick people up. If somebody's been hurt or is sick, we go get them. Here at Carlsbad, it's mostly what we call scene-call work, which is highway accidents, the Marine Corps on the base has things happen up there, industrial

mishaps, construction site accidents. We also do 'inner facilities' here, which is taking a patient who is in a hospital already to a higher level of care at a different facility. For example, we go up to Fallbrook quite often. They have a good community hospital, but it doesn't offer all of the test equipment or all of the specialties that are offered at Palomar or Scripps La Jolla."

Since April 2003, Imperial County has had an emergency medical services helicopter. It's owned by Corporate Helicopters of San Diego, a company based at Montgomery Field whose dozen other choppers are used in a variety of ways, including TV news, aerial surveys, and the film industry. Stephen McNabb, the general manager of Corporate and a pilot, says the emergency medical services helicopter is sometimes

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used in San Diego. "If the County of San Diego requires what they call 'mutual,' or mutual assistance, they will call the Imperial County sheriff's office. The sheriff will call us, and then we can respond."

In Imperial County, with a population of 150,000, many of the emergencies are accidents in the sand dunes at Glamis, Buttercup, and Gordon's Well, and increasingly at Superstition Mountain and Ocotillo Wells, where McNabb says people are migrating to escape the sheriff and BLM presence at Glamis.

"A lot of the more serious accidents that I've been involved with have been out in the dunes where people, you know, in the fall there are almost 200,000 people that show up at the dunes," McNabb says. "It's just like another city. There's a lot of dune riding, dune bugging

going on. And a lot of drinking. Some of the crashes there have been really horrific."

McNabb describes a typical call. "Two in the morning, you're sort of hanging out or maybe taking a quick nap or something, the sheriff's office calls on what we call the bat phone. We pick it up, they say, 'Hey, we've got an ATV rollover in the sand dunes. Here's a general location.' Maybe a latitude, longitude, a GPS coordinate, if they've got it. 'Here's who's responding. A ground ambulance is on scene right now. Here's sort of an initial patient status.' We get suited up, if we're not already suited up, in our flight suits. We grab our equipment. The nurse grabs the medication, and we just make a mad dash out to the helicopter. The equipment is a whole-body-monitor system that's typically kept inside the



Pam Steen

crew quarters. It's portable, and they'll take it on scene.

"The pilot will immediately get in and start spinning up, start

the engine, get it going. The crew hops inside. We take off. We check in with the sheriff's office to get more definitive answers on location and

patient status. We check in with our 24-hour dispatch and let them know what's going on. They're getting prepared in back for what's going to be happening. The pilot's focusing on navigation. In Imperial County there are not a whole lot of lights. It tends to be pitch-black out there most of the time. There's not a whole lot of reference, so he's focusing on getting them moved safely.

"And then I would say it's maybe 10 to 15 minutes en route time to get there. We sort of survey the area as much as we can, looking for obstacles, power lines, other people who might be in close proximity to the landing area. Then we're in touch with the ground crew, so maybe they can give us an idea of where the winds are. We figure out where we want to land. We've done a lot of training with the fire depart-

ments and police departments out there, so they understand what we're looking for and what we need. They're really good at setting aside a large area for us to land in. We'll circle around. We'll have the Nightsun searchlight, which is super-, super-bright. Turn that on. Shoot the approach. The flight nurse and paramedic are looking out both sides in case they see anything that might be dangerous that we might need to wave off on. We come down and land. As soon as we land, I'll take the power off.

"They'll run out of the helicopter and start assisting the patient. Stabilizing the patient. Putting them on the backboard or some type of board. I'll keep the helicopter spinning unless it's going to be a long time on scene.

"Typically we stay separate from the activ-

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ity at the scene. On a scene call, we stay with the helicopter and keep it spinning. If we shut down because it's going to be more than 15 minutes on the scene, the pilot will get out, but even then he won't really get involved, because we don't have any proper medical training to provide assistance. At that point our job is more coordinating with the fire and police departments to ensure that we can get out of there safely. Make sure that the crowd that is there is kept away from the helicopter. Even if we do get out of the helicopter we don't get involved with the patient care. Whoever's on the scene, the police department or the fire department, will help them into the heli-



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Mercy Air helicopter cockpit

copter. Strap them in. Board up and go.

"Then it's taking off and navigating, figuring out which hospital is most appropriate. If it's a child, we probably are going to take them to

Children's Hospital in San Diego. If it's a burn, we typically like to take burns to Loma Linda, just through the Banning Pass. Or if it's nothing specific, we can go to Palm Springs or San

Diego."

Depending on where in Imperial County the emergency has occurred, flight time to San Diego, which has both Level I, the highest level of care, and Level II

trauma centers, can be 45 minutes to an hour. Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, a Level II trauma hospital, is a 45- to 55-minute trip. Although the flight time to Loma Linda University Medical Center, a Level I center in San Bernardino County, may be an hour and a quarter, "If certain heart ailments exist or if there are extensive burns involved," says McNabb, "the flight nurse may elect to skip Desert Regional and fly to Loma Linda. And if for some reason we can't get to Children's Hospital in San Diego, Loma Linda also has a very good pediatric ward."

Mercy Air employs the crews who staff its two San Diego helicopters, one of which is

based at Gillespie Field, in El Cajon, and the other at McClellan Palomar Airport, in Carlsbad. Typically an emergency medical services crew consists of one pilot, one nurse, and one paramedic, but, says Steen, "We work with UCSD's Emergency Residency Program." During some months of the year, resident doctors at UCSD take six to eight shifts each per month on a Mercy Air helicopter as part of their training. At Corporate Helicopters, the nurses and paramedics are provided by another San Diego company, Medevac, which also provides the dispatch and housing at the Imperial County Airport for the on-call crew.

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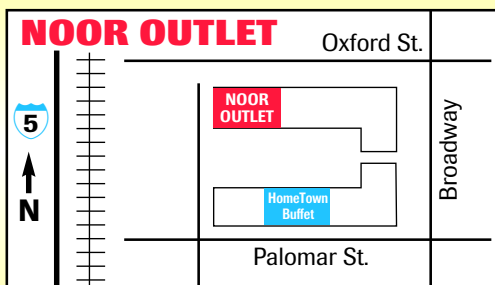
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its on-call crews in converted hangars at Gillespie and Palomar. Crew quarters have a kitchen facility, common room, bathroom, office area, and sleeping area. The common room at Gillespie Field has comfy La-Z-Boy chairs and a TV. The day I visited, the team had just left on a call. Someone's clogs had been kicked off in the middle of the room. A pair of jeans lay in a heap on the floor.

At Corporate, McNabb says, "The pilots are five days on and five days off. The five days on, they have 12-hour shifts. On the five nights on, they have 12-hour shifts. So 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. We switch back and forth. Sometimes you're days, sometimes you're nights." At Mercy Air, the shifts run 8:00 to 8:00 and are for four days at a time. Four pilots at Gillespie and four at Palomar rotate

the shifts.

"All of our pilots live in San Diego, and all the nurses and paramedics," McNabb says of the El Centro crew. "If you've ever been to Imperial, it's a challenging place. It's difficult to find the qualified pilots or nurses and paramedics for this program out there. What's tough about our program is that it's a two-hour drive from San Diego. Typically the night pilot — you know, he's on from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. — if he likes he can drive two hours back and spend the day with his family here before his next duty shift. It's kind of awkward because it's during the day and the family could be at school or at work, but he could do that. The day pilot is sort of stuck there for the whole five days."

Most local EMS pilots are men. "I think that's a function that many of the pilots come



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out of the military and go into civilian helicopters," McNabb says. "Women have been a fairly recent phenomenon in the military

side of the house, and they just haven't been showing up in a lot of numbers in the civilian side. We have one female pilot. She's fairly new.

She's just going through the ranks and doing the student instruction. She's wonderful. You know, I flew with females in the Navy. I think it's great."

Pam Steen, Mercy Air's program director for San Diego, Riverside, Orange, and Imperial Counties, says, "I have 17 pilots. We have a float pilot also because we do a lot of training and we need someone to help cover. Out of the 17 pilots we have one woman. She's located up in Orange County."

At Mercy Air, the average age of the pilots is "late 40s, early 50s," says Steen. "A lot of them are ex-military, either Navy, Marine, Army; we don't have any Air Force. Most of them are from that Vietnam era, and they're getting older. We are getting some younger faces coming onboard, but most of the pilots tend to be older."

There's no mandatory retirement age. "The airline pilots, like Southwest's, do have an age limit," McNabb says, "but I don't think there is an age limit for this. Actually, we have two pilots who are pushing 60. The oldest pilot that we have is 57. I know people as old as 60, 62. You don't see much beyond that. Usually what happens is that their eyesight goes. They sort of figure out, 'I can't fly anymore.' They just give it up. What's funny is that some pilots will have glasses on their nose so that they can see the instruments close, and then they look up and [look above their glasses]. They are wonderful pilots, absolutely great pilots, but they have the glasses-on-the-nose thing."

Jeffrey Emery, who is 48 and a pilot at Mercy Air, was trained by the Marine Corps. "I always wanted to fly as a

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kid. I went into the Marine Corps at a young age. My goal always was to work on aircraft or to fly them. I made that progression. I started working on jets in the Marine Corps. After a certain period of time I was accepted for an officer transition course and performed well through the whole thing and was selected to be in the aviation pipeline. Got into that. Did an intro flight in a helicopter and said, 'This is great. I can see the ground. I can see the trees. Which is a lot better than jets up there at high altitude.' I decided I was going to go with helicopters."

After leaving the Marines, "I worked at a local company doing flight instruction and tours," says Emery. "I did Sky 10 as a fill-in pilot for Kyle Anastasio for about a year and a half before a position opened up at Mercy. I applied for that position out in the high desert in Victorville, so I had to drive out there my first eight months with the company. I've enjoyed it ever since. I've been flying for them for about five and a half years."

McNabb, who was born in Richmond, Kentucky, learned to fly helicopters in the Navy. "I actually had a private airplane license prior to joining the Navy and then flew the Navy's T-34C airplane during training," he says. He stayed in the Navy seven and a half years, with two duty assignments at North Island. He flew helicopters the whole time he was in.

In the civilian world, McNabb says, "You could easily spend \$100,000 to be trained to be an EMS helicopter pilot. They would have to get their private helicopter pilot's license. Then they'd get their commercial. Then they'd have to get their instrument, which is a separate ticket. Then it's just a

matter of building time. If you're not in the military, the way that you build time is that you instruct. You instruct a piston helicopter for probably a couple hundred hours. Hopefully, you get to transition to a

turbine. Fly turbines for several years to build up more time on turbines, and then move on. It would take a lot of money and a lot of time.

"The military, in my opinion, is by far the best way, because the

military spent a million dollars on me to get me trained, and I was flying a heavy twin-engine helicopter when I had, like, 200 hours, which is unheard of out in the civilian world. It just doesn't happen. The

amount of experience, and the amount of time that I got that experience in, was just so incredible. To pay \$100,000, it just can't compare. It's doable, and people do it, but it just takes time and money. It definitely takes

time and money."

One of the factors Mercy Air and Corporate consider when hiring a pilot is how many hours he or she has flown.

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flight time," says Steen, of Mercy Air. "They are interviewed — I am at times on the interview panels — but the ultimate decisions about pilots are made by the aviation managers. There are pilots on the panels that do the interviews and decide qualifications and choose people that meet minimum qualifications and are the best qualified for the position. A lot of times we want them to have the IFR [instrument flight rules] training if they're going to be at a base where they need to have that. A lot of our pilots are multi-aircraft pilots. We train them. A good number of our pilots are able to fly both aircraft."

Usually the pilots fly VFR — under visual flight rules. But when clouds are low or visibility is diminished, the FAA requires that pilots be instrument rated to fly and that they fly

under instrument flight rules, which means they must file a flight plan. Because of San Diego's marine layer, IFR conditions are common here. Mercy Air's San Diego pilots are instrument rated.

Corporate also requires that its pilots be instrument rated. "We have to have people who are instrument rated," says McNabb. "They get that training at a flight school. They typically pay for that training or they develop that experience doing other jobs, like scenic tours. We look for instrument hours, instrument certification. We prefer people with their airline transport pilot, or ATP, certification, which is the highest level of certification. And people who have experience flying the specific type of helicopter that we operate. People who have Long Ranger experience have a definite plus in

their understanding of this particular aircraft.

"We prefer 3000 total hours and a certain number of turbine hours. There are turbine helicopters and piston helicopters. A piston is similar to an automobile, and turbine is basically a jet engine. We want people with experience operating a helicopter with a jet turbine engine.

"We hire people according to their technical competence in terms of flying ability, certifications, hours of experience," McNabb continues. "Corporate Helicopter typically puts them on a probationary period, sort of like a trial period, to see if it's working for that person or if something is really not panning out. The good thing about having a nurse and a paramedic onboard is that they can provide me, as a general manager, with some real-time feedback with

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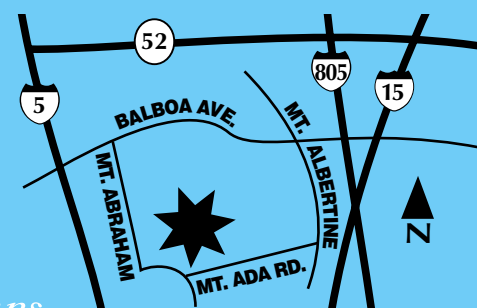


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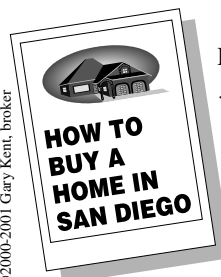
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Before entrusting the medical crews’ and patients’ lives to a pilot, both companies do background checks. Mercy Air, Emery says, checks “driving record, criminal-investigation record, your prehistory, they go back and get records from your previous employers.”

“We do a DMV test,” McNabb says. “An FAA check — that’s what’s important to us. We want to know if the pilot’s been involved in accidents or incidents in the past. If he or she has had a clean record then that’s a good indication.”

“All our hires have initial drug testing,” Steen says. “The FAA requires that pilots and mechanics be tested.”

“You do an initial drug screening just to get hired on,” Emery says. “After that it’s a

random screening. You never know. You just show up to work and the paperwork can be sitting there, and it says, ‘Go do this.’ The initial drug screening and the initial record checks all happen pre-hiring, before you can even start training.”

At Corporate as well, “All of our pilots are on the drug program,” McNabb says. “We have an initial screening upon hiring, and then there’s a random drug poll. If their name comes up, they go over and do a test. They could do it three days in a row. It’s totally random. We’re all in that program.”

While newly hired pilots have thousands of hours of experience flying, unless they’ve flown emergency medical services helicopters, they may be unfamiliar with such aspects of the job as operating a helicopter around crowds, landing in areas with power

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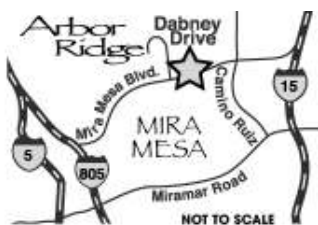
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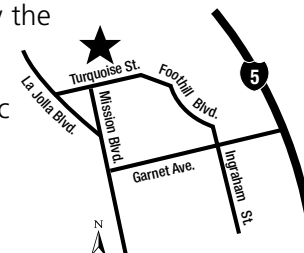
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lines, and transporting a patient whose life depends on how fast the helicopter gets to the hospital. "There is specialized in-house training that we like to do for EMS pilots," McNabb says. "What we like, first of all, is to hire people who have already had EMS experience so they are already acclimated to that type of position. If they don't, then we have an in-house training program that emphasizes off-airport landings on highways or on sand dunes or mountains. A

lot of situational awareness. A lot of crew resource management, because you have a flight nurse and a paramedic with you. Working together as a team to make the mission happen is really important.

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having an emergency with the patient and not translating that into pushing the envelope with the helicopter or making bad decisions. There are a lot of decision-making-type exercises and training."

"One of the crazy things about EMS is that you do a lot of things that you would ordinarily never do in a helicopter, especially at night," McNabb continues. "I've had trouble when you're landing really close to the ground, like the sand and the dirt starts to get blown up and circulates in the rotor blades and

you can't see. The second you can't see, then you can't land at that point, because you have no idea if you're drifting left or right. The nurses and paramedics are trained to call it and say 'wave off' or 'go around and stop.' You just sort of pull the power and put the nose down and take off again and try to find another spot that's a little less dusty or dirty. I've had a couple of those. It's a brownout issue.

"I've had a landing on Interstate 8, some surprises about power lines that you don't see. You're coming down

and you've got the searchlight on — there are so many power lines crossing Interstate 8 on the way to San Diego, and until you get down really low, there are some of them that you don't see. You just get that *ugh!* feeling inside. You pull up on the power and go around. It takes a lot of vigilance because you're doing things that really are not standard procedures in typical flying. The surprise power lines and the brownouts have been some of my scariest moments."

"There are some places where the risk is a

little higher than others," Wilson says. "For example, when I first started working for the company I worked out in Mojave. Up there, there are not very many lights to tell you where you are. If you're going out to a traffic accident in the middle of the night on U.S. 395, there is absolutely nothing around. You can see the code lights on the emergency vehicles for 50 miles, but there are lots of visual illusions that take place in a darkened environment like that. You have to really pay attention."

Although pilots wit-

ness tragedies regularly, "there's really no psychological screening in advance of hiring," Emery says. "The company does have a behavioral counseling available through a source. It's available online as well as by direct phone line. You can call and get assistance for several things. Family counseling, as well as stress counseling. Then if there's something that is a specific incident we have a team that can be called on.

"In any job it's hard not to take the work home. In this one, I mean, since you're see-

ing kids and family members in anguished situations, those images can linger at home and the stories be told at home. That can be very traumatic.

"Some of the ones that stand out most in your mind are unfortunately the ones that are the saddest," Emery continues. "Usually they are children lost. The one that hit me the hardest was the 19-year-old kid who just picked up a motorcycle with his mom. He was driving it home out in Alpine. His mom was following him in her car. He went around a corner and he

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hit into a truck. That was kind of difficult. We got on scene. The mom was pretty frantic. Of course, it was close to home so the relatives had all come out. It was obvious once we got on scene, the nurse and the medic, that the boy was not going to survive, and not survive at the site of the impact. Those type of things are the ones that hit you the hardest and stay with you the longest."

"Probably the worst that I've been on was working up at Mojave," Wilson tells me. "Highway 58 runs from

Mojave over to a place called Kramer Junction. We got a call that there'd been a traffic accident on Highway 58.

"What had happened was that a fellow driving a Suburban with his family had fallen asleep at the wheel and had gone off the road. That's quite a common accident out there. Had gone off the road, overcorrected it, then rolled the Suburban, and he rolled it many times. You couldn't even really tell it was a Suburban as we were landing.

"The wife and the husband were seat-

belted, but the children in the back were not. As the vehicle rolled, the children were ejected. There were five children in that Suburban. Two were dead at the scene.

"We showed up. We took two patients with us. A very small, about a 5-year-old boy, and his 11-year-old brother. His 11-year-old brother had, as you looked at his legs as they came down through his thighs, they took about a 45-degree angle, both of them. Both of his legs were quite badly broken. The nurse in the back was sure that that youngest

boy wouldn't make it.

"Another helicopter, a competitor from the area, landed and picked up one of the other children. We couldn't take him. That child died.

"The two that we took both lived. I imagine the one has still got rehabilitation difficulties, because his legs were quite badly broken. The other one, we were sure the little guy was not going to make it, but they administered some drugs at Loma Linda University and took him right in to the neurosurgeons, and before we got our paperwork finished

they were saying he was coming around.

"That was pretty horrific and kind of opened my eyes, because I've driven tired before with my family. I don't do that anymore."

Mercy Air's San Diego helicopters are a Bell 222 and a Boeing MD Explorer 902, both turbine-engine aircraft. They can cruise at 150 and 120 miles per hour, respectively, and both have room for two patients. "The one here at Gillespie Field is the Bell 222, an IFR ship, twin engines," Steen says. "IFR means that

they fly by instrument flight rules versus visual flight rules. They file a flight plan with the tower and are able to go up in weather that you normally would not be able to go up in. We have one more helicopter in San Diego. The other is an MD Explorer 902, which is also twin engine, and that's located at Palomar Airport.

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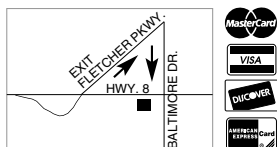
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Kelly Foreman, business development coordinator and flight nurse for Mercy Air, describes the 902. “We’ve got it tricked out with a glass cockpit and all the bells and whistles known to mankind. It’s sleek; it’s comfortable. Plus it has the EMS package in the back. The 222 is like having a Ford Taurus. It’s been on the line for a significant period of time. The 902 is the equivalent of a brand-new Lexus SUV.”

The Corporate helicopter is a single-engine turbine. Corporate transports one patient at a time. “Our Long Ranger you can probably get on the market for around \$800,000 or \$900,000,” says McNabb. “There’s the helicopter, and then there’s a medical interior that goes inside. The medical interior for that aircraft costs \$120,000. The medical interior has oxygen. It has suction. It has AC power for defibrillators, the heart monitoring and blood pressure and things like that. It has a lot of stuff. The Long Ranger is a fairly economical bird in that it’s visual flight rules only, meaning that we always have to fly with reference to the ground.”

What the companies charge for the flight is based on the distance the patient is transported. One person, speaking off the record, estimated \$6000 as the typical price tag for a flight within San Diego County.

“We’re a private company,” Steen says of Mercy Air. “We do not receive any funding from the county or the state or the federal government. We bill the patient’s insurance, and that is how we are reimbursed. It is obviously much more expensive than for ground transportation because it’s incredibly expensive to maintain helicopters and

the crews. Our crews function at a higher level than a ground paramedic unit. We staff with a nurse and paramedic team. Also on some days we have a nurse/nurse team or a nurse/UCSD resident

physician team. The lowest level of crew you would get is a nurse/paramedic, and the highest would be a nurse/physician. We can provide a higher skill level and give medications and do procedures

that the average paramedic unit would not be able to provide.” “There are two types of patient transport,” McNabb explains. “There’s interfacility, from hospital to hospital, which we do. And

then there’s scene call. You’re just landing anywhere, picking the patient up at the scene where he or she is injured, and taking them to the hospital. In Imperial Valley you could spend upwards of

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"It's expensive, too, because most people can't pay," McNabb continues. "One person pays for four flights — you pay for the three people ahead of you who had no insurance."

Steen says Mercy Air's decision to have

two helicopters in San Diego is based on the volume of calls. "You look at how many calls you have and being able to meet that demand. If our call volume would go up significantly, we would consider putting in a third aircraft. It's based on call volume as well as how long it would take you to get from point A to point B."

The helicopter based at Gillespie gets

about 60 calls per month. "Up at Base 5 in Carlsbad it's probably like high 60s or low 70s," Steen says. "The calls out of this base tend to be longer distance so you tend to get less of them. The calls out of the North County tend to be shorter calls. A lot of that has to do with the trauma system. They are utilized quite a bit by Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, those towns, because the nearest

trauma center for North County is Scripps La Jolla. It would be a significant distance for the paramedics to drive down and back. They'd have quite a bit of out-of-service time. Because of the distance factor, we are used more frequently for calls up there."

"Out in Imperial it's very cyclical in terms of patient load," McNabb says. "The fall, winter, and spring are really busy with people out

there recreating in the sand dunes. The summers are just blazing hot, so there's not a lot going on. In the summer we might get a call or so a day. In the winter months it can be non-stop. Just go-go-go-go. When you're not working, you're just there either studying helicopter procedures and systems or doing some side work. Sometimes our company has a manual update and

wants to get your program updated. We also let the pilots do some preventative maintenance. If the aircraft needs to be washed, if it needs to be greased, we have them do that.

"In the slow times it's boring, boring, boring, and then you get that call and you're just, like, the adrenaline is going and you're just racing to get out there. It's interesting. You just go from a very flat, boring state up to a fever pitch for the flight.

"We've been involved with multiple car accidents, immigrants — we call them 'international travelers' — that are coming across the border who become dehydrated and are near death, heatstroke-type victims, out in the sun.

"We've had somewhat abnormal accidents," McNabb says. "A couple of weeks ago a child had a bicycle accident. He was on his bicycle, and I don't know if he went off a ramp or something, but the bicycle brake handle entered his abdomen. The whole brake handle, and it got stuck, so we life-flighted him out.

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aged in terms of an accident, but something's going on seriously internally, hemorrhaging or bleeding, things like that, where you don't see a lot of blood or anything, but it's a very critical situation. I've been involved with some of those instances as well."

What happens when more than one call comes in at the same time?

"If this aircraft is already responding to a call, it deals with that call," says Steen. "If another call comes into the area, then we would dispatch the next closest

aircraft. We may get the aircraft from Palomar or if need be from Orange County and Banning. We have eight in Southern California. We'll send the next closest ship, but sometimes it's easier just to ground transport the patient."

When there's more than one call, the helipad at a particular hospital may be in demand. Pilots call ahead to coordinate. "Say we pick up a patient on Interstate 8 and we're heading in to UCSD, we'll call our dispatch to let them know what's going on," McNabb says. "Dispatch will

call the hospital and let them know. We're at least 30 minutes out, so

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the hospital will have a chance to de-conflict helicopters if they've got another air ambulance

coming in from somewhere else. They'll know if it's not going to work.

If it's not going to work they'll tell us to go over to Sharp or go to Palomar, wherever. Typically,

you don't want to wait, because it'll be another 10 or 15 minutes before the other helicopter can get off the ground. At least with us coming in from Imperial, they have time to de-conflict. But if you show up and it hasn't happened and another helicopter is unloading, you would probably divert. UCSD is right next to Mercy in Hillcrest. And you have Sharp and Children's and Palomar. You've got choices, but it's not great, because you want to coordinate the type of care.

"Usually what hap-

pens is that you come in and another helicopter is sitting on the pad. They're just hanging out. They're already done with their patient, and they're getting ready to take off. We've never really had a problem."

Mercy Air and Corporate have mechanics on staff. Usually Corporate flies the helicopter to San Diego for work, although the mechanic can be flown to El Centro.

"Safety is incredibly important," Steen says. "There are regularly scheduled checks based on hours or parts. The

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aircraft have to be inspected after so many hours. Parts have times on them. A part could be used for 500 hours, and after 500 hours whether it's still good or not, it has to be replaced."

"FAA controls grounding," says McNabb. "We have a book called *Minimum Equipment List*. If something breaks on a helicopter, like an altitude indicator, you open the book, you look up 'altitude indicator,' and it says if you're going to fly or you're not going to fly. Generally speaking, we can operate with nonessential equipment. If your searchlight is out and it's daytime, you obviously don't need your searchlight. At night, if our Nightsun was out, we would probably not do certain scene calls if there was no other lighting available. Being that we are VFR only, we need a 1000-

foot ceiling and three miles' visibility. If it's anything less than that, then we will not go.

"We're more flexible regarding wind. Twenty, 25 knots, that's probably getting toward the edge of what we can do. Add gusts in there, that's an additional problem. When you're flying, winds, as long as they're not turbulent, are actually a good thing because it puts you in a lower-power type of situation. Winds can be your friend. It's just getting the rotor started, which is the problem a lot of times. When a rotor is slowly spinning and starting to spin up, it's more unstable and it starts to flap. Twenty-five, maybe 30 knots, then it starts to get a little iffy."

"There are times of severe weather when they do not fly," Steen says of Mercy Air heli-

copters. "They do not fly in lightning. They do not fly over the mountains when it's snowing and icy, because we do not have de-icing equipment on the helicopters."

The pilots do not fly when they're tired or sick. "We cannot self-medicate," says McNabb. "If you are taking any type of antihistamine or cold medicine, you can't do that. If you're to the point where you need to take some medicine, then you're basically out of the game. You need to down yourself."

"Anytime that you have to take medication for sinus blocks or anything that would be consciousness-altering — you know, the little cautions on the label that say, 'This can cause drowsiness' — then you ground yourself," Emery says. "We have an altitude problem. Anything

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sinus-related or that could block your sinus tubes could cause damage as you go up in altitude or down in altitude and could burst vessels."

"We don't allow any type of alcoholic consumption within 10 hours of flying," McNabb says. "Zero point zero percent blood alcohol. We strictly regulate crew-duty periods, the 12-hour periods, so that the pilot doesn't become fatigued. But if for some reason, through extenuating circumstances, they become very tired, then they have the discretion to take themselves down. If something's not right, they will never be reprimanded for taking themselves down. The nurse and paramedic have no problem. They say, 'If you don't feel right, then let's not do it, because their lives are in his hands.'"

How does a pilot focus on flying when a patient may be dying right behind him?

"I don't look at them," Wilson says. "I have to focus on the flying. My job is to get the medical crew and the patient safely from

wherever we are to the hospital. That takes a lot of focus. Especially here in the San Diego area because of the traffic, a lot of air traffic. And then there's airports and control zones that are highly restrictive, so you have to pay attention. I've not been affected really by something going on in the back, because what I'm paying attention to is the aircraft and flying."

"The fortunate part is that we don't see a lot of it," Emery confirms, "because it is going on behind us, but we do hear the screams of pain

and anguish. The nurses and medics are always talking, so we have an idea of what they're doing and what the patient's status is. We just fly the aircraft and get it from point A to point B. You can compartmentalize in that aspect. You have a busy task and a challenging task flying the aircraft, especially in some of the weather environments we have. It's easy to say, 'Okay, that's going on behind me and I need to focus on what I'm doing.' After the flight's over there are a lot of questions that get asked.

"What was the patient's status? How is he or she doing?"

"We have a blackout curtain that's in between us and the patient and medical team, so it's physically separated," McNabb says of the Corporate helicopter. "The way that our helicopter is set up is that the patient's legs are right next to me. Typically an injury is up top. There is some physical separation between us and them. If it's starting to get bad, you're listening to them, you just turn down the intercom. That will turn the volume down. It'll

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allow you still to listen in case they need something, but it helps drown it out mentally.

"And usually the pilot is busy enough too, especially here in San Diego. They're busy talking to air traffic control and coordinating with

the hospital and coordinating with dispatch. There's enough going on for the pilot that you don't even think — unless something really, really bad is going on, unless they're having to start doing compressions on the patient's chest

because they've coded, then you really don't get involved mentally or otherwise. It's not too bad to block out."

"If someone has not made it, you kind of know," Wilson says. "You can tell from the conversations when the medical crew's talking to the ground. You can pick up from what they're saying how serious this really is. If they start CPR in the back of the aircraft, that's not a good sign. They have so many drugs and so much capability to keep people going, CPR's kind of a last resort, so when you hear them starting that, you know it. That's part of the job. When I first started the job it was a big concern of mine, that it would

bother me, that I would take it home or that I would somehow be bothered by it. It hasn't been a problem. I don't know. Maybe it sounds kind of callous."

"I do think it takes some adjustment to say, 'Okay, someone just died in my helicopter,'" McNabb says. "It's tough, especially when the nurse and paramedic are doing everything that they can, and then halfway to the hospital you find that you've lost them. It's tough. We do have provisions for counseling for the pilots if they feel they need someone to talk to or at least to think through what just happened."

About seeing a lot of blood, Wilson says, "I

thought it might bother me when I first started the job, because the kind of work the medic and nurse do has never been appealing to me, but it hasn't really affected me."

"Blood's okay unless you look at it," McNabb says. "We do have, the way the helicopter is situated is sort of like a pan, the way they've got it set up; it's what we call coin mat. It's a rubberized mat that's in the bottom so it'll collect. It doesn't just get everywhere. There's no cloth. There's no carpet trim or anything like that, so it's not too bad to clean up. Hopefully, most of the time what happens is that they get the patient stabilized before they put them on the helicopter.

Hopefully, the bleeding and that sort of stuff is under control. The nurse and paramedic clean the inside of the helicopter. They've got hospital-grade detergents for that. Blood isn't so bad for me because you really can't smell it.

"If it's burnt flesh," McNabb continues, "that's what really — the aroma of that sort of permeates and makes you kind of want to open the door to get the smell of that out of the cockpit. You say, 'Ooh, that's really strong.'"

"Those are the most difficult," Emery agrees, "as far as it just makes a whole flight uncomfortable, with the smell and the pain that the victim is going through. Everybody, I think, has a fear of being in one of those situations."

To cope, some staff have what Emery calls a warped sense of humor. "It's traumatic to you, so you try to buffer it by finding other things to laugh at or taking other things and twisting them into a form of humor so that you can bury yourself against that grief and anguish. It hits the medical staff more than it does us. We also have to help them get through that." ■

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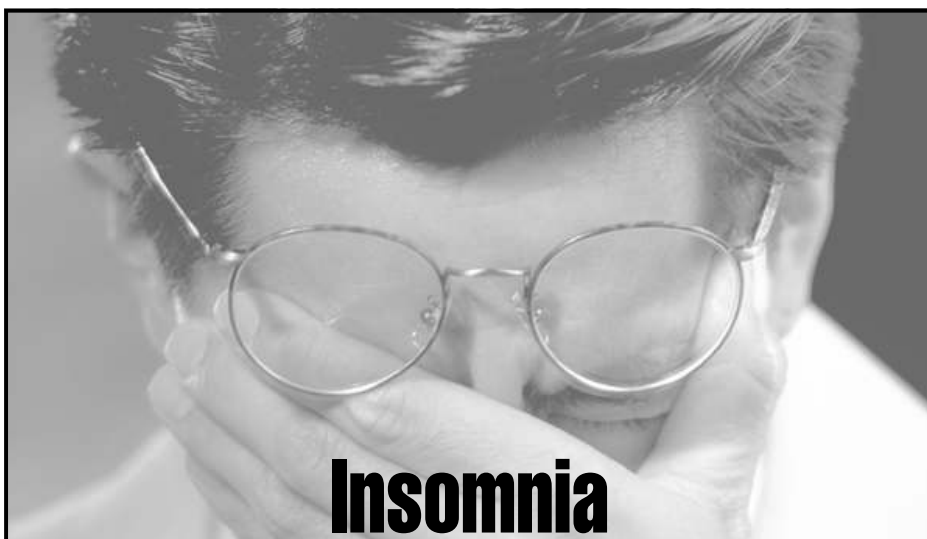


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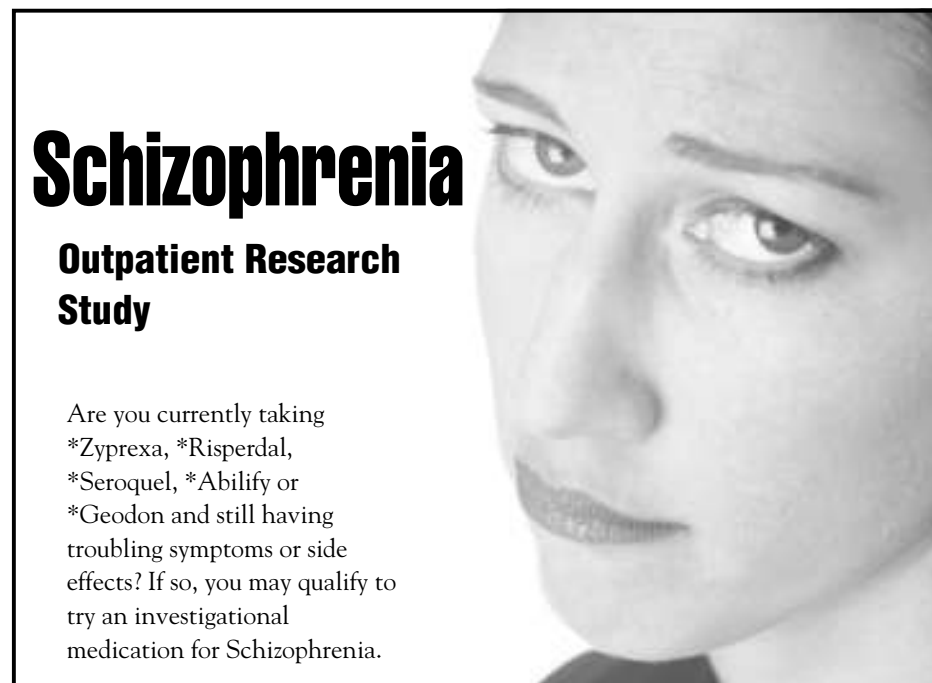
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Eastlake High School senior Paola Rodelas lives in Chula Vista. She says her favorite thing to do is pole-vault, "the first sport I've ever got into during high school."

Have you ever had a job? "I've never had a job, but I have worked at my mother's Asian market. It was a small business she owned in National City. I worked there for about two years, but I didn't have any fixed hours or fixed pay...sometimes I didn't get paid, but it was definitely work experience."

What type of job are you looking for? "I'm looking for about almost anything. I've tried applying at about every job that is nearby — like, all of the new stores, from food to clothing to retail. Things like that."

Are you looking for a permanent job or a summer job? "I'm looking for a job to last me for the whole year because I really need to save up money for college."

When did you start filling out applications? "In the beginning of summer 2004."

Have you submitted résumés? "No, because all of the applications I've filled out so far ask for all the information on my résumé, anyway...like my references and my work experience."

At how many places have you applied for a job? "I've applied at a lot of places. I've applied at almost every new store down at the Eastlake Plaza that just opened. Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Quiznos Subs, and I've also applied at other places like at the Chula Vista and Bonita Vista malls. I was mainly going for a cashier or someone who handles food — a minimum-wage job because I know it's hard for a high school student to get anything that pays higher."



Paola Rodelas

What factors inhibit you from getting a job? "Well, first of all, for a while I wasn't driving, so that kind of kept me from applying at jobs. So, once I got a new car I started applying more, and a lot of people tend to hire people who have open lunch hours and that's not possible for me because I'm a high school student. Sports right now are not really inhibiting me though because I'm not currently involved in any. I actually quit cross-country [track] in order for me to find a job."

What expenses do you need to cover with income from a job? "Right now my parents are really tight with money because my mom just lost her Asian market and my dad only works in the Navy. So, my parents end up borrowing a lot of money from me. I know most of my money comes from them because I'm not working, and sometimes I have to pay for gas for my car. And every now and then, I have to get necessities, like food. Actually, most of my money goes to food. And occasionally I have to buy stuff for school. That's pretty much it."

What expenses do your parents take care of? "My parents take care of insurance for my car, thank God! They also pay for food at the house and rent...things like that I can't obviously handle because I don't have a job. Sometimes, when it comes to food, I don't think there is enough at home, and I have to spend my own money to buy some good stuff."

How will you travel to work? "I drive now. I have a Honda Accord."

Would you be willing to work from midnight to 6 a.m.? "Maybe on weekends because I'm not taking as many hard classes this year as I did last year — only two AP classes. So, there isn't much homework and I'd probably be willing to do that."

What will you do if you can't get a job?

"I guess I'll have to rely on little other jobs like babysitting. I'm going to be working at the polls on election day, so that's a good 80 bucks. In the bigger picture, since I want a job to mainly raise money for college, I guess I'll have to apply for financial aid and scholarships. I might even pursue a Navy ROTC scholarship, but I really don't want to do it. If I don't have enough money, I guess I have no choice."

Camille Castillo, a 12th-grader at Eastlake High, enjoys studying astrology with friends.

Have you ever had a job? "No, I've never babysat or done anything like that. I've never watched over a pet or cleaned a house or gardened. I have no work experience."

What type of job are you looking for? "Basically, anything that pays. I don't care. I'll take retail or anything. If I could have any realistic job, I would probably take a cashier position or something like that."

Are you looking for a permanent job or a summer job? "I just want to work part-time for the rest of high school. I just want to get some money to spend on clothes and maybe some for college."

When did you start filling out applications? "I started on our last break from school, a couple of months ago."

Have you submitted résumés? "Yes, I have, and that's because I didn't have any jobs before. The résumé would let them get to know me more and find out what I've been involved in."

At how many places have you applied for a job? "I've applied for the position of

'sandwich artist' at the Subway in the new Eastlake shopping center. Also at Jamba Juice as a cashier or as the person who makes the drinks. I also applied at the Vons in one of the Eastlake [shopping] centers as a bagger. And finally at the new Chick-



Camille Castillo

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fil-A in Eastlake.”

What factors inhibit you from getting a job? “Well, school is the main one. And other obligations — especially family obligations — get in the way of me having a job. For example, I have to pick up my little siblings after school.”

What expenses do you need to cover with income from a job? “I really have no expenses right now because I don’t have a job. If I had money, I’d buy pretty much clothes and food.”

What expenses do your parents take care of? “Everything right now! My gas, my clothes, my food, my car insurance, my car payment — everything!”

How will you travel to work? “I’ll drive my Honda Civic.”

Would you be willing to work from midnight to 6 a.m.? “No, because I need my sleep so I can concentrate on school and have the energy to get through the day.”

What will you do if you can’t get a job? “I’ll probably just try and apply again. I’m not trying, like, ridiculously hard to get a job right now. I don’t really need one; I just really want one.”

Chula Vistan Justin Johnson, a senior at Eastlake High School, likes playing the guitar with his friends.

Have you ever had a job? “No. I sometimes teach my friends how to play guitar, but I do it for free because they are my friends. So it’s kind of like free labor — slave labor.”

What type of job are you looking for? “One that pays me money. Preferably something like selling clothes because it’s easy. And I’m looking for something that’s easy.”

Are you looking for a permanent job or a summer job? “Whichever one works at the time, because stuff changes. I kind of have to save for college, so a job until the end of the year would work.”



Justin Johnson

When did you start filling out applications? “Like, a year ago. The beginning of 2004.”

Have you submitted résumés? “No, they don’t care about that. They don’t ask for it, nor do they require it. I wouldn’t think they want you to have a good GPA because then they’d think you’re occupied too much with school.”

At how many places have you applied for a job? “Several jobs at the mall, like clothes companies: Hollister and American Eagle and those places. I was going for either a host person who just stands at the door and greets people

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or just a person behind the counter. These were in Plaza Bonita Mall. I've also applied to several places around the Eastlake community, like Krispy Kreme, Target, Panda Express, Chick-fil-A, and there's more. I just can't think of them right now."

What factors inhibit you from getting a job? "Being a Caucasian male with not much experience at the age of 17. I have school and it ends at 2:15, so that kind of puts off working at night because I have to wake up to get to school."

What expenses do you need to cover with income from a job? "College, car payment, car insurance. I'm not really buying anything of my own because I have no money...."

What expenses do your parents take care of?

"Everything at this point, since I have no job. Every type of insurance, gas, clothes, food, electricity, transportation — just every basic thing concerning survival."

How will you travel to work? "My car that my dad pays for, a Honda Civic."

Would you be willing to work from midnight to 6 a.m.? "No, because I have to go to school at 7:10 so that's kind of zero sleep option right there. I'd have to sleep during the day. On weekends, sure; I don't do anything that important."

What will you do if you can't get a job? "Continue searching for one until I have one or create my own business."

Eastlake senior Brett Goodwin likes to surf and play guitar.

"I'm in the school band and I used to be in a reggae band down the street," he says.

Have you ever had a job? "No work experience from a paid job. Just some community-service work. I did something through Surfrider Foundation — helped organize a beach cleanup and I've done some work at school with the band, but nothing ever paid."

What type of job are you looking for? "I'm looking for anything outside of the fast-food business. I'm not looking for McDonald's, but I'll do any kind of clothing store or sports-goods store. Anything besides fast food."

Are you looking for a permanent job or a summer job? "Since I'm going to go to college in a year, I'm looking for a perma-



Brett Goodwin

nent part-time job. I'd definitely be committed to the job. I wouldn't quit right away or anything."

When did you start filling out applications? "I started when I was 16 and a half, so about a year ago."

Have you submitted résumés? "Well, since I have no work experience, I didn't have a great résumé to turn in...."

At how many places have you applied for a job? "Well, I applied to two

Ralphs — as a checker or bagger — for a combined eight times. I followup pretty hardcore. They were both around here in Chula Vista. I applied to Soak City USA, right around Coors Amphitheater. Oh, yeah, I applied to Coors Amphitheater but you had to be 18. I applied to Chili's and almost had an interview. I applied to Outback Steakhouse right next to Plaza Bonita as a busboy."

What factors inhibit you from getting a job?

"Kind of my hair. It's real long. At least that's what my mom said. Age had a lot to do with it. Maybe my timing was off. But I'm honestly kind of confused because all of my friends get jobs. I do have limited hours with band and such, though."

What expenses do you

need to cover with income from a job? "College stuff, pretty much.... Everything else is all about gas."

What expenses do your parents take care of? "They take care of everything — school, clothes, and food. If I want to do anything fun, I have to pay for it, though."

How will you travel to work? "My Aerostar van. It's a piece of crap."

Would you be willing to work from midnight to 6 a.m.? "I would be willing if it was legal. When I turn 18 in December, I will definitely work those hours."

What will you do if you can't get a job? "Become a male stripper...just kidding. I'd probably try and find a place by the beach to live with my family." ■

— Patrick Cole, Eastlake H.S.

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THE MOLE MAN

I first encountered E. when I moved into a house near campus. I had planned to live with four other students, but not on sharing the house with E. In fact, I didn't even know of his reclusive existence until a few weeks after I moved in.

The origin of E.'s residency in the household was uncertain. One story — the most plausible to me — had him living in his car, mentally and financially broken down, just before previous roommates granted him access to a dark, narrow storage space alongside the tools and half-empty paint cans in the garage. When these sympathetic souls moved on, E. remained, like an unwanted pet who had outgrown his "cute" phase. Meanwhile, the current residents shared the kitchen, living room, and bathrooms in the house. Our bedrooms were in small cottages, separate from

the house, that had been constructed on the perimeter of the large back yard, facing a swimming pool.

In the winter this "cottage" arrangement could be cold and damp, but in the summer it was downright idyllic. A "swimsuit optional" policy had been established in the yard, and this was deemed by many of our student friends a good reason to hang around and visit when the sun was shining.

Throughout the year the house was the site of frequent community meetings, potlucks, and other gatherings. However, E. preferred to eke out his soli-

tary life in the garage alongside the main house, separated from the rest of us by a tall fence, living in the most reclusive quarters of all. On the infrequent occasions when we did see him, he was looking for leftover food in the kitchen's "community refrigerator" or discussing plans for questionable business deals that involved 900-numbers. These never seemed to make money, or at least none that was contributed to the household expenses. Though he represented himself to the rest of the world as a fully functioning, even ingenious man, he lived a queer, reclusive existence that led us to call him "the mole."

utilities and performed maintenance and chores in exchange for rent. All of us, that is, except E. He developed a special talent for disappearing at the first mention of work and crept in and out of the garage at odd hours, evading our requests for assistance with work and/or payments when bills arrived.

I had been living in the house for five months when I reached the turning point in my relationship with E. It happened early one winter morning, when I walked out to pick up the newspaper and watched E. maneuvering his car out of the small space where he had parked in front of my van the

he had left. Then I noticed what seemed to be a black crack on the paint of my van. When I looked closer, I discovered the entire front end had been pushed in. Small patches of paint the color of E.'s car smeared the spare tire mounted on the front.

Outraged, I went back inside the kitchen and began ranting at my roommates, who were eating breakfast. I explained what had happened, accused E. of all sorts of misdeeds — some real, others imagined — and insisted we discuss his latest transgression at our next weekly house meeting. They agreed and even seemed cheered by this change from resignation

HE LIVED A QUEER, RECLUSIVE EXISTENCE THAT LED US TO CALL HIM "THE MOLE."

Because of an arrangement with the owners of the house, the four "official" residents contributed monthly payments for

night before. Parking spaces around the campus were at a premium, and I didn't think much of his "tight squeeze" until

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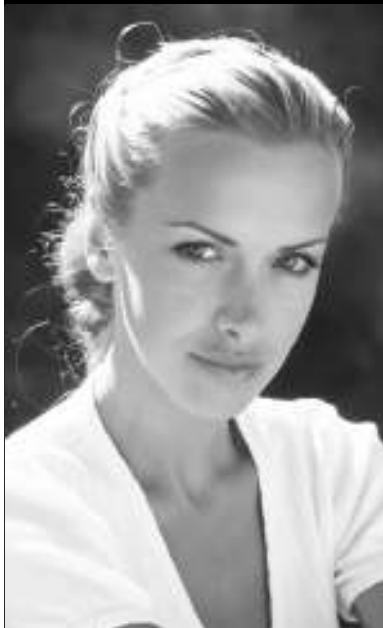
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aged car, we had a cause to rally around.

At the end of that fateful house meeting we delivered an ultimatum: E. must leave in 30 days. I don't think he took us seriously. Similar threats had been made against him before, but we never followed through.

A week went by, then two. We reminded E. of his impending move and circled ads for "houses for rent" or "roommate wanted" in the morning papers, but that only caused him to hide out and act more mole-like. We hoped he was looking for a new place to live, but it soon became clear that E. was making no effort at moving or finding a new home. I would have felt sorry for him if he had not caused so much damage to my car, which he acknowledged doing but refused to take responsibility for.

One month later, moving day — a Sunday — arrived, and E. was nowhere

to be found. We waited until late afternoon, then, before it was too dark to see, entered the garage and began removing his belongings. This was the first opportunity I had to actually look around his living quarters. They were perfect for a mole. In the cramped, windowless space I could make out a few business suits hanging in an improvised closet. Magazines and papers littered the floor, surrounding stacks of books. A poster of a scantily dressed, buxom woman was propped against the wall, across from the thin mat E. slept on.

As we loaded the last of his boxes into a friend's station wagon, E. arrived. We asked him where he wanted to go. He looked at his few possessions disappearing into the back of the car and seemed unable to speak. It was as if we had physically assaulted him. He couldn't believe we had done what we said we were going to do. I guess he thought his

denial of the situation would see him through.

E. left in the station wagon to a place he thought he might be able to spend the night. The last time I heard from him was when he was trying to get my permission to have his license reinstated. The DMV revoked it when I reported the damages to my car, which were in excess of \$500. I refused permission. He'd never paid.

Shortly after E. left, the garage behind the house was permanently converted into a bright, comfortable living space, and all traces of E.'s "burrow" have disappeared.

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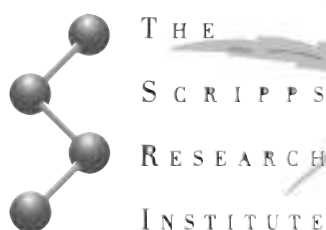
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feeling in my stomach, but I invited her in. She had platinum blond hair cut in a short flattop. The rent was due in two weeks, and hardly anyone had responded to my ad. I was desperate. She said she had arrived from out of town and needed a place to stay right away. I took the cash and felt relieved that at least I wouldn't fall out of the housing market this month. Brenda started bringing her stuff in: a pink neon flamingo, Day-Glo miniskirts, and plastic see-through dresses. All this was a little weird, but before long it was going to get a whole lot weirder.

She explained she was diabetic and would administer insulin intravenously regularly. That she was diabetic didn't bother me. That she was a drug addict did. Brenda's favorite song was "Butter Bean" by the B-52s, which she played constantly. Brenda had two speeds in her metabolism, high speed and comatose. She would inhale methamphetamine frequently, then not sleep for days. She would either be bouncing off walls or unconscious on the living room floor. I would be talking to her, and she would drop off in mid-sentence and fall asleep. I would kid coworkers at the office that one day I would come home and Brenda would be dead.

Brenda was a compulsive liar. I started to notice something funny when friends stopped calling. I would ask if anyone had called, and she would say no. I called friends on the weekend to see what was going on. They said they called and left messages. When I confronted Brenda she said

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she forgot and apologized.

When she moved in, she said she had bought a BMW and it would be a couple of weeks until it came in. She explained she bought a stick but didn't know how to drive anything but an automatic. Weeks went by and the car never came. She was a particularly unskilled pathological liar.

When I told friends about my roommate, they laughed and thought I was exaggerating. They said I was being harsh and judgmental, that I should be compassionate. I invited Brenda to a barbecue over Memorial Day weekend, and she seemed all right. She promised not to do any meth and to take her insulin on time. At the party she acted normal. All the weird behavior subsided and my friends liked her. I couldn't believe it.

Brenda was cooking up a surprise. She befriended several friends of mine and started feeding them outrageous lies. She told them I was a prostitute. She told them I did a variety of drugs, that I slept with her. At first they didn't believe her, so she said she would prove it. She started taking pictures of strangers who came into the apartment complex and telling my friends they were my customers. Finally one of my friends asked me about it.

That was it. I wanted her out. I didn't care if I had to move. I couldn't take more. At night she would walk around the house with a penguin pull-toy she had

purchased on a trip to Sea World. Its black feet would flap as they hit the floor. I started going out after work so I wouldn't have to see her. One night after quite a few beers, I came home and tripped over the penguin pull-toy. I snapped. I went to the kitchen, got a knife, and stabbed the toy again and again. I got a bottle of ketchup and smeared it all over the toy and left it

on the kitchen floor. In the morning Brenda found the toy.

After months of slow torture she moved out. She ripped off some of my stuff and left a huge phone bill. Brenda became pregnant out of wedlock by some Navy guy on leave. That was the last I ever heard from her.

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Vicodin Matinee

Late one winter weekday afternoon, I swallow two white pain pills — Vicodin. I prop myself against stiff pillows on the big living room couch. An aluminum walker throws its four-legged shadow on the wall. In the wreck of a car in which I was a passenger, my back has been damaged.

My 44-year-old daughter Rebecca sits cross-legged on a smaller couch, a couch arranged kitty-cornered to the larger. Curled next to Rebecca is 10-year-old Lily the Dachshund, gray hair in her red muzzle.

Rebecca's brow tightens. Long ago she lost her summer tan. Her skin has gone from toast-crust brown to yellow-tinged pallor. She looks weary.

I am high on Vicodin and hung up on 1964. That year Rebecca was three, going on four. Her sister Sarah was two, going on three. In the night, and at midnight, and after midnight, near dawn, and during half-hour-long foggy California sunrises, my injured back cramps and twinges. I never felt such pain. To distract myself I remake '64. I retrieve the dank kitchen where I learned to knead



bread, so that the powdery yeast, like Lazarus, revived and lived again. I rescue the marriage bed, the two slatted

cribs, Sarah's diapers, aquamarine Melmac plates, my husband. I recall me, red hair frizzy, face unlined.

Jack Kennedy died in November 1963. His New Frontier was long gone. Jackie, with her huge teeth and beau-

tifully articulated collarbones, was gone; Caroline and her pony trap were gone; and chubby John-John, in his cotton sailor suits, gone.

Nineteen-sixty-four I dug my first garden. I tell Rebecca, who appears mildly interested, that your first garden is not unlike the boy with copper-penny freckles who was your first serious crush. Twenty-five years later, this boy's name, spoken into chilly air, makes your heart melt. Rebecca knows I mean *her* first serious crush, and she laughs. Her laughter is strained. Her first crush, someone told her, has been diag-

my thought to myself. Rebecca hates snakes. Rebecca heaps her lap with the ribbons. Why Rebecca has these ribbons is that she shapes roses from ribbon. Her small, slender hands fold narrow swathes of silk, back and forth, back and forth. Rose petals and then entire roses materialize. What does she do with these roses? To whom, if anyone, will she give them?

In 1963 and '64, my friends and I said, "Sad sack Lee Harvey Oswald didn't gun down the president. If mama's boy (and he was a mama's boy) Oswald *did* shoot, and if he *did* use that

HE HAD BEEN IN THE ARMY IN KOREA, AS HAD MY FIRST HUSBAND, AND THAT WAS WHERE HE, RICHARD, LEARNED ABOUT HEROIN.

nosed with multiple sclerosis.

On this weekday afternoon in this new century, Rebecca wears faded jeans and a periwinkle blue sweatshirt that reads "Longboat Key" (she lives in Florida and flew to California to care for me). Near Rebecca's feet she keeps a wicker basket. Ribbons of many lengths, sizes, fabric, color swirl in the basket. The lengths of ribbon make me think of exotic snakes. I keep

weird Mannlicher-Carcano, okay." But we didn't believe that Oswald acted alone.

Why did Lee marry the Russian? Marina, her name was, Marina like a marina where with thick rope you lash your dinghy to the wharf. Marina enters the mind by another door as Pericles' daughter in Shakespeare's *Pericles*. I remember zilch about the play, although by 1964 I had studied it, in col-

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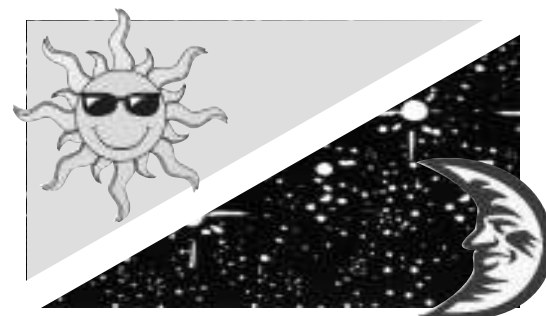
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lege, along with botany and U.S. history and American poetry and modern dance and geology.

"That entire November weekend," I tell Rebecca, "nothing came on television but the assassination. TV, by the way, had only three channels."

I go on to say that after Dallas, police took Oswald into custody, a guy named Jack Ruby shot Oswald on live television. "Almost everything was live on TV then," I add. Ruby was a pot-bellied minor mobster who owned a Dallas burlesque joint. Ruby did this shooting late on a Sunday morning two days after Jack Kennedy gave up his priapic Jack Kennedy ghost (although we didn't know then about the sex, didn't know he tended to stretch out on his own bad back and make ladies do the work). Rebecca frowns when I mention Kennedy's womanizing. She drops a ribbon rose and waves her emptied hands and interrupts me. She says, and not all that pleasantly, "Too much information." She scowls. "Too much. TMI."

Because I spin in my two-Vicodin matinee, I do say — my voice high-pitched and its timbre harsh — that Jack Ruby somehow got into the police headquarters garage where police prepared Oswald for a move to the Dallas County jail. Ruby wore a dark suit and a gray fedora. I have looked many times at the photographs. Ruby pulled a .38 special from his jacket or his right-hip trouser pocket — which? — and gut-shot Oswald. One slug. Someone wrote that the basement where Ruby got off his round reeked from cop sweat and newsman sweat and gunpowder and Lee's blood (type A).

"Oswald flinched when the bullet hit," I tell Rebecca. My hands clench. My eyes widen. I feel crazy.

When Rebecca set her ribbon basket by her feet (on which, today, she wears black leather Dansko clogs and black socks into which rust, tan, and gold cats have been woven), I had not meant to tell her about assassinations. I had not meant to tell her hate builds up in pockets. I mean not to chatter on (and don't) about her father. At night,

lately, I think about him. He was a Ph.D. student in philosophy. By 1964, he had finished his class work and his orals and language exams (German and Italian) and still had his dissertation to

write and to defend.

As far as I know, Rebecca keeps no photographs of her father. He died, more than a decade ago, on her birthday. He has been dead, I have heard her say to her friends

and to her husband's relatives, "for a long time." Her sumptuous mouth forms a straight line when she says this.

You will want to know how he looked, Rebecca's

father. He was clean-shaven and dark-haired and brutally handsome (like a movie star who strangles a girlfriend while she sleeps) and six feet tall. He had Cherokee blood, as do I, and he had high-set

Cherokee cheekbones. He was vain about how his skin tanned — "Because I'm part Indian," he said. He had a slow, lazy, loose walk that women liked. You could tell by the way they watched him.

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Women liked his brown eyes, which were wide and promised fun. He had long eyelashes, and he winked at women he found attractive.

In 1964 we lived in Oregon in a white-frame rent house. We had traveled west from Oklahoma because my husband wanted to get lost. He owed money to family and friends and back child support to his first wife (I was his second wife and he was my first husband).

He felt alone in Oregon. He came from an Oklahoma county-seat town where on summer Sundays his mother, who had an MA in astronomy, dragged him to river bap-

tisms and prayed on her stockinged knees in river-bank mud for him to get saved. He never got saved. He despised religion and religious impulses, even in the abstract (and he always preferred the abstract to the concrete, which is another way of saying that he was impractical).

My husband's father was the county judge. The Judge fattened hogs on the town dump. The Judge's wife, my husband's mother, scrambled one dozen eggs in fat from one pound of bacon smoked off long-snout garbage-pile hogs. She never drained her grease. She never

made more than a one-egg cake, and she never washed red Okie dirt off the Judge's garden produce. Everyone called him that, "The Judge." He was a hard worker and a smart man, well-read in the law and always kind to me. The Judge.

My husband resented our noisiness, our need for attention and that so much money went down our gutlets and on our backs and on our feet and to doctors and drugstores. I was little help. I thought about poems in my Oxford Anthology and stories in the *New Yorker* and famous novels that one day I would read and our next

meal. I was young and I was selfish, and I did not understand what Kant wrote, much less Hegel. My husband found me boring. I don't blame him. I was immature. I was silly. But I swore that he would learn to love us. Hadn't we pledged vows in a prairie brownstone church? Shouldn't we, I begged him one Saturday morning, go to Sears and get our family photo taken for Christmas? "Absurd," he growled, "absurd."

He drove a school bus for the county, mornings and afternoons. This is what he did for money. He was supposed to be writing his doctoral dissertation, tentatively

titled, "Hegel's Perfectionism." When I sneaked looks at his spiral notebook, the lined pages were blank. I curled up close to his brown part-Cherokee chest and pressed my small part-Cherokee breasts against him and asked why he didn't write. He said, "Exegetical issues." Naked, I hurried to Webster's dictionary. We kept the dictionary open on the top board of the brick-and-board bookcase. I looked up "exegetical" and "exegesis." Wow.

Why I married him was that I believed he would be wise. He was older by almost ten years; he would know what I did not know. He

would help me solve my problems. I had problems. I had tried psychiatry. Psychiatrists did not solve my grief. I believed I needed philosophy—Great Ideas by which I could live.

From the time I was a teenager, I was haunted by "Man is the animal who knows that he must die." My ideas of wise statements were "Jesus loves me, this I know" and Robert Penn Warren's

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and my mother's "If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride." Next to those

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statements, "Man is the animal who knows that he must die" was a heavy-duty thought.

I supposed that Unamuno had written this, in *The Tragic Sense of Life*. I no longer know who wrote it or if no one wrote it. That I was an animal who knew she must die separated me from myself. I had been going along through life, miserable and frightened, like any child ambushed in an unhappy home. Now I was the animal who knew she must die. I felt doomed.

I longed for Truth and Beauty. Truth was masculine

and hard (difficult as well as rigid), and Beauty, soft and feminine. My husband would teach me Truth. Perhaps by embroidering portulaca and green ivy in tiny stitches onto tea towels, I could make Beauty.

After my husband and I married and the children came, his indifference, even hostility toward us, seemed correct. His indifference showed that he understood how unimportant we were. We were not Nature. We were nature. We were metaphysical riffraff.

Everything (and every-

one) important stood behind capital letters — Time, West, Truth, Beauty, Ideal, Perfectionism. These capital letters stunned me. I didn't realize, in 1964, that these hyperwords exceeded their meaning. These words were dressed up with no place to go. These words were all talk and no, or little, "do."

Dust drifted off the binding when I lifted my husband's copy of *Hegel's Phenomenology of Mind* or *The Philosophy of Right*. Except for newspaper sport pages, I don't think he read much that year, or the next. He hated

fiction. He hated poems. How could I have thought that he who could not save himself would save me?

While I natter, Rebecca twists her silken ribbons into taut rosebuds and into flowers in full bloom. She adds olive green serrate leaves. She slips on stems and thorns. She cuts the saw-tooth edge into leaves and her small silver scissors' snip-snip-snip. In Rebecca's lap silk ribbons rustle. Ribbons swish as she turns them, back and forth, back and forth. We do the best we know how to do. Rebecca and I, we do our best. You would not

believe how lifelike these roses are. A rosebush flourishes in our couch cushions. By twilight we will be hip deep in a rose garden. We will not be able to distinguish their petals from our own skin.

I do tell Rebecca that the winter of 1964 was the winter when the Beatles made their first trip to America. LBJ was president and we feared him. Soon we would fear him more.

On our black-and-white television screen, three months after Kennedy bled into Jackie's pink wool suit (Rebecca says she has seen photographs of

Jackie in the pink suit and matching pink pillbox hat), the Beatles arrive in New York City. What hoopla when the Beatles step from the plane door. The four fellows huddle close. They grin. They did not have good teeth the way rock stars do now. They had English postwar teeth. American teenage girls who'd been waiting for the Beatles' plane to land, these girls jumped and screamed and took photos with flash cameras. "Flash bulbs, back then," I tell Rebecca, and hear in my own ears that I sound crazily enthusiastic, nutty, "actually popped when

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you took pictures.”

That 1964 winter and spring, Rebecca and Sarah and Brook, a girl Rebecca’s age whom I babysat, were singing the Beatles’ “I Want to Hold Your Hand.” We loved that song. By that same winter, some 16,000 U.S. servicemen, what we called military “advisors,” had made camp in South Vietnam. Pentagon deskmen were trying to figure out a strategy for bombing the North Vietnamese, who began to be known in the States as “gooks.” “But,” I tell Rebecca, inter-

rupting my thoughts about Vietnam and apologizing without actually saying I am sorry for sounding like and being, in fact, nutty and also drugged on my pain pills, “people my age, young people, couldn’t get over the English boys’ long hair. We loved it. What, then, I thought of as adults, folks my parents’ and in-laws’ age, hated the Beatles’ long hair. They really, really hated it. Nobody, back then, nobody who was a *mangrew* long hair. Gangsterish young men wore DA’s — ducks’ asses — which

they shaped by combing hair from the side of the head to the back, and, with help from Brylcreem, creating a duck’s tail of hair. Grown men got crew cuts and brush cuts and flat tops. They used hair oils and pomades or Butch Wax to control their hair. “Butch Wax,” I say to Rebecca, “was sold in jars.”

I parenthetically add this useless (but to me, numinous) information about Butch Wax jars — squat and wide-mouthed, weren’t these jars? — while I am telling Rebecca about our earliest garden adventures. Rebecca concentrates on tightening the bud of a coral rose. She rolls inch-wide ribbon into a narrow tube. She turns and folds the ribbon several more times, and with each turn, the inch-long tube opens more widely at the top. Her rose blooms. She sorts among heaped ribbons for, she says, “a different coral. Here,” she says, holding up a spool of ribbon, “this one is called ‘Charisma.’” She tosses the cardboard spool into my lap.

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I would like to go back to every year I have been alive and look at that year, at houses or apartments where I lived. I would like to flush every toilet, wipe down with Clorox

every kitchen counter, read and dream in every easy chair. I would like to look out these houses' and apartments' windows at front yards and back yards. I would like to go outside and walk on wet leaves and dry leaves. Dry leaves crackle. Wet leaves are slippery. Hills are green and brown and then green again. I would like to see the *Life* magazine that arrived every Thursday in the metal mailbox and the deep humus in whose maternal depth I planted lilies. I would like to see people, those dead and

those alive.

On Ed Sullivan's variety show, the Beatles sang, "Close your eyes and I'll kiss you, / tomorrow I'll miss you," in what sounded more like choirboy voices than popular music voices. They made the space between "to" and "morrow" take a long time. I was grateful for the space, which, although quiet and blank, had music stirring in it. "All My Loving" was the song's title. I tell Rebecca that I loved that song. Love, love, loved it. I did not want to sleep that night. I was too excited: a tuning fork sounded down my sternum.

"Did you dance to the Beatles?" Rebecca asks, "you and Dad?"

I think back. I can find no memory of our dancing, her father and I. I am quiet, perhaps for one-half minute.

"Did you? Dance?"

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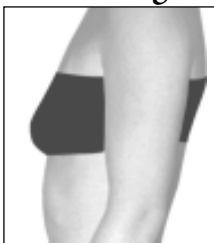


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den, I chose its spot in the sizeable back yard. At the edges of the proposed spot, blackberry canes sprawled to five and six feet. I chopped thorny canes to the ground; with a mattock and shovel, I dug as many of the blackberries' crowns and running rootlets as I could. I broke several shovels.

The garden spot would fall under full sun when we got sun. Western Oregon was spare on sun. Clouds drooped low in the sky. Days passed that were pouring rain so heavily that rain kept the sky

a secret.

Nothing grew on my proposed site other than sour, spare stands of skinny grass and at the far edge, of course, the voracious blackberry. Radishes, carrots, peas, string beans, beets, purple turnips, lettuces and spinach and tomatoes and corn were what I would plant. I sketched plans. In my underwear drawer I hid babysitting money to buy seed. I twisted dollar bills into my white cotton underpants and camisoles and flannel nightgowns. Go ahead, laugh about under-

wear: I wore what farmwomen wore. Laugh about money: that's how farmwomen saved enough to send sons to law school and daughters to get MAs in astronomy.

Rain ended. Blue sky filled my eyes. Soil heaved and dried. Dark sugary grit and grey ash from wood fire drifted between the soil's cracks.

Rebecca twists a darker pink ribbon corona that white petals soon will surround. Soil, I tell her, my voice anguished, seems to be one massive funerary urn. She doesn't get what I mean, and I don't know how to say what I mean. I yammer. Vicodin.

"Vickies," Rebecca says they call them.

"Vickies?"

"Yes, that's street slang for Vicodin."

I am no longer accustomed to drugs. For many years I have not even smoked a joint. I did, as a young woman, do drugs — Sandoz's lysergic acid, when acid was legal, and hashish and homegrown grass. I quit drugs after I ate brownies mixed

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with Pakistani hash. That night, in a dim boathouse on the Oregon coast, pterodactyls flew toward me and tore out thatches of my curly hippie hair. In the boathouse, bay water lapped beneath the wooden floor; the pterodactyls' featherless wings flapped.

For my first garden, I rented a rototiller. I hauled the tiller up the back yard's steep bank (our house stood atop a hill). I set the tiller at the edge of my intended garden, my little 20- by 30-foot bride (a garden never could be a groom). I yanked hard on the pull starter that cranked the motor. The motor fired. The tiller belched gas fumes. I sweated, hard. The tiller rumbled ahead of me. I grabbed the tiller's orange handles. I planted my size-seven feet and held tight. The blades split the Oregon clay sod.

With bare hands I broke hunks of earth. I sifted this earth until it was flour like flour from which I made yeast bread and muffins and gala but uneven birthday cakes frosted with seven-minute frosting. I made furrows with the hoe's edge. I made furrows the way I saw old people in the neighborhood wedge vee's in soil.

I've told Rebecca about soil too many times. I cannot stop from telling her again. "Soil looks solid, Rebecca, and isn't. Soil is busy." Mites and beetles, fungi and worms, creeping molds and myriad bacterial colonies carry on complicated underground lives. Their labors (many of which involve decomposition) engage and exhaust them. Were it not for these creatures, lifeless matter would clutter the soil surface; growing plants would starve and smother.

"God loves these underground workers," I say, my words by now a hallucinatory scribble in the cooling late-afternoon air; "surely as much as He loves you or me. I mean, talk about the lowliness of His handmaiden; the unicellular bacterium is *low*."

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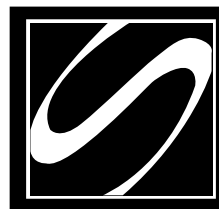
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alone, they sound like junkie talk. I was once in love with a short, blue-eyed blond junkie, and he talked that way. His name was Richard and he was from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where a 19-story building designed by Frank

Lloyd Wright stands almost alone on the prairie (Richard took me one Sunday afternoon to see the building and to meet his mother). Richard’s mother was a schoolteacher, and Richard was getting his master’s in architecture. I met Richard several years before I met Rebecca’s father. One football Saturday afternoon Richard did up in my basement apartment bathroom. He tapped out grey heroin powder with his fingertip into the bowl of a sterling spoon. The spoon handle was bent. He tapped this heroin from a folded paper, folded like an origami bird. This was so long ago that his syringe — “my works,”

Richard called the needle and syringe — was glass rather than plastic. With the needle he sucked up distilled water from a bottle of water that came with my steam iron. He squirted water from the syringe into the spoon’s bowl and stirred water and powder with the metal needle. He lit a wooden kitchen match against the wall and set the flame beneath the bowl, and stirred until the mixture dissolved. Then, while our college team’s cheer squad set off an explosion that celebrated a touchdown, Richard did the oddest thing. He rolled a piece of cotton into a tiny ball and dropped the ball into the heroin and water slurry.

The cotton puffed. He stuck the syringe into the center of the cotton ball and slowly pulled back the hypodermic’s plunger until the spoon bowl was empty. He had slipped out of the loops the leather belt that held up his khakis. The trousers fell down around his blocky knees. He saw me see that urine had spotted his Jockey shorts. He giggled and blushed. He pursed his lips in a kiss and smacked kiss-kiss several times and said, “Jay-jay,” his nickname for me. He giggled again and said, “Excuse me.” He wrapped the belt around his right bicep (he was left-handed). He grasped the end of the belt between his teeth and pulled

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the belt tight. He looked fierce. He slapped at dark blue veins that ran beneath his skin inside the crook of his elbow. He moved quickly and with confidence, then, as he placed the needle flat against his skin and inserted the needle's tip. Through the syringe glass, dark magenta blood rose. "Good blood return," he said. He leaned over the bathroom sink and vomited what we ate for lunch—cheeseburgers and iceberg lettuce salad with Thousand Island dressing. After he had sat in my living room and nodded for three or four hours, I said, "I can't marry you." He left my apartment and spent the night in bushes near the interstate. Amazingly, he is alive, 70-some years old he is in this new century. He has been an architect, a father, a husband, a thief, an imprisoned felon, a drunk, an inmate in a mental institution.

Richard read Beckett's *Murphy* and Corso's *Gasoline* and many pages of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* to me. Of the latter, perhaps 20 pages, he had by memory. He liked to drink coffee, rustle his broad hands through his heavy blond bangs, and look into your eyes and begin, "Once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moocow coming down along the road and this moocow that was coming down along the road met a nicens little boy named baby tuckoo." He had been in the army in Korea, as had my first husband, and that was where he, Richard, learned about heroin. The apple gleamed on the tree and Richard climbed a ladder and plucked down the apple and ate it. "I did not even peel away the skin," he said. One night, so long ago that the time might have been hundreds of years in the past and we might have ridden horses rather than driven Richard's white VW Bug, Richard took me to a city auditorium to hear Ray Charles. After the concert, Richard and I went backstage and Richard, when he shook hands with Ray Charles, palmed the blind man a plasticine packet of heroin.

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taking ancient Lily to the bathroom in the nearing twilight. When Rebecca opens our front door, garlic aroma from someone's dinner preparation enters our living room.

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Vicodin, I repeat myself. Rebecca says, "You ask the same questions over and over." I do. Yet the pain stays and grinds my back, and the garlic odor, which in the past goaded my hunger, nauseates me.

I cannot afford to think,

now, about what will happen to me and to my back. I must concentrate on getting well, growing stronger.

Rebecca's ribbons and her flushed, half-finished roses brighten the small couch. What I have told Rebecca, but do not mention today, is

that the Saturday morning when I went into labor with her, Richard played double solitaire with me on the bed where I slept with my Hegelian husband. I don't know where my husband was that morning. Rebecca emerged 27 hours after I went into labor. She was delivered by what obstetricians then called "natural childbirth," which meant, "without drugs." Except for the moment when her head crowned, I didn't carry on one whit. I was too happy to hurt.

Rebecca was born perfect, although like you or like me, she carried an inescapable accursedness — original sin — "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil

you will eat of it all the days of your life." She was the animal who knew she must die.

On those nights in 1964 in Oregon, my husband grasped my thighs and spread them apart. My bones creaked while he poked himself inside me. I thought about radishes bedded in the garden and butter lettuce and romaine that soon I would plant. After he was through with me, as I fell into sleep, saying, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit," I pictured the radish embryo curled inside the pink seed coat. The radical, or primary root, sinks down and penetrates the soil. The hypocotyl, or embryonic stem, breaks through the seed coat and lifts the growing tip (usu-

ally including the by-then-raggedy seed coat) above the ground. Before I got pregnant with Rebecca I made an A in college botany is why I was able to think all this.

French Breakfast radishes I planted first. Not long after the Beatles arrived in America, while the Oregon night air stayed nippy and the Oregon mist veiled the moon in all its phases, I sat on my haunches and dribbled round pink seed into furrows and sang "Close your eyes and I'll kiss you." With more sifted soil, I covered seeds. I sprayed water from the hose. Rain did the rest.

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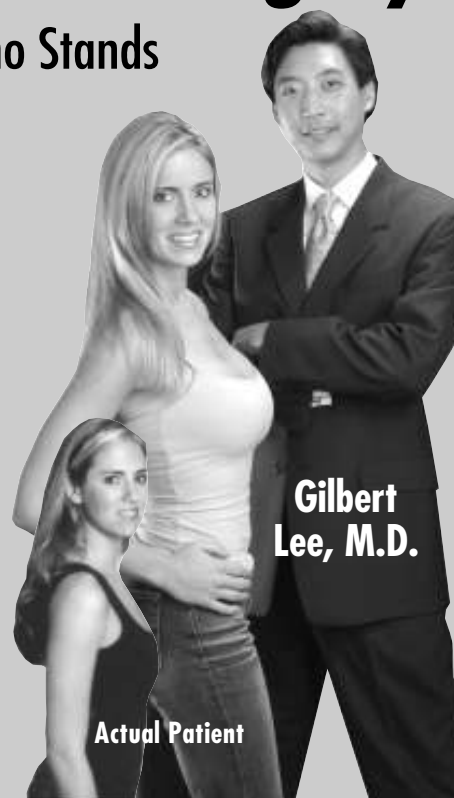
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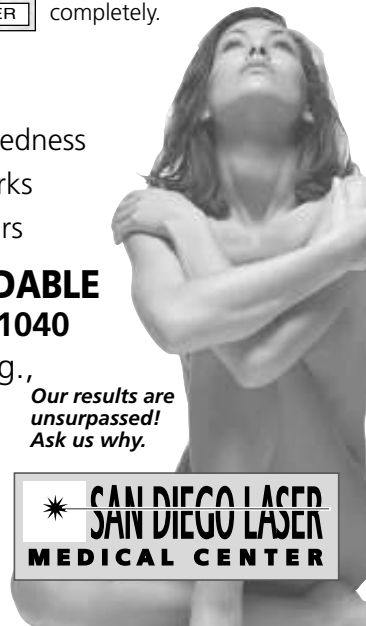
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around us empty. Air smelled of aromatic hydrocarbons — wood smoke — from fires banked in wood stoves. Some mornings street lights still shone. Then lights went off. Some mornings I was out so early that birds had not begun

to sing. Other mornings I was up later and birdsong rattled the silence. Paperboys wheeled by. Dogs barked. We had no dog. Nor striped furry cat. Nor could we afford a newspaper.

Not even the alarm

would have rung. I hurried from sperm-stiffened sheets. I wore my flannel nightgown, its wrist-hems unraveling. My feet were bare, and their soles, rough. I ran down creaky stairs that hung off the back porch and rushed to the gar-

den. Haze hung over the rows. My feet were cold. I did not care. While I slept, had the two embryonic radish leaves, each leaf heart-shaped, popped out and opened to the sky? Had they begun to hunt sun?

The radish seeds suckled water; the seeds' pink coats swelled. Three short rows of inch-high green stems pushed out of soil. They stood straight but not stiff. I had planted seeds too close to each other. The plants hunkered shoulder-to-shoulder. They leaned on one another.

Now Rebecca is back upstairs. Lily, as we say, has "done it all." Rebecca and the dachshund sit together. The smell of garlic now comes in

through our front windows. Rebecca pulls out a strand of lavender ribbon. She looks up at me and smiles expectantly, as if opening a gate and inviting me to walk through that gate with her.

Rebecca's fingers in 1964 were no bigger round than a lollipop stick. "On your maternal grandfather's side of the family," I announce, for perhaps the five hundredth time in Rebecca's life, "we have small hands." I smile, I am sure, with smug pleasure and add, "Your great-great-grandmother had small hands, as did your great-great-grandfather." Unable to stall my pride, I add, "She was gorgeous and petite, like you.

He swept his way through Oberlin as a janitor. He earned his BA that way. Imagine."

Spring 1964, Rebecca nipped radish leaves between her lollipop-stick fingers and tugged the radish taproot free from the soil. The root whined when it let loose its hold. The taproot, by then, had put out auburn rootlets and squiggly root hairs. Minuscule orbs, entire worlds of soil hung at tips of these hairs.

A garden is a debased Eden, nature tamed. In the dirt of my first garden I wrote EDEN with a stick and with water from the hose, I erased EDEN. I did this often. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Man is the animal who knows that

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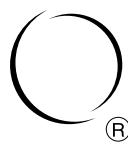
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he must die.

You would think that the earth teaches hope, or *Hope*, or even Hope beyond Hope. For many years I accepted that belief. I did not test it. I had not yet hurt my back and not, at least temporarily, found myself crippled and clanking on an aluminum walker. I too easily urged the depressed and abandoned and brokenhearted to take up gardening or to buy a parakeet or a tetchy African violet. I quoted Dickinson on hope. I quoted Eliot. Crippled now and helpless, I turn to Louise Gluck, who writes, about hope, that

the word itself
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perception

When Rebecca, at three going on four, squatted next to me in the garden, she learned thinning. She learned that for some radishes to flourish others must be pinched out.

By the time we knew, by heart, words to early Beatles songs, I had dug, in the side yard, a pit where I planned to plant potatoes — or would I bury them? I was never sure, plant or bury, plant or bury. How you planted or buried was dig a trench about two feet deep and two, maybe three feet across. As for length of the trench, well, that was up to you. A former tenant, or perhaps the house's long-dead owner, left behind a rusty wheelbarrow. I rolled the barrow from the ramshackle tool shed that stood near the back of the house. I heaped shovel after shovel of excavated soil into the wheelbarrow. I upended the barrow in our main garden's far edge, near the clipped blackberry vines.

What I did next in those 1964 spring days was line the trench — bottom and sides — with hay. Where did I get two bales of hay? Somebody strong would have been needed — a man. Did my husband carry them? Could he have been that kind and could I have forgotten the kindness? Yes. Could he have loved me and I not noticed? No. Yes. No.

A potato is a swollen, fleshy, underground stem. I say this to Rebecca and she laughs and says, "I know, Ma."

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rise. Plant or bury? Which? I ask Rebecca which she thinks, plant or bury? She says, her face drawn, "You're high."

Summer 1964 was Civil Rights summer. Young people, some younger than I was,

traveled to Mississippi to assist voter-registration campaigns and set up freedom schools. Every evening on television news, we watched Walter Cronkite. Images showed the Southern troubles.

By the time — June

21 — that three civil rights workers — James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner — disappeared in Mississippi, our potatoes had put down roots. Shoots had pushed out of the yellow straw, which, by then, was dirty and smelled rancid. Dark green compound leaves grew along the ends

of the potatoes' shoots. Leaves stood straight up out of straw and from morning to night, even on a cloudy day, potato leaves followed light. They took every bit of food the sun had to offer them.

Evenings, I fed our children meat-and-starch-and-two-vegetable-plus-dessert dinners. My husband and I

leaned forward on wobbly wooden chairs and stared at the black-and-white television screen. Newsmen had gone to Mississippi and asked where Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner had gotten to. LBJ sent the FBI. Everybody said nobody knew where those boys went.

Late mornings, noisy bees arrived in swarms above the garden. A bee stung Rebecca on her plump forearm. A bee stung Sarah on her bare chest, and bees stung Brook twice, once on each

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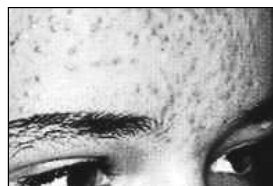
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Dust overtook the Oregon rent house and bedsheets went unwashed. Frost formed on the refrigerator's boxy freezer; bacon grease spotted the stove. I didn't bake oatmeal cookies or chocolate chip. Worst, I neglected the girls — my two and Brook — for the garden. "No, not now," I said when they asked to be read a book or wanted newsprint for their tempera paints. "No, no, not now."

By July potato leaves had increased in number and height. Above the roots, red-skinned potatoes swelled. By mid-July, when Barry Goldwater declared at the GOP Convention in San Francisco that "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice, moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue," red potatoes filled the trench.

Worms and June bugs, and bugs and worms too small to see, crawled in the potato pits. Far from us, these worms and bugs led their own lives. They sang in the soil. They tuned themselves through the bony thorax and hard arachnid shells and stamped, in some cases, with their millions of feet, a rhythm that only they could hear. When the TV monitor was blank and furred with dust, Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner, and Schwerner's youthful wife and Goodman's dark-haired mother inhabited the glass. Their faces burned the vacant cube. We knew what happened to the men. They were dead. I don't think we knew what "dead" was; for all that my husband had once read philosophy, neither he nor I knew how to die, except by accident, as from car wreck or house fire, drowning or choking on a fish bone.

Nights that summer were hot but not hot enough. Heavy clouds on too many days occluded sun. Plus, I didn't have money for fertilizers. I peeled back green husks that sheave corn ears. Spaces along the cob where yellow kernels should be remained blank. Perhaps one-third of the cobs produced yellow kernels. Most of the hard, cylindrical core remained barren.

Dinnertime, we hunched over our Melmac pastel plates.



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County Fair zinnias likely filled a cobalt-blue vase that stood at the table's center. We stripped those few irregular kernels of corn with our teeth. Our chins dripped salt and butter and white milk from the corn, a milk that looks not unlike milk that drips from a mother's breasts. I cut

our potatoes into quarters. I did not peel away the bright red skins. I had read that potato skin had more vitamins than did potato flesh. The potato quarters were dredged in butter (which then was not bad for you) and dusted with chopped parsley.

At about this time, we

heard the news and saw pictures of the spot where this news occurred on the television screen where Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald and where the Beatles arrived in America and sang, on Ed Sullivan's show, "Close your eyes and I'll kiss you / tomorrow I'll miss you." On the fourth

of August, 1964, FBI agents uncovered three decomposed bodies in an earthen dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner were dead. That was the news.

Rebecca knows and I know that I was not a good enough mother. I was a lousy housekeeper. Dishes stood in the sink and drew flies. I did not love her father. He did not love me. I did not know how to love a husband. I could love a red-skinned potato or blighted corn or County Fair zinnias or but-

ter lettuce. Yet, even with vegetables, I screwed up. I hoped. I swore to myself that no matter what was wrong with our lives, no matter what was wrong with me, with my husband, the children's father, no matter the trespass of Adam, no matter that Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner were murdered, I would not let us be driven from our garden.

Two years passed. Someone I had kissed once or twice got blown up in Vietnam. I left Rebecca and Sarah's father, who had written not one

word toward Hegel's Perfectionism. We moved from the rent house. The new tenant stripped the garden back to its sour grasses. Blackberries crept toward the steps. Jack Ruby languished in prison. Goodman's wife and Schwerner's mother flew north. The Beatles prevailed. "I'll kiss you," they sang, "tomorrow I'll miss you."

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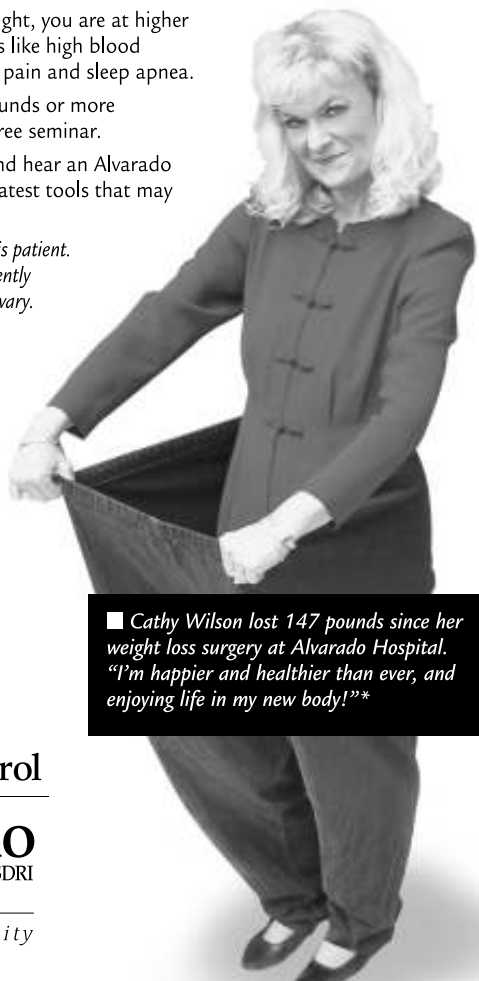
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and those other accoutrements that appear necessary to ward off bad guys and unfortunate events. I recently went to work for a DoD contract firm, and although I feel that, in some remote, absolute sense, all of our efforts to build systems that will protect us from the enemy are ultimately unnecessary, I make allowances for my fears. Like the customers of Total Shield, I take whatever comfort can be had from erecting ever bigger and better shields and walls.

Bernie Guzman
Poway

Gospel Objection

I would like to object to this religious stuff, this "Gospel of John" on page 91 (September 24). Not that I'm anti-religion, but it has no place in your paper. You also shouldn't be promoting one particular religion. If you want to print religious things, then you should put

that of other religions as well.

Paul Student
San Carlos

Enlightened Stars

I am both confused and enlightened after reading Ms. Wise's review of Trattoria Acqua (November 24). Her three-star rating (very good) confuses, given that "my place setting...included a dirty fork" and the "dressed arugula yellowed with age, some of the leaves dark green and starting to liquefy." She also complained that "the waiter brought the bottle... but let it stand unopened and unpoured." She also described what "might have been the evening's best dish had the fish been palatable."

Let's see: dirty utensils; "over-the-hill produce"; "faded fish"; and unskilled service. Three stars — very good. What would it take to get one or two stars?

I am enlightened, however. I will not be dining at that restaurant. For that I give Ms. Wise's review four stars.

John Hinchman
Midway

Desire Mask

Being a film addict, I religiously read Duncan Shepherd's reviews every week. Even when I don't have the time, I take it out of my sleep time. Occasionally I concur but most often disagree with His Royal HighArtness. Does he only give kudos to black-and-white, Hitchcock, or downright boring film?

This letter could have been more timely because I saw *Ray* on opening night, but I've been too busy sleeping since and only just got around to reading what he had to say about it. I had to put fingers to keyboard immediately.

Although my back was hurting towards the end, due to sitting in the same spot for three hours (including previews), I was so riveted I couldn't even take a much needed bathroom break after drinking the overpriced water bought in the lobby.

Jamie Foxx's performance as Ray Charles has a much deserved Oscar written all over it, and I can't help wondering if Duncan's inverted compliments — yet trademark cynicism — is but

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a mask for a desire to be on the other side of, or should I say inside, the film business. I've been wanting to write something along these lines for years, and here I am. Perhaps Duncan should make the quantum leap into either writing, directing, or, dare I suggest, even acting! Off to sleep. Thanks for letting me vent finally.

Helene Davies
via e-mail

Real Mitz

Thank you for your insightful article about the recent school board elections ("We Won!" November 18). Many of us have been aware of Bersin's and developers' designs on school district property. Your article beautifully clarified the old adage "follow the money." However, I would like to clarify a misperception about Mitz Lee. The article stated that husband Jeff Lee "passed the baton" to his wife Mitz after his failed bid for the school board two years ago. This statement couldn't be further from the truth. Mitz Lee has carried the torch for im-

provement in local education for many years. It was she who started the family business, Alliance for Quality Education. It was she who attended government and civic meetings for years, sometimes multiple meetings a day, to build a swell for quality improvements in San Diego education. She was more than the good woman behind the man, she was the whole show. Many of us thought it was a mistake for Jeff to run two years ago — it was Mitz who had the conviction, knowledge, and connections for a successful run. We couldn't understand why Mitz didn't run, except your article seemed to say it all by the denigrating and racist observation that Mitz was derided by some "because she spoke with [a Filipino] accent."

They apparently thought that a Caucasian retired naval officer brought to the ballot a certain credibility that an ethnic wife did not. Two years ago, I cosponsored a Scripps Ranch group of thousands of people opposed to Bersin's handling of school construction and

property issues because they thwarted the letter and spirit of Proposition MM, state and local law. We sponsored Jeff Lee as our candidate until he bumbled issues at crucial public meetings that showed a lack of knowledge of the issues and a chameleon-like nature that would say anything to get votes. We believe that Jeff Lee lost the election in Scripps Ranch. However, the same people who supported, then backed down from support of, the husband two years ago, universally supported the wife. We did not openly campaign for her, but we talked about her and kept the buzz going. Mitz Lee is committed to quality education along the high standards set by the California state framework. She is opposed to experiments that waste money and don't work. Far from having the baton passed to her, she has the skill and attributes of a committed leader who puts children first. She will not be beholden to the monied interests that have driven the school board awry for

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Jan Selberg
Scripps Ranch

I Love John's Writing

When I saw the header "Brizzolara Heals" at the end of the letters (November 18), I thought I would read something about John's long disappearance, brief reappearance, and re-disappearance from your pages. I was hoping it would say he's now healing from another illness.

But, no, instead I saw a letter from a reader who called his writing "healing," among other praise. I agree. I love John's writing. I am awed by the way he totally spills his guts onto the page. He has revealed so many painful truths about his life.

The last few years have been especially painful for John, confronted with multiple severe illnesses, his own and his son's. In his absence, I always wonder whether he's finally gone for good. I pray for his healing.

Toni Michael
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The Audubon Society's volunteer coordinator Terri Foster relies on 300 repeat volunteers for the work. Many more onetime volunteers, especially from schools, provide additional assistance. Twenty to fifty people show up at each cleanup, says Foster.

Now, for the first time, the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge

Complex will allow the Audubon Society to clean mudflats at the Salt

Works in Chula Vista. As an incentive for people to attend the December 4 event, the Society is billing it as a chance to do some bird-watching along with the work. Park ranger Debbie Good will lead the participants, who are advised to bring binoculars. An adult must accompany children 13 and under.

The Salt Works is bad news and good news for the wetlands it has occupied on San Diego Bay for nearly 150 years. According to Jim Peugh, chairman of the Audubon Society's conservation committee, the Salt Works "turned the Otay River estuary, with its fresh, brackish, and saltwater, into a narrow-flowing channel. In the process, it destroyed lots of good places for bird nesting. But the less natural environment is productive, too. It has lots of brine flies and brine shrimp, which many different kinds of birds eat for protein."

During the Salt Works cleanup, volunteers will pull out obvious nonnative plants, leaving the more difficult to recognize for experts. I ask Peugh why it's necessary to remove the nonnative vegetation. He cites the behavior of the least tern, a small shorebird on the federal endangered species list. As soon as least terns see predators, they fly up in great numbers.

"But if a lot of plants taller than the low native ones are growing nearby," says Peugh, "the least terns won't nest there. They need to see a predator approaching. When they do,



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they gang up on it, strafe it, and poop on it. They're very aerobatic. I once saw a gull flying toward a least tern nesting area. It suddenly turned left, went around the spot, and then continued on its way."

Dogs and feral animals in the area used to be a danger to shorebirds before the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex leased the Salt Works from the California Lands Commission. According to the U.S. Fish and Game Service's wildlife biologist Brian Collins, the refuge "acquired use of the property in a trade." Five years ago, Point Loma's former Naval Training Center had a bird-nesting site it wanted to save from the city of San Diego's development plans. The parties involved struck a deal to allow the city to go ahead with development, mitigating environmental damage by allowing the Wildlife Refuge to use the 40 to 50 acres of Salt Works land, explains Collins.

If birders attend the cleanup at the Salt Works, are they likely to be treated to bird sightings they won't get anywhere else? "That would be an

absolute way of putting it," remarks Collins. "But bird-watchers are likely to encounter migrating species rarely seen in these parts." He mentions little blue herons, black skimmers, and even peregrine falcons. Black skimmers have a bill that is red at its base and a lower mandible that is longer than the upper.

"Peregrine falcons do live in San Diego County," says Collins, "but they are so fast and dark that they are hard to spot. Gulls are a little too big for them, but they prey on various other shorebirds, such as black-necked stilts." The black-necked stilt is black over the top of its body and has a white belly. It has a long and thin pointed bill.

The Audubon Society's Peugh thinks birders at the Salt Works may see gull-billed terns, which nest at the Salton Sea, and varieties of grebes — stocky waterfowl that migrate to Alaska in the spring to nest but spend winters in warmer climates. Another Alaskan nester, the long-tailed duck, turns up in San Diego waters in the winter. It is capable of diving almost 200 feet

underwater. And long-tailed ducks are known for an elaborate courtship in which males give out a call that sounds like barking. In the spring, they go back to Alaska in pairs.

Especially interesting in coastal waters is the sight of phalaropes "swimming in little circles," says Peugh. "That causes an updraft in the water, bringing to the surface the plankton the birds eat." Phalaropes are small, weighing no more than a tenth of a pound. Males of the species assume the normal female role of caring for the nest and sitting on eggs.

— Joe Deegan

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Plant and Animal Communities are the destination during introductory hike led by naturalist Laurann Martin on Saturday, December 4, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Hike starts at 9 a.m. Find reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Free. 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, December 4, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, water. Free. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, December 4, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through trees, chapparral in search of birds, 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)

Orienteering Hike focuses on navigational tools. Bring a GPS or compass to San Dieguito River Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, De-

cember 4 for easy hike along Piedras Pintadas Trail. Directions, reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, December 4, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, December 5, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Recruiting sessions on Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeated Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Explore South Bay Salt Works during cleanup in mudflats and non-native vegetation on Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Bring binoculars. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in salt works parking lot, on Bay Boulevard between Palomar and Main Streets. 619-682-7200. (CHULA VISTA)

Shamans and Ancient Astronomy explored during slide show and outing led by Anza-Borrego Institute on Sunday, December 5, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring binocu-



Vintage paper fair at Al Bahr Shrine Auditorium, December 4-5 (see Special)

lars, flashlights; wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes. Meet at visitor center. \$25. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Fire Ecology Walk led by ranger Maureen Abare on Sunday, December 5, 9 a.m., in recently reopened Sycamore Canyon/ Goodan Ranch Open Space Preserve. Hike is 1.5 hours long. Park at staging area found at end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road), then walk one mile to ranch complex. Free. 619-255-0203. (POWAY)

DANCE

Tango Addicts' Milonga every Thursday night, 9 p.m. to mid-

night, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). \$5. 619-970-6620. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Get Your Groove On when hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (3982 30th Street). \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORTH PARK)

Contradance to tunes by Old Twine String Band and calling by Steve Barlow on Friday, December 3, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Shapes and Reflections," MiraCosta's Dance Art Ensemble displays modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, ballroom and world dance in performances Friday through Sunday, December 3-5, at MiraCosta Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815 (OCEANSIDE)

Ho-Asogli, Zadonu African Music and Dance Company take the stage at 8 p.m., Friday, December 3, at SDSU's Smith Recital Hall (5500 Campanile Drive). Expect "a combination of dress, voices, movement, and music." \$12 general. 619-594-7452. (COLLEGE AREA)

Butterworth Dance Company performs modern dance at Exotic Bamboo Nursery Imports and Teas (1475 University Avenue), Saturday, December 4, 6 to 9 p.m. Free. 619-501-5037. (HILLCREST)

Philippine Christmas Traditions experienced through dance in Parol Philippine Lantern Festival, Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m., at St. Rita's Church Auditorium (5115 Churchward Street). \$10. 619-477-3383. (VALENCIA PARK)

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. Caller is Steve Maranto on December 5.

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Create a Sacred Dance with Native American and African drumming, Sunday, December 5, 6 p.m., at 801 Grand Avenue #3 (next to Carmela's). \$20. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Sufi Dancing, Monday, December 6, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

New York Hustle, West Coast Swing, in open dance upstairs at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South), Wednesday, December 8, 7 p.m. \$6. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

A Man Vows to Avenge the death of his friend in *On Guard!* Screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, December 3, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

How Corporations Affect Our Daily Lives explored in *The Corporation*, showing at Norman Senior Center (270 F Street), Friday, December 3, 2 p.m. Donation. 619-482-0061. (CHULA VISTA)

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Rodney the ROQ, Rodney Bingenheimer subject of *Mayor of Sunset Strip*, screening at Central Library (820 E Street), Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

See *A Christmas Carol* when the First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" continues December 6, 6:15 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Ensuing discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

"Film School Confidential: A Showcase of San Diego and Tijuana Filmmakers," short films by students at Museum of Photographic Arts, Wednesday, December 8, 7 p.m. \$10. 619-697-4976. (BALBOA PARK)

"Cinematic Ski and Snowboard Mayhem," describes Warren Miller's *Impact*, showing at La Paloma (471 South Coast Highway 101) Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 9 at 6 and 9 p.m. \$18. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*, *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*, *Forces of Nature*, *Coral Reef Adventure*. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Famous Women in San Diego History: A Multicultural Survey" presented by Kathleen Goldkamp and Linda Sieh for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, December 2, 7 p.m. in H. Lee House (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Advanced Hydroponics" taught on Saturday, December 4, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

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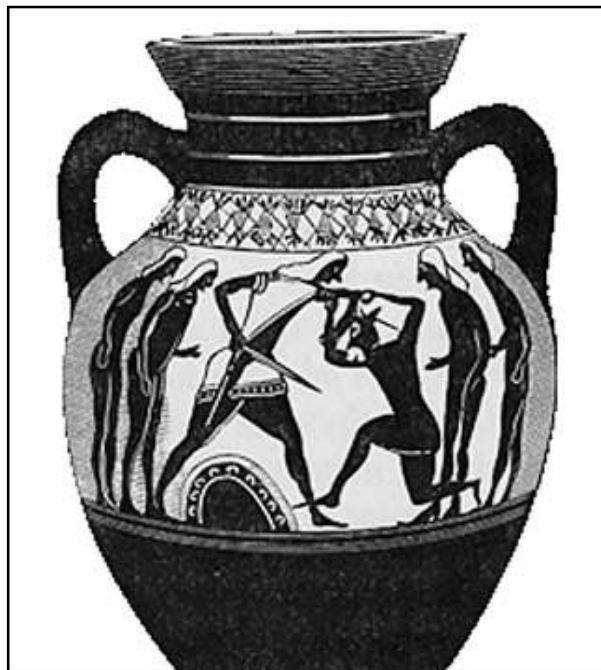
"Meet Your Muslim Neighbor," community gathering explains basics of Islam and its misconceptions, 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, at City Heights Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Botanical Christmas," make a miniature fragrant wreath, blended holiday tea, and learn to bring "freshness of the garden inside for the holidays" during class offered Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$28. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including December 4, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Pastel Painting Techniques demonstrated by Judy Nachazel for Pastel Society of San Diego, Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m., Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 760-789-7131. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Alzheimer's: Beginning to Cope," informational session at Alzheimer's Association (1068 Broadway #207), Tuesday, De-



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Encinitas Photographer Becky Cohen discusses her Le Nôtre Gardens project in France, Tuesday, December 7, 7 p.m., at Gardenology (587 South Coast Highway). 760-753-5500. (ENCINITAS)

How to Read to Children, Kristin Zink leads program, "Making Books Come Alive: Creating Lifelong Readers," Tuesday, December 7, 6 p.m. at Rancho San Diego Library (11555 Via Rancho San Diego). Free. 619-660-5370. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinic Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. Find REI at

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"Nuclear Confrontation Today: Far East, Near East and Mid East," discussed Wednesday, December 8, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

"Indians Cowboys Horses Dogs Tour 2004," Tom Russell performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. Tickets: \$15, \$20. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Music of the Andes performed by Tinku on Thursday, December 2, 7 p.m., for Escondido Library's First Thursday series in Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

The Cotton T-Shirt Tour showcasing Wanda Sykes, presented by Comedy Central Live, Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$27.50 to \$34.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Oh My!" Dick Enberg signs his book and shares his experiences as a sportscaster Thursday, December 2, 2 p.m. at Warwick's (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Christmas Cider Celebrations presented by Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Choir and Chorale on December 2 and 3 in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Inspirational and entertaining music, visit by Santa Claus. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday; 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday. \$5 general, \$2 students, military, seniors. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Carols by Candlelight," concert features Little River Band, BJ Thomas, Kim Carnes, Juice Newton, the Beat Boys, and Buck Howdy, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 at 8 p.m., California Center for the Arts (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$20-\$40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz Concert summons Peter Sprague, Kevyn Lettau, Tripp Sprague, Mark Lessman, John Leftwich and Kelly Jocoy to Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive) for San Diego Academy Music Council fundraiser, Friday, December 3, 7 p.m. \$15 general; \$10 seniors. 760-944-1805. (ENCINITAS)

Rosalie Schwartz discusses her new book, *Flying Down to Rio: Hollywood, Tourists, and Yankee Clippers*, Friday, December 3, 7 p.m. at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"An Evening in December — American Highlights," festive favorites and traditional tunes sung by Gay Men's Chorus at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4, at University Christian Church, 3900 Cleveland Avenue. \$25. 619-275-2787. (HILLCREST)

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La Pastorela Mexicana, this traditional Mexican holiday play adapted by Tijuana playwright Ursula Tania and directed by Marcos Martinez is presented December 3 and 4 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Community production is in Spanish with English supertitles. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Paw-Print Your Copy of *Niik and Bling: The Friendship Begins* when authors Cathy Modica and Laura Van Eyck bring their dogs, Niik and Bling, to Artisans Gallery (224 East Grand Avenue) on Saturday, December 4, noon to 3 p.m. Free. 760-432-8995. (ESCONDIDO)

"Tequila, Lemon, and Salt," signed by author Daniel Reveles, Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m. at L&L Bookstore (3741 Avocado Boulevard). Free. 619-660-8646. (LA MESA)

San Diego Legends Revealed by Jack Scheffler Innis (*San Diego Legends: The Events, People, and Places That Made History*), Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m. at Central Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Men of Worth," folk musicians Donnie Macdonald, James Keigher, and Heloise Love perform in concert at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena), Saturday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Yes, Autographs *Benni Harper's Quilt Album* signed by professional quilter Margaret Hall and author Earlene Fowler, Saturday, December 4, 1:30 p.m. at Mysterious Galaxy (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Suite 302). Free. 858-268-4747. (KEARNY MESA)

"Pegamoose and the Gorgonzola Medusa," Willy Claflin storytelling concert "weaves music and twisted traditional tales," Saturday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center Auditorium (5998 Alacala Park). \$7. 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

"The MythStory of Beauty and the Beast," this new adaptation of classic fairy tale contin-



Willy Claflin at Manchester Executive Conference Center Auditorium, December 4 (see In Person)

ues through December 5 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday December 3 and 4; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 5. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"The Many Moods of Christmas," three concerts of "fresh arrangements of favorite carols," and more performed by 90-voice chancel choir and 50-piece orchestra at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue), Saturday, December 4 at 5 p.m., and Sunday, December 5 at 5 and 7 p.m. Offering. 858-509-2580. (SOLANA BEACH)

Holiday Concert planned by 85-member Coastal Communities Concert Band, Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding

Street). Music in a variety of styles performed. Tickets: \$12 general. 858-481-2087. (CARLSBAD)

Therapist Diana Guest discusses and signs her book, *Where's My Real Life? I Know I Put it Somewhere*, at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street) Sunday, December 5, 1:30 p.m. Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Holiday Concert Featuring Navy Band Southwest comes to San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street), Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m. USO-sponsored event collects new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Free. 619-235-6503. (DOWNTOWN)

"Skipping Christmas," adaptation of the John Grisham novel presented by Carlsbad Playreaders on Monday, December 6, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library

(1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-729-3383. (LA COSTA)

Fusion of Music and Poetry promised during Third Word open mike events, first and third Monday of every month, including December 6, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation. 619-531-9118. (EAST VILLAGE)

Bluegrass to be Heard when Lighthouse appears at San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 7 p.m., Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-726-8380. (ESCONDIDO)

"Dog Parties: 101 to Celebrate With Your Canine," signed by author Arden Moore, Wednesday, December 8, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Fertile Ground, poets, lyricists, spoken word artists, musicians welcome to open mike events every Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). 619-726-0012. (SAN DIEGO)

"No Cats, No Chocolate," Ken Kuhlken and Alan Russell show off

their new book at noon on Wednesday, December 8, SDSU Bookstore (5500 Campanile Drive). Free. 619-594-7528. (COLLEGE AREA)

Foremost Holmes Authority Leslie S. Klinger discusses his critically acclaimed book *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*, Saturday, December 11, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Fourth Annual Hawaiian Music Concert with Makaha Sons is Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m., at Ramada Inn and Conference Center (5550 Kearny Mesa Road). Guests include Hookena, Halaus Halau o Na Alii and Taupou. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. Reservations: 619-426-1953. (LINDA VISTA)

"Jackie Mason Freshly Squeezed" showcases the irascible comedian on Friday, December 17, 7 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: \$27.50 to \$57.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Bah, Humbug! Nonsugary holiday entertainment promised when "Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" hits stage on Friday, December 17, 8 p.m., at California

Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Targets: holiday film classics, family gatherings, Christmas carols, more. Tickets: \$25, \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Idaho Steelheads for ice hockey competitions at 7:05 p.m. on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, and at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 at San Diego Sports Arena. The Alaska Aces arrive for a game at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 9. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Rancho Santa Fe and Del Mar Lunch, join Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for 50-mile ride on Saturday, December 4. Ride begins at 9 a.m. at De Anza Cove parking lot on East Mission Bay Drive). Bring money for lunch. 619-287-1993. (MISSION BAY)

Run or Walk, Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk, Saturday, December 4. Four-mile outing starts 8:30 a.m. at 15th

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Jingle Bell Gift Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Saturday, December 4. Social ride will swing by St. Vincent de Paul to deliver unwrapped toys on the way to the Strand via the Chula Vista Marina. Ride starts at 9 a.m. in front of County Administration building (on Harbor Drive between Ash and Cedar). Bring gift and \$2.75 ferry fare. 858-456-7849. (DOWNTOWN)

"Skate for a Cure Holiday Ice Show," stars former Olympians Eric Millot and Yuri Ovchinnikov among other ice champions, Saturday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. at San Diego Ice Arena (11048 Ice Skate Place). Benefits Children's Hospital. \$35 adults; \$25 12 and under. 858-530-1826, x302. (MIRA MESA)

Kayak Agua Hedionda Lagoon during outing hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m. Families welcome. \$35 fee includes paddling instruction, naturalist guide. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. For those ten and older. (CARLSBAD)

Charge On! San Diego Chargers take on Denver Broncos at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, December 5, Qualcomm Stadium (9449 Friars Road). \$29-\$72. Tickets: 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

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From the east end of Talbot Street at Anchorage Lane, head down the public path that follows the bay shore. Shelter Island, fringed with yachts, lies across the water. It's a peninsula, really — an artificial barrier island built of sand and mud dredged from the bottom of the bay. After about one-half mile, the pathway joins San Antonio Avenue. Follow this residential street for about three blocks, then return to the shore — a sandy intertidal beach flecked with shells — when the pavement runs out. Continue to the end of the beach, then follow Kellogg Street west beyond Rosecrans Street into one of Point Loma's most attractive residential areas.

Two blocks past Rosecrans, turn right on San Fernando Street. Pepper trees lining both sides of the street help conceal several opulent residences. Tall pines and eucalyptus trees reach into the sky, often snagging the cottony morning fog creeping over Point Loma's ridgeline.

A right turn on Owen Street followed by a left turn on San Elijo Street takes you to a T-intersection at Rogers Street. Turn left (west) and walk about 30 feet to find a

Yacht harbor, Shelter Island

narrow, dirt pathway heading north between two homes. After a short passage, you'll reach Armada Terrace. Follow Armada north toward Talbot Street, catching glimpses of the city, the bay, and the yacht basin. Many classic, long-lens photographs of San Diego's downtown skyline have been captured hereabouts. (Be here at the time of sunset, around 4:45 p.m., on December 26, and you'll witness the rising of the full moon over the city.) Continue on Armada Terrace as it starts to descend, and then use Bessemer Street to descend to the bay shore near your starting point.

day. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach; any skill level welcome. \$10 per run (about 15 minutes). Information: 800-699-2466, press pound sign, then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

La Jolla Plunge Bike Tour hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, December 5, noon.

The 3.5-mile ride starts at top of Mount Soledad, includes back streets of La Jolla. Appropriate for all biking abilities; cycling equipment provided. \$40. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Take the Oath to exercise at Southbay New Year's Resolution Run, Friday, December 31. Meet at Southridge Park (corner of

Paseo del Rey and East J Street) at noon to be sworn in by retired judge Roy Cazerres. Free. 619-482-4790. (CHULA VISTA)

Fantasy on Ice, the county's "only outside ice rink" is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, January 17, 2005, at Horton Square (225 Broadway).

\$10. 619-234-1031. Closed Christmas. (DOWNTOWN)

SPECIAL

El Cajon Frontier Holiday, El Cajon Historical Society to hold gift bazaar, bake sale, tours, and meet and greet with board mem-

bers and local authors at Knox House Museum (280 North Magnolia Avenue), Thursday through Saturday, December 2-4, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Escorted tours, \$3. 619-444-3800. (EL CAJON)

"Home Sweet Home," exhibitions of gingerbread houses created by local artists are on view through Monday, December 27, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza; and through Friday, January 14, 2005, in terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Viewing is free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

Looking for Unique Art Objects? The 37th annual student glass, photography, and pottery sale at Palomar College runs December 2-4 next to Howard Brubeck Theatre (1140 West Mission Road). Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. 760-744-1150. (SAN MARCOS)

WinterFest Celebration of the Arts includes tree lighting ceremony along Main Street at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 2; gala at Vista Village Gallery (127 Main Street) from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 3; and parade at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 4, on South Santa Fe and Main Street. Free. 760-726-1122. (VISTA)

2005 U.S. Chess Championships continue through Sunday, December 5, at Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines (10950 North Torrey Pines Road). The top 64 U.S. chess players will compete for championship. Matches begin at 1 p.m. each day. Free for spectators. 619-226-1491 x100. (LA JOLLA)

Old Fashioned Christmas Village offers outdoor market, music, caroling, refreshments, and wagon rides on La Mesa Boulevard (between Date and Fourth), Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4, 6 to 9 p.m. Free. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

Coronado Christmas Open House and Parade begins at 5 p.m., Friday, December 3 when Santa arrives at the Ferry Landing. Parade starts at 6 p.m. at Orange and 8th Streets and ends at Dana Place. Fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. Music and entertainment until 9 p.m. Free. 619-437-8788. (CORONADO)

December Nights, crafts, carolers, music, refreshments, and free admission to museums in park-wide annual celebration, Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4, 5 to 9 p.m. 619-239-0512. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Civil" Government? Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group discusses John Locke's *Of Civil Government*, Friday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Sip in Style, Victorian tea every day from noon until 4 p.m., Friday, December 3 through Friday, December 24 at the Hotel del Coronado (1500 Orange Avenue). \$32 adults; \$17 ages 6-10. 619-522-8490. (CORONADO)

Parsonage Museum Open House, during Light up the Grove holiday bonfire in Civic Center Park, Friday, December 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Pony rides, music, refreshments. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street. Free. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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Capoeira Batizado, celebration embraces dance, games, performances, and history of Afro-Brazilian culture, Saturday, December 4, 4:30 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA (200 Saxony Road). Donation. 760-720-7558. (ENCINITAS)

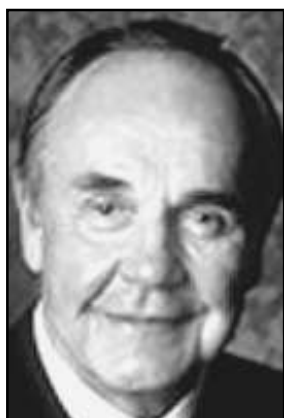
Unusual Books, Crafts, and Jewelry on offer during sale on Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Silent Book Auction, Saturday, December 4 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, December 5, 1 to 3 p.m., in Gowland Meeting Room of Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Winter Show Sale, Carmel Valley Artists host 41st annual winter show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, December 4, at Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens (9675 Scranton Road). Thirty-eight artists exhibit work in variety of media. Free admission. 760-945-6922. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Chili and Ceramics Converge at San Diego Ceramic Connection



Dick Enberg at Warwick's, December 2 (see In Person)

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Encinitas Holiday Parade, route travels South Coast Highway, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 4. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

Fallbrook Christmas Parade, 5 p.m., Saturday, December 4 at Main Street and Ammunition. Free. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

Emily Dickinson's Poetry provides subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m., in third floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Holiday Home Tour sponsored by *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* magazine happens 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday, December 4 and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, December 5.

Tickets: \$20; 858-571-1818. (KENSINGTON)

North Park Lions Club Holiday Parade, big annual parade gets underway at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 4 at University Avenue (at Utah) and finishes at North Park Community Park (Idaho and Howard Street). Free. 619-574-5196. (NORTH PARK)

Ocean Beach Parade and Tree Festival, parade starts at 5:05 p.m., Saturday, December 4 at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue. Festival follows. Free. 619-226-8613. (OCEAN BEACH)

Sacred Sound Concert at Shanti Yoga Center (897 South Coast Highway 101) involves "30 crystal singing bowls, Native American flutes, didgeridoo, and vocals," 8 p.m., Saturday, December 4. \$20. 760-471-7304. (ENCINITAS)

Book Sale at San Carlos branch library, Saturday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wide selection of books available. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

San Marcos Holiday Village, tree-lighting ceremony and festival at Civic Center complex (2 Civic Center Drive), Saturday, December 4, 4 to 9 p.m.; continues Sunday, December 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Underwater Pictures With Scuba Santa, dive to the bottom of the Sport Chalet swimming pool (3695 Midway Drive) where Santa, a lit tree, presents, and chimney await on Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a swimming suit, towel. Two digital photos in exchange for an unwrapped toy for St. Vincent de Paul Home-

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Tea With Poetry, poets Linda Brown and Katie Davis-Steward host Olde English afternoon tea Saturday, December 4, 3 to 5 p.m. at Benjamin Library, 5188 Zion Avenue. Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

Starlight Yule Parade, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, December 4. Craft fair from 3 to 8 p.m. Parade extends north on Third Avenue from H Street to E Street. Free. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Victorian Holiday Tea with scones, tea sandwiches, sweets, and tea, offered by SereniTeas, Saturday, December 4, 1 p.m., at Wood House in Woodland Park (at Rock Springs and Woodland Parkway). \$22. Reservations: 760-742-3482. (SAN MARCOS)

Vintage Paper Fair, with over 40 dealers offering many types of antique paper items including photographs, trading cards, postcards, labels, historical memorabilia, takes place December 4 and 5, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$5 Saturday, free on Sunday. 323-883-1702. (KEARNY MESA)

Amnesty International Walk for Human Rights, 16th annual candlelight walk, Sunday, December 5, 5 p.m. at Oceanside Pier (end of Mission Avenue). This year's theme: "Voices for Journal-

ists; Protecting the Press." Speakers include Pulitzer Prize winner Judith Miller, Geoffrey Nyarota. Free. 760-724-0319. (OCEANSIDE)

Woodcraft Show and Sale hosted by Cut & Dried Hardwood (241 South Cedros Avenue), Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 858-481-0442. (SOLANA BEACH)

La Jolla Celebrates the Season with Holiday Festival Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with crafts, food, and entertainment downtown. Christmas parade at 2 p.m. at Kline and Gerard. Free. 858-454-1444. (LA JOLLA)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Behind-the-Scenes Tours offered at Mission San Luis Rey on a selection of Mondays, including December 6, 1:30 p.m. Tours include buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$6. Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue. 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

Las Posadas and Luminarias, annual candlelit procession re-enacts Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Wednesday, December 8, leaves Heritage Park (2540 Heritage Park Row) at 7 p.m. and ends in Old Town State Park. Free. 858-459-2880. (OLD TOWN)



Skate for the Cure Holiday Ice Show at San Diego Ice Arena, December 4 (see Sports)

"Life Cycles" is a series of quilts created by fiber artist Jill Le Croissette to celebrate her 70th birthday on view through December at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The artist uses metaphor of plant growing from seed to portray decades of her life. Free. 760-602-2049. (LA COSTA)

"The Cat in the Hat for President," this final exhibition marking 100th birthday year of late Theodor Seuss Geisel continuing through Sun-

day, January 2, 2005, focuses on how Dr. Seuss and his creations have become commonplace features of American life and imagination. Find exhibit on main floor of Geisel Library at UCSD. Free. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

The Musical Babes in Toyland is presented by Theatre West Youth Theater December 2-5 at Hearth Theater (San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). The cast features 40 young North County actors. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$5. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Nuts to You, all-children production of *The Nutcracker* is offered by Scripps Performing Arts Centre, December 2-5, in Scripps Ranch High School auditorium (10410 Trenea Street). Enjoy the show at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday; 2 p.m. on Saturday and

Sunday. \$18. 858-586-7834. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"The Night of Las Posadas" is told during pajamarama storytime on Friday, December 3, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). 760-529-0270. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Ant-Sized Adventures offered for preschoolers, Friday, December 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Short hike, storytime, group game, craft. Bring water, snack, wear layers. \$2. Registration required: 619-668-2748. (MISSION GORGE)

Enjoy Holiday Puppet Review during December Nights (Friday and Saturday, December 3-4; 5-9 p.m.) at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater.

Regular schedule resumes Wednesday, December 8 with a Weaver's Tales performance of *Mother Holly* through Sunday, December 12. Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

"Polar Express," the story which inspired the new movie, told Saturday, December 4, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

A Hyena Looks to Belong in *Pinduli*. Meet the author, Janell Cannon, Saturday, December 4, 1 to 4 p.m. at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2897. (CARLSBAD)

Tea, Etiquette, and Dance during workshop on Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$45. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ms. Frizzle Rocks and Rolls!" Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventure to learn more about rocks on Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m. at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$13. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Create Interactive Sound Sculpture, like Steve Roden's *Moon Field*, during family day activities on Sunday, December 5, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Arts workshop included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

A Dog Who Thinks She's a Reindeer? Hear the story of *Olive the Reindeer* during on Tuesday, December 7, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Quail Trail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens for tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six), Tuesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. Meet at Visitor's Center located directly north of parking lot, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

MUSEUMS

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

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such

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Wanda Sykes at Spreckels,
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as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John “L.J.” Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

joy the xerophytic gardens.

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

Computer Museum of America, featured exhibit is “Enigma — A History of Cryptology.” Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). 619-235-8222. (LA MESA)

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the

museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in

China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working

blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The

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

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

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

MIRACLES

Why! who makes much of a miracle?
As to me, I know of nothing else but miracles,
Whether I walk the streets of Manhattan,
Or dart my sight over the roofs of houses toward the sky,
Or wade with naked feet along the beach, just in the edge of the water,
Or stand under trees in the woods,
Or talk by day with any one I love — or sleep in the bed at night with
any one I love,
Or sit at table at dinner with my mother,
Or look at strangers opposite me riding in the car,
Or watch honey-bees busy around the hive, of a summer forenoon,
Or animals feeding in the fields,
Or birds — or the wonderfulness of insects in the air,
Or the wonderfulness of the sun-down — or of stars shining so quiet
and bright,
Or the exquisite, delicate, thin curve of the new moon in spring;
Or whether I go among those I like best, and that like me best — mechanics, boatmen, farmers,
Or among the savans — or to the soiree — or to the opera,
Or stand a long while looking at the movements of machinery,
Or behold children at their sports,

Or the admirable sight of the perfect old man, or the perfect old woman,
Or the sick in hospitals, or the dead carried to burial,
Or my own eyes and figure in the glass;
These, with the rest, one and all, are to me miracles,
The whole referring — yet each distinct, and in its place.

To me, every hour of the light and dark is a miracle,
Every cubic inch of space is a miracle,
Every square yard of the surface of the earth is spread with the same,
Every foot of the interior swarms with the same;
Every spear of grass — the frames, limbs, organs, of men and women,



and all that concerns them,
All these to me are unspeakably perfect miracles.

To me the sea is a continual miracle;
The fishes that swim — the rocks — the motion of the waves — the ships, with men in them,
What stranger miracles are there?

— Walt Whitman

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

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories

from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction

of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

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

"P-51 *Mustang*," celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used

during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Ein-decker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-702-7700. (DOWNTOWN)

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

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Windblown World: The Journals of Jack Kerouac 1947–1954



Douglas Brinkley

Edited and with an introduction by
Douglas Brinkley; Viking Books,
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FROM THE DUST JACKET: Jack Kerouac is best known through the image he put forth in his autobiographical novels. Yet it is only in his private journals, in which he catalogued his innermost feelings, that reveal to us the real Kerouac—his true, honest, deep philosophical self.

Douglas Brinkley

In *Windblown World*, historian Douglas Brinkley has gathered a selection of journal entries from the most pivotal period of Kerouac's intrepid life, beginning in 1947 when he was 25 years old and ending in 1954. Truly a self-portrait of the artist as a young man, these journals show a sensitive soul charting his own progress as a writer and responding to his most important literary forebears, which included Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Spengler, Joyce, Twain, and Thomas Wolfe. Here is Kerouac as a hungry young writer strug-

gling to perfect and finish his first novel, *The Town and the City*, while forging crucial friendships with Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, and Neal Cassady. The journals go on to tell of the events that would eventually be immortalized in *On the Road*, as Kerouac travels through every region of the country and slowly cultivates his idea for a jazz novel. The peripatetic Kerouac's lifelong devotion to mystical Catholicism and his tremendous love of "the essential and everlasting America" abound in these confessional pages, as do his brooding melancholy, his youthful doubts and chronic fears, and his overriding conviction that there would soon be a "great new revolution of the soul."

As Brinkley notes in his introduction, *Windblown World* “offers riveting proof of Kerouac’s deep desire to become a great and enduring American novelist. Brimming with youthful innocence and the coming-of-age struggle to make sense out of a sinful world, these pages reveal an earnest artist trying to discover his authentic voice.”

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

New Orleans Times-Picayune: No American writer suffers a greater gap between the myth and the man than does Jack Kerouac. It is hard to believe, but the writer who made road-tripping an American rite of passage could not even drive a car. He also kept tidy files, was close to his mother, isolated himself from friends in order to work, and died in St. Petersburg, Fla., with a copy of the *National Review* by his side.

One leaves this book with a feeling of how incredibly lonely Kerouac must have been, sequestered with no one but his French-Canadian mother and his overarching ambition. Although infamous for his parties with Allen Ginsberg and William S. Burroughs, Kerouac seems to have spent most of his time out in Queens writing all night, sleeping, waking up, and then writing some more. These breaks from the work to log his day are his equivalent of watercooler chitchat. Only they are with himself.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Douglas Brinkley (no relation to former television news anchor David Brinkley) was born in 1960 in Atlanta, Georgia, and raised in Decatur, Georgia, and in Perrysburg, Ohio, the latter a small town outside Toledo. His parents were schoolteachers; his mother taught English, and his father taught social studies.

Professor Brinkley was eight, he told an interviewer from the *Chicago Tribune*, when he began his first publishing venture. “I made my own encyclopedia of American biography — Johnny Appleseed, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, Charles Lindbergh, my pantheon of favorite heroes.”

Professor Brinkley graduated from Perrysburg High School. His B.A., in history, was awarded by Ohio State University. He received his Ph.D. from Georgetown in 1989. His dissertation, on the post-Truman years of President Truman's secretary of state, became Professor Brinkley's first book: *Dean Acheson: The Cold War Years, 1953-71*.

The professor has taught at various universities, including Hofstra, where his history courses included journeys on the Magic Bus. The bus was a vehicle on which the then-new professor drove his students to sites where history happened.

In 1994 when prolific (and controversial) historian Stephen Ambrose chose to retire from the University of New Orleans, he selected Brinkley as his replacement as director of the university's Eisenhower Center. Professor Brinkley accepted. He has spent the last decade in New Orleans, teaching and writing.

Professor Brinkley is author or editor of almost 40 titles, including the recent *Tour of Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War*. Kerouac's literary executors have given Professor Brinkley exclusive access to Kerouac's papers, among which the journals reside. The professor now is at work on a biography; Kerouac is the biography's subject.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I've been a Kerouac fan since *On the Road* emerged in print (1957). This was the same
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National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. The “Lego City” Lego train exhibit continues through Saturday, January 8, 2005. Exhibit includes full city scene with skyscrapers, bridges, hotels with working elevators, six operating model trains.

"Rail Town," an "O" gauge operating model train exhibit, is on display through December. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia

presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of African Art, collections are represented of all regions of the African continent, covering civilizations of Sarah and Asante empire to Zulu kingdom in south. Find museum at 3066 North Park Way; 619-295-6622. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through October 2005, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in

Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

“Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Flight,” continuing through Sunday, January 2, 2005, is described as “the largest display of significant fossils regarding the origins of birds ever shown outside of the People’s Republic of China.” The fossils on display are from Liaoning Province in northeastern China, rich in fossils dating from more than 120 million years ago. Exhibit includes 34 original fossils, 15 life-sized sculptural restorations of fossils, historical models, over two dozen large photomurals and graphics.

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

view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Amazing Journeys*, *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and

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


Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon

shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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

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

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READING

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year that Arkansas Governor Faubus barred nine black students from entering Little Rock's segregated, all-white Central High School. Nineteen fifty-seven, in the world of books, was the year that *Doktor Zhivago*, which I read, came out, as did Nabokov's *Pnin*, which I did not read. Anthony Powell had a book that year. So did Isaac Bashevis Singer, Ian Fleming, Ayn Rand, and John Cheever. Rand's was *Atlas Shrugged* (which I read) and Cheever's was *The Wapshot Chronicle* (which I read). Almost 50 years have passed; I have reread, among those titles, only Cheever's and Kerouac's.

I said to Professor Brinkley that I thought it a shame that people, generally, were not aware of how well Kerouac writes.

The professor agreed. "I think some people mistakenly think Kerouac just got lucky and wrote *On the Road*, and it's sort of a one-book wonder. But in truth he's got a really fresh, lively, innovative style, and it didn't happen by osmosis, as you can tell in *Windblown World*. He

worked really hard on studying literary classics and religious texts in order to come up with his own voice. You see his first book, *The Town and the City*, being modeled greatly after Thomas Wolfe [1900-1938 — author of *Look Homeward Angel* and *You Can't Go Home Again*].

"There's the innocence and naïveté that's painful at times, of his trying to make it in a very difficult world. He's very sensitive, with enormous empathy for people."

"You could see him in his journals, working his way into the Kerouac voice we know with *On the Road*. In *Windblown World* you see the education of a writer. I think it's a good book

for young people to read.

"You have to realize that your literary heroes, even ones that seem to be of a Bohemian nature, always underneath it have put in a lot of hard work. Sinclair Lewis used to say, 'The first rule of writing is to put the seat of your pants to the seat of the chair.' That's sort of what Kerouac was about, you know; he had these great wild adventures in New York City and across America, but he'd always come back to the writing table."

"And to his mother."

"His mother provided him with a wonderful sanctuary, and he took care of her. It was the deal he made with his father, Leo, on Leo's deathbed, that Jack take care of his mother. Many people in the '60s counterculture — and Kerouac's friends like Burroughs and Ginsberg — used to think there was something wrong with Kerouac, because he always was holed up with his mom somewhere.

"She was a working-class woman who worked all her life with her hands. I don't know what he would have done without her or she would have done without him. It's noble, in a sense, that he took care of his mother and she, of course, provided him



the sanctuary to write. If he was just in bars and hitchhiking across the country all the time, he never could have written his books."

We talked about Kerouac the reader. Professor Brinkley said, "One of the great things that one learns from *Windblown World* is how Kerouac, while he was writing, was always reading — Dostoevsky, Celine, Mark Twain..."

"And Tolstoy."

"Yes, Tolstoy, yes, and then, in the journals that make up *Windblown World*, one sees how he's combining those writers and creating a new vision for himself as a writer."

Kerouac came from a French-Canadian, Roman Catholic background. I said that I didn't think that most people realize what an "essentially old-fashioned Baltimore Catechism Roman Catholic Kerouac was."

"Definitely. Even as a child he was a religious seeker. Catholicism was his early way and gave him much of his early inspiration. Later, Buddhism did. But he never abandoned either one. Once he discovered Buddhism, he incorporated both. He loved Jesus in the New Testament as much as he loved the stories of Buddha. He was somebody asking big questions.

"I think there's clearly this great spiritual essence in Kerouac's writing. You can see it firsthand in the journal entries that make up *Windblown World*. Also, there's the innocence and

naïveté that's painful at times, of his trying to make it in a very difficult world. He's a very sweet personality. He's very sensitive, with enormous empathy for people.

"Ginsberg once said that Kerouac could see a dead bird on the side of the road and break out crying. I guess therapists or psychiatrists might understand where that comes from, but it's very much there. He's very attuned to spirits. He had a great love of animals and the spiritual world in a kind of Native American way."

During the immediate post-World War II period, while Kerouac was writing his first novel, he fantasized about renting, then buying, a farm, where his sister Nin, Nin's husband and children, and Mother Kerouac and Jack could live together. "Kerouac's wish for a farm is more naïve than his hopes for 'having the book,'" I said.

"It is. Particularly because we know he's never going to get that. That's not what's in store. I think the great sadness of Kerouac is that he fights so hard for literary fame, gets to it down the road, and it doesn't make him happy. He's miserable, and that's sad."

"Also, the drinking, which is hinted at in *Windblown World*, increases. He used alcohol as a shield to protect him from the world, and anybody who drinks heavy is headed down a dead-end road; Kerouac was, and he couldn't get off. In his later journals — these that make up *Windblown World* go only up to '54, but I've read all of them, and in the later ones, he's constantly using his journals to beg God to help him get off alcohol."

"It's so sad. He needs AA or something, and instead, he's trying to go cold turkey. He does stop for three days, and he feels good and then he gets drunk, and he can't stop and he's back, begging God to help him get off alcohol. At one point, he's in Florida, writing in his journal, 'God, I like myself when

I'm not drinking, but I hate myself in the drink, and I really hate myself when I wake up and realize what a fool I made of myself.' If he could have gotten off of alcohol, it would have been wonderful for him."

"His self-loathing is there in the journals from which *Windblown World* is made."

"It really is. He can never cut himself slack. He did that with working too. He wrote and wrote and wrote. He used to tell people he was really a hermit and almost a monk."

Professor Brinkley concluded, "It has been great fun getting the privilege of editing and reading these journals and being part of Kerouac's legacy in some small way." About the Kerouac biography on which he's working, he said, "There's a need for it. Honestly. I'm trying to get it published in time for the 50th anniversary of *On the Road*. So I'm trying to bring it out in 2007. That's a full-time job."

I mentioned a line from an early Kerouac journal. "Strike me God, and I'll ring like a bell."

"That's beautiful. You can see what a gifted poet he is. He's a major American writer. Also, his ability to try not to conform to the norm — you know, to go his own path and find his own voice. It's quite admirable. It's hard to do that."

"I love this passage," I said, again quoting Kerouac. "And this is the way a novel gets written. In ignorance, fear, sorrow, madness, and a kind of psychotic happiness that serves as an incubator for the wonders being born."

"And it's pure, those lines," said Professor Brinkley. "That's just coming straight out of him. I consider it 'Kerouac Unplugged,' just straight from his thought to paper. He was just scrawling all this out. I think if somebody mined the book, there would be 10 or 20 classic lines that would belong in *Bartlett's Book of Quotations*." ■

— Judith Moore

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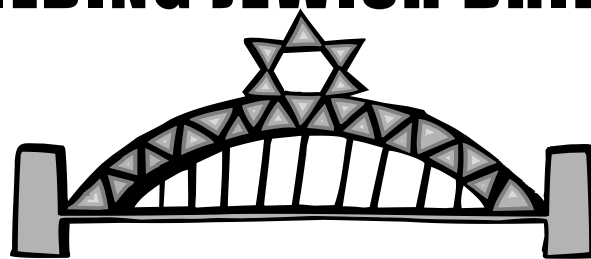
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A Kaleidoscope of Choral Music promised when USD Choral Scholars present concerts on December 2 and 4 in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Program includes premiere of Kirke Mechem's "Birthdays." Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday; at 8 p.m. on Saturday. \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra" Showcased when Wind Ensemble at UCSD takes stage on Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Group is led by Robert Zelickman. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Geisel Library Toy Piano Duo provides mini-concert delights at noon on Monday, December 6, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, December 3. Recorder basics at 6:30 p.m.,

guest conductor Wendel Agne leads the group in Christmas music 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 760-726-8699. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

Youth Philharmonic Orchestra performs works by Verdi, Berlioz, and Strauss as well as the seasonal choice: Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker," Saturday, December 4, 2 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo High School Performing Arts Center (13010 Paseo Lucido). \$5. 858-673-0217. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Handel's "Messiah," complete with 200-voice choir conducted by Keith Pedersen, performed Sunday, December 5, 7 p.m. at Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Before the First Noël: Medieval Christmas Songs and Carols" performed by Liber unUsualis vocal ensemble in concert hosted by San Diego Early Music Society on Sunday,

December 5, 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). \$18. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, December 5, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Christmas Oratorio," Chancel Choir and Masterwork Chorale perform this J.S. Bach classic under the direction of Stanley M. Wicks at First United Methodist Church (2111 Camino del Rio South), Sunday, December 5, 7 p.m. 619-297-4366. Offering. (MISSION VALLEY)

"An Ole Fashioned Christmas at St. Andrew's," carols and anthems, including Handel's "Messiah," can be heard Sunday,

December 5, 4 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street). \$5 donation. 619-688-0803. (LA MESA)

Benjamin Britten's "Saint Nicholas," with tenor soloist Tom Oberjat in the title role, presented Monday, December 6, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). 619-298-7261. Adults: \$15 donation; kids 16 and under: free. (MIDTOWN)

"Seasons Greetings" bestowed via Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs when Westwind Brass performs in concert on Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-237-7892. (BALBOA PARK)

"Christmas Eve and Other Stories" told when Trans-Siberian Orchestra performs on

Wednesday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$32.50-\$40.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

“Groundworks,” student art exhibition at Mesa College Art Gallery (7250 Mesa College Drive, room D104), reception on Thursday, December 2, 5 p.m. Viewing through Tuesday, December 14. 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

“Peace on Earth,” an exhibit of sculpture, paintings, and blown glass opens with reception on Friday, December 3, 6:30 p.m., at Fire-Art Foundry Sculpture Gallery (7914 Ronson Road, suite C). Viewing through Monday, January 10, 2005. 858-571-8528. (KEARNY MESA)

“For the Joy of It,” this juried awards show of watermedia paintings commences with reception on Friday, December 3, 5 p.m., at San Diego Watercolor Society’s Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Linda Doll. Continues through December. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Winifred Meiser, whose art ranges “from photojournalism to sculpture to playwriting,” exhibits her work at Vista Village Gallery (127 Main Street) through January 6, 2005 with receptions Friday, December 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. (as part of

WinterFest), and Friday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Free. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

“Statement 1,” group art show opens with reception on Friday, December 3, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Through Tuesday, December 21. 619-235-6922. (DOWNTOWN)

Faculty Exhibition opens with reception on Saturday, December 4, 5 p.m., in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304). Exhibit closes on Saturday, December 18. (SAN MARCOS)

“Jade from the Past,” over 100 nephrite jade sculptures to be featured at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (328 J Street) through March 2005 with opening reception Saturday, December 4, 1 p.m. Free. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Attic” opens with a reception on Saturday, December 4, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Ed and Jodell Adams exhibit drawings, paintings, etchings, and photomontage. Enjoy show through Sunday, January 2, 2005. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Paintings and Sculptures with reception for five

contributing artists exhibited at CJ Gallery (343 Fourth Avenue) Sunday, December 5, 4 to 7 p.m. Free. 619-595-0048. (DOWNTOWN)

ART MUSEUMS

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, “Cerca Series: Melanie Smith” features recent video and the photography installation *Six Steps to Reality*, made in collaboration with Rafael Ortega. The piece “compares the purely aesthetic object with the process of its making.” Installation is accompanied by series of photographs that “further deconstruct as well as intensify our understanding of the process of art.” Continues through Sunday, January 9, 2005.

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, ideas and influence of minimalist art explored in “Specific Objects: The Minimalist Influence,” closing Sunday, January 30, 2005. The exhibit showcases works from museum’s permanent collection, as well as newly commissioned pieces. Artists represented include

Robert Mangold, Sol LeWitt, Dan Flavin, Agnes Martin, Robert Irwin, others.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, “Jeff Bridges — Pictures” represents 30 years of photographic practice by the compelling actor. The included photographs “act as Bridges’ personal and professional diary, with actors, directors, and crew appearing as equal participants in the task of making movies.” Enjoy these images of “people at work” through Sunday, March 13, 2005.

Andreas Feininger photographed every form, shape, and structure that enthralled him. “Andreas Feininger: Man on the Street” celebrates his “peripatetic love of New York City in the 1940s with 35 photographs,” on view through Sunday, March 6, 2005.

Concurrently, take in “Mariana Yampolsky’s Mexico,” also on exhibit through Sunday, March 6, 2005. Yampolsky began her career as a printer and engraver in Mexico’s Popular Graphic Arts Workshop. Her art is said to blend graphic arts with documentary photography, “revealing what is unique or heartfelt in each” of her subjects.

Find the museum in the Casa

de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, 45 contemporary quilts selected from over 600 entries are included in “Quilt Visions 2004,” a biennial juried international exhibition. Jurors were Lix Axford, Michael W. Monroe, Jane Sauer. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. Continues through Sunday, January 16, 2005. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, “Human Presence: Works from the Museum’s Collection,” this two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. “Part I: The Singular Body” incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. “Part II” brings attention to “physiological reactions to pure form and color” via the “Through the Geometry of Color” exhibit. Experience through July 24, 2005.

“Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia,” showcases “cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds.” Each artist’s work is featured in a separate section while accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6, 2005.

“Tastes in Asian Art” includes “some of the most significant works” in the museum’s collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1, 2005.

“Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art,” focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the “Great Goddess” or the “First Cause of Things” in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13, 2005. Concurrently, there’s a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

Explore aspects of “the Golden Age of Dutch culture” through “rarely exhibited and relatively unknown medium of domestic tiles” in “Seventeenth-Century Dutch Tiles from the Museum’s Collection,” on view through Sunday, January 9, 2005. Show focuses on history of tile making, its use, pictorial sources.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, “Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance,” on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, 2005, showcases the artist’s three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser’s 16th-century epic poem “The Faerie Queen.” The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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IMAGE: Cao Fei, *Game Series: Wine Vessels Floating in the Meandering River* (detail), chromogenic print, 2000. Courtesy of the artist.



Cow Punchers

"I can't control my love of the grape, but I can control you."

The title of David and Amy Sedaris's comedy, *The Book of Liz*, could refer to a lost book of the Bible or a Hollywood dish-all. But it's actually the story of Sister Elizabeth Dunderstock. She's part of a strict religious sect in rural Pennsylvania, the Squeamish, and is famous for her colony's sole source of revenue: cheese balls. Whether traditional or smoky, the softball-sized blends of herbs and cheese have that special something. Visitors make pilgrimages from so far away you'd swear they were either addicted or craving a religious experience.

Not everyone at Cluster Haven appreciates the humble Sister's efforts, however. And let's face it: some people have a real problem with "round food."

The arrival of Brother Nathaniel Brightbee changes everything. He's so sanctimonious that if someone says "gosh darn it," he recoils in horror. Impressed by his piety, Reverend Tollhouse, leader of the Squeamish, gives Brightbee the cooking chores (they're just cheese balls, after all; what's the big whup?), and banishes Sister Elizabeth to harvesting chives. But, she says in a diminutive voice that sounds like radical assertion at Cluster Haven, "I don't have the temperament for chiving."

Like Alice and the Looking Glass, the Sister leaves the Squeamish and — "holy gouda scoops!" — enters the real world. She meets

Mr. Peanut, moves in with undocumented Ukrainian immigrants who speak with Cockney accents (their teacher on the boat...it's a long story), and lands a waitress job at Plymouth Crock, a Pilgrim-theme restaurant where they serve "I hate the English" muffins, and where most employees are recovering alcoholics.

One of whom, asked the subtext of a 12-step statement, replies: "I can't control my love of the grape, but I can control you."

Since she's already dressed like a Pilgrim, Sister Elizabeth fits right in (which suggests that she might have entered a parallel universe). Now called Liz, she learns her lessons and returns to Cluster Haven eager to "go to the place that never changes and change it." She also discovers the secret ingredient that made her cheese balls so special. Along the way the Sedaris siblings poke uninhibited fun at cows both sacred and profane.

Over the years, local theaters have sought various ways to celebrate the holidays. The movement has gone from traditional, to non-, and, lately, to alternative offerings. Cygnet Theatre's *Book of Liz* continues this trend. It has nothing to do with Santa, Scrooge, or red-nosed reindeer. Instead, it's a lighthearted, undemanding, and always funny show for anyone on the lam from rampant Yuletization. Time spent with the "Talent Family," as they call themselves — or the "Sedarii," as others do — is time well spent.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Melissa Fernandes, Michael Grant Hall, Annie Hinton, David McBean in *The Book of Liz*

The Book of Liz, by David and Amy Sedaris

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Melissa Fernandes, Michael Grant Hall, Annie Hinton, David McBean; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Shelly Williams; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, M. Scott Grabau

Playing through December 23; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-337-1525.

Jesus Hopped the A Train, by Stephen Adly Guirgis

Lynx Performance Theatre, 2653-R Ariane Drive (rear entrance), Morena Boulevard, Bay Park

Directed by Al Germani; cast: Jeremiah Maestas, Mark Broadnax, Denton Davis, De Anna Driscoll, Bill Kehayias, Gerald Maxwell; set and lighting, Germani

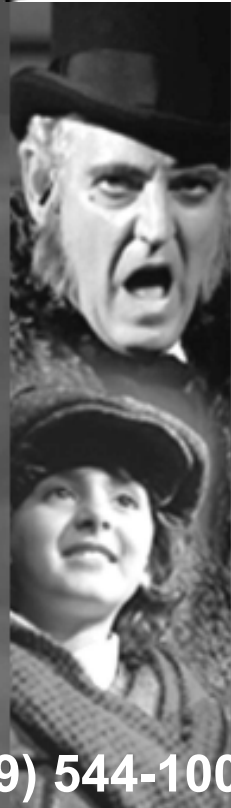
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In the show, which unfolds like an extended skit, four actors play 13 characters. On opening night some specific roles could have been sharper, more differentiated, and more Sedaris. In broad comic acting there's the top, there's over-the-top, then there's Amy Sedaris. Her style's so stretched it's as if she's performing not for you, but for an audience football fields away. Compared to her, Jim Carrey's a piker. The performances that worked best ventured into this uncharted terrain: especially David McBean. Whether he's the unctious Brightbee or a *très* disgruntled waiter, McBean makes bold, consistently hilarious choices.

Annie Hinton takes the other side as Sister Liz. She's a soft-spoken innocent. Hinton's so good at subtlety that, although she gets laughs, Liz seems not only out of place at the restaurant, but at times in the comedy's style.

Sean Murray's direction leans toward un-cartooning the characters and finding their humanity. This is a noble choice 99 times out of 100. But the Sedarii create cartoons. They stereotype. They relish offending. Yet somewhere in their writing lurks a secret ingredient, like the one for Liz's cheese balls, that sends up the act of offending as well. The Cygnet production is definitely worth seeing. But it could improve if it abandoned its quest for the secret ingredient and went on the offensive.

Theories abound about specific seasons for specific kinds of theater. Tragedy, one claims, doesn't play in the summer (which is odd: except for three of Shakespeare's four, most tragedies take place under a blazing Mediterranean sun). Another theory holds that grim, realistic drama isn't Christmas fare. Could be. But if you're on the lookout for one, head to the north end of Morena Boulevard, turn right on Ariane and look for signs leading to the new Lynx Performance theater space.

Angel Cruz found a unique way to deprogram his friend Joey. He'd shoot Reverend Kim — Joey's cult guru who claims to be the son of God — "in the ass." Teach both a lesson. Complications arise from surgery, however. The reverend dies, and now Angel finds himself at Rikers Island, where he spends his one hour of daylight in a cage on the prison roof, next to Lucius Jenkins, the famous "Black Plague" serial killer who has since found God and tries to program Angel with religion.

Ironies fly fast and heavy in Stephen Adly Guirgis's *Jesus Hopped the A Train*. Blessings blend into curses. And forget copping to plea bargains, his public defender wants to get Angel acquitted. The odds are

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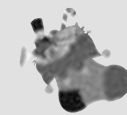
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At Lynx Performance's intimate new space, darkness surrounds the actors and the audience. Illumination is often hand-held, by lamps and flashlights. Shadows predominate. And pain. Although the supporting cast does mostly one-note work, the leads forge intense, sustained efforts: DeAnna Driscoll as justice-hungering Mary Jane, Max Broadnax as Lucius the psychopathic sinner who talks like a saint, and Jeremiah Maestas as Angel, who moves at the speed of sound, but is only spinning his wheels. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

All My Sons

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Arthur Miller's drama about a small-town manufacturer's secret. Raimondo Genna directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, LA JOLLA, THROUGH DECEMBER 5; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 858-534-4575.

Bay and the Spectacles of Doom

The La Jolla Playhouse presents a staged reading of a new comedy by Julia Cho. Robert Castro directed. A discussion with the playwright follows the reading. JOAN AND IRWIN JACOBS CENTER FOR LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, UCSD, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 6:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

The Book of Liz

Reviewed this issue. CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

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A Christmas Carol

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90 minute version. Steve Gunderson contributed original music. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, THROUGH DECEMBER 26; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

A Christmas Carol

Kinney Productions presents Charles Dickens' tale of a hard-hearted old coot who changes his

ways in the nick of time. Don Winslow adapted and directed. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: PERFORMANCES FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT 7:30 P.M., SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, AT 2:00 P.M., AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 7:30 P.M. ARE FUNDRAISERS FOR JULIAN PATHWAYS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION HELPING FAMILIES COPE WITH CEDAR FIRE LOSSES.)

A Christmas Carol

The La Jolla Stage Company presents the Dickens classic about the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, curmudgeon extraordinaire. LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY AT THE FIREHOUSE, 7877 HERSCHEL AVENUE, LA JOLLA, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-459-7773.

Constant Star

The Laguna Playhouse stages Tazewell Thompson's musical tribute to Ida B. Wells, a fearless turn-of-the-century civil rights activist who organized the first anti-lynching campaign in America. Thompson directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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Empty Places

6th@ Penn hosts a staged reading of this comedy about a disillusioned young man who falls in love with "the desolate beauty of Eastern Wyoming" rather than with his chosen profession, the law. Admission is free (though donations are appreciated).

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 2:00 P.M., AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Fit to Be Tied

Jill Drexler did one of 2004's finest performances as youth-addicted Toby in *The Gingerbread Lady*. Now she's flooring audiences as Nessa, the mother from hell with a heart of gold — and a mind "like mashed potatoes" — in Nicky Silver's 1997 Christmas comedy. Her loose cannon behavior recalls a line from Ednah Aiken's novel, *The River*: "she kept on good terms with herself by ignoring self-confidences." And boundaries? Nessa don't have to show you no stinkin' boundaries! The play also crosses them. Arloc, Nessa's super-rich, bleakly lonesome son, would rather open up than open the envelope from the hospital with test results. Next thing you know, a narcoleptic

angel's in his closet. It's only Bob, from a Radio City revue, but he's like a visitation for mother and son. Nicky Silver has yet to write a second act as good as his firsts, but under Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's expert direction, on David Weiner's spare, elegant set, actors Joey Landwehr (Arloc), Brennan Taylor (Boyd), and George Soete (Carl) give it a good go. And Drexler shines.

Worth a try.

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Grassroots Greeks: Ajax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To acquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Next reading: *The Trojan Women*.

Worth a try.

EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 11; MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-235-6125.

Greetings

Scripps Ranch Theatre stages Tom Dudzick's holiday comedy ("it's Christmas Eve and all is not well"). Jim Caputo directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

Hecuba

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A Christmas Carol

ripides' tragedy begins after the Greeks have routed Troy. Hecuba, its queen, and the women of Troy wait on a Thracian shore, to become Greek slaves. Hecuba has lost everything — husband, children, home, crown — yet her anguish has just begun. The murder of a son and sacrifice of a daughter prompt a controversial revenge against her host. Is she justified, or merely perpetuating war by other means? Marianne McDonald's fierce new translation brims with contemporary relevance and complicates easy side-taking: each makes persuasive points. Though the male actors could be more martial (they just whipped the "barbaric" Trojans, after all), the 6th@Penn production ranks among its finest. Director Esther Emery has a keen ear and a poetic eye — and merits more assignments soon. Along with an appealing, all-white set (Nick Fouch), the production boasts an ethereal performance by Charlene Penner as the ghost of Hecuba's son, Polydorus. Her expressive eyes and lithe, Butoh-inspired movements tell the saddest of tales. Robin

Christ's excellent Hecuba becomes so torn you'll fear for the actor's health when Hecuba, who outlives all her children, cracks into shards of pain. Then must crack again. **Critic's pick.**

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

How The Grinch Stole Christmas

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I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

One of the longest-running shows in Off-Broadway history, *Perfect* covers the zodiac of relationships, starting with a first date ("Will I be

a date from hell?"), through the singles scene ("Single Man Drought"), to marriage, children, even a funeral. Along the way a San Quentin con scares a timid couple into taking the Big Step ("You gotta compromise a little, you dickheads!"), and Rose Ritz tells the truth for her dating service videotape. Theatre in Old Town's engaging production features a four-person cast. They 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 Charger T-shirts — 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, THROUGH JANUARY 2; 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.

Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

Jersey Boys

This wonderful new musical isn't just a nostalgic greatest hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons event. It tells the stories behind the songs, many of which the group would rather forget. In the process, it explores parallel dreams: the mythical "American" one; and the nightmare that comes with an overnight fame only Dr. Faustus could conjure. Under Des McAnuff's superb direction, *Jersey Boys* unfolds cinematically, with nary a wasted frame. Almost always there's at least one live musician on the minimalist stage, making the piece a moveable concert where music's made in every conceivable

mode. And most astonishing of all, the four performers cast as the singers are so talented they could hit the road, right now, and land high-paying gigs. They could, but they're headed to Broadway instead. If each were a separate "season," Christian Hoff's tough-talking Tommy DiVito would be winter. Daniel Reichard's gentle Bob Gaudio would be summer (especially when we learn that "Oh What a Night" commemorates his first sex). J. Robert Spencer's Nick Massi would be autumn, and Frankie Valli would be spring, since his voice explodes with the freshness of something brand new. David Norona plays Valli so well that on opening night, when he sang "My Eyes Adored You," in the audience the real Valli sprang to his feet, pounding his hands and, so it seemed to the crowd who soon stood with him, passing the torch. (Note: The La Jolla Playhouse has twice extended the run of this production.)

Critic's pick.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH JANUARY 2; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

Jesus Hopped the A Train

Reviewed this issue. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH DECEMBER 12; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

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Kimberly Akimbo

One of 2004's best productions is back! Delicia Turner Sonnenberg's Moxie Theatre is restaging a show that could have run for months. Kimberly's "akimbo" because she's aging 4 1/2 times faster than "normal." She's 16 going on 78. People with her progeria-like condition die around 16. But then again, David Lindsey-Abaire's crazy-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it

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How The Grinch Stole Christmas

merely an antiquated concept? In Sonnenberg's treatment, the characters drive the play, propelled by rampant denial (what goes unsaid about Kimberly's condition lurks beneath every line). The director lets the jokes, and they are legion, fall wherever. She emphasizes an akimbo family that, the playwright would argue, is the family of man. Everyone in the terrific cast combines the human with the gonzo: Matt Scott's juiced Buddy; Liv Kellgren's tough Debra (who steals a mailbox); Jason Connors poor, bedraggled Jeff — is his life an internship to become the next Job? Linda Castro gives an honest, moving performance as Kimberly. Living on fast forward, she's both younger and older than the rest. As Kim's narcissistic mother, Patie, Jo Anne Glover's a "Jersey Girl" writ large, especially when shouting "Come back! I'll be normal now. I'll show you I can do it!"

Critic's Pick

MOXIE PRODUCTIONS, LYCEUM STAGE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Lamb's Festival of Christmas: Northern Lights

This year, Lamb's Players' popular holiday show is set in 1962. Three generations of Baxters change the location of their Christmas celebration. Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH DECEMBER 26; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. (NO PERFORMANCE CHRISTMAS DAY.) 619-437-0600.

The Last Five Years

Take *I Do! I Do!*. Add a smidgen of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*. Blend

them into a commercial, "I can relate" mix, and you have composer Jason Robert Brown's "relationship" musical, based on his own experiences. Actually, it's got moments that spark. When they meet, Jamie's an aspiring novelist; Cathy's an aspiring actor. They fall in love (she's his "Shiksa Goddess"), marry, and break-up. The musical's twist, which at times works against itself: Jamie's story goes from past to present; Cathy's moves backwards from now to then — he darkens, in other words, as she brightens. At the North Coast Rep, director Peter Ellenstein has cast two talented, engaging performers, Jeremiah Lorenz and Erin Cronican, but I don't think I caught them on their best night. Both sang a bit strained, as if they had just done a matinee (this show's killer vocal demands, just about every song a highwire act, rival those of *I Do*; also, though solid, the back-up band almost drowned them out). Lorenz makes the most of Jamie, by far the hipper of the two (in fact, Cathy's so bland and whiney, you wish Brown's ex-wife had written her part). Cronican has a show-stopper, though. In "Climbing Uphill," Cathy does an audition and tells what it feels like as well; the combination feels like a divorce inside a marriage.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH JANUARY 2, WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Late-Night Catechism

The Laguna Playhouse has extended the run of this popular show several times. It's an "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 in Catholic doctrine. But the sister's authoritarianism takes it to unforeseen places (you can hear cries of recognition from the audience, especially when sister brings out a hard ruler and taps her palm). The results, the two times I've seen the show: (a) an evening of almost nonstop 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 this show's run several times.)

Worth a try.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH DECEMBER 16; MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 949-497-2787.

Late-Nite Catechism

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the popular comedy-lecture, in which Sister explains it all, then makes sure you get it.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE PLAZA, LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, THROUGH DECEMBER 28; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Little Shop of Horrors

Broadway*San Diego hosts a touring production of the Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's musical about a carnivore from outer space for whom people are "plant food." Jerry Zaks directed.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 202 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, THROUGH DECEMBER 12; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise.



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Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Othello

San Diego State University School of Theatre presents a new staging of Shakespeare’s tragedy, “a wild multimedia tour into the human psyche.” Peter Cirino directed. DON POWELL THEATRE, SDSU, THROUGH DECEMBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile

OnStage Playhouse stages Steve Martin’s “theatrical mischief” at a Parisian bistro. Bob Christiansen directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH DECEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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



Jersey Boys

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.**

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822-B EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE “FAMILY” SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. (“RATED PG-13”). 619-465-7469.

The Santaland Diaries

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Tenth Annual Welk Musical Christmas

The Welk Resort Theatre presents a new musical revue for its holiday show, including segments about Hollywood, Charles Dickens, and “Cathedral.” Cheryl Baxter directed and choreographed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AND TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*.

There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Vagina Monologues

Cal State San Marcos’ Women’s Studies Program presents Eve Ensler’s celebration of female sexuality. ARTS BUILDING 240, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS, 333 SOUTH TWIN OAKS VALLEY ROAD, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, THROUGH DECEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 518-225-3546.

The Wizard of Oz

Coronado Playhouse stages the musicalized version of the classic tale by L. Frank Baum (who lived in Coronado and wrote several Oz stories there). D. Larry Steckling directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), CORONADO FERRY LANDING, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

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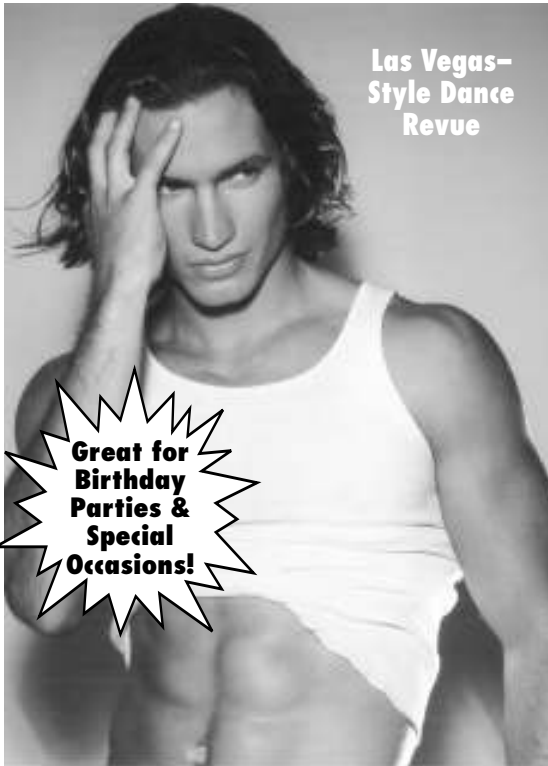
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13th album in January. He'd been on twice before. "Being on *The Lounge* was a significant part of what you do locally when you try to get your music out."

Page, Cindy Lee Berryhill, A.J. Croce, and Anoushka Shankar were some of the A-list local musicians who have participated in words-and-

Myrland said *The Lounge* producer Angela Carone and engineer Nathan Gibbs will still be employed with KPBS.



KPBS SURPRISES SUTRO

Host Dirk Sutro was the only fulltime employee to lose a job over the show's cancellation.

The Lounge began in 1999 with host Adolfo Guzman-Lopez. Sutro became host in 2000. Sutro was an editor of *San Diego Home/Garden* magazine from 1983 to 1990. He wrote about jazz and architecture for the now-defunct San Diego edition of the *Los Angeles Times* from 1988 to 1992. He has published three books, including *Jazz For Dummies*.

Contacted at home, Sutro said he had no comment

about the end of *The Lounge* or his future plans.

A BBC-produced world news program, *The World Today*, now fills the 6 to 7 p.m. slot weekdays.

—Ken Leighton

Leon Hendrix (Jimi's brother) and Buddy Miles, the original drummer for the Jimi Hendrix Experience, jammed at the La Jolla Hard Rock on November 20th. They were joined onstage by the guitarist from the Buddy Miles Express, Marlo Henderson, and Jimi Hendrix's cousin Ricky.

Leon recently lost his lawsuit contesting the distribution of his brother's and father's assets, which did not include Leon in the division of the multimillion-dollar estate; the estate includes valuable music rights, royalties, and merchandise income.

Jimi Hendrix died in September 1970 after choking on his own vomit while intoxicated, and he left no will.

The Hendrix estate was inherited by Jimi's and Leon's father Al Hendrix, who himself died in April 2002.

Leon, 56, insists he and his children were unfairly written out of a revision of Al Hendrix's will in 1998. He claims that his stepsister, Janie Hendrix, influenced an infirm Al Hendrix to write Leon out of the will. (Leon did get something from his father's will: one gold record.) Janie, the adopted daughter of Al Hendrix, was eight when Hendrix died, and currently



JIMI'S BRO LEON GIGS AFTER LOSING SUIT

runs the company that is in charge of the estate, "Experience Hendrix."

Janie, now 43, was adopted in 1968 when Al married her mother, June

Jinka. Al had divorced Jimi's and Leon's mother Lucille in the late 1950s. She died a few years later.

—Steve Covault

"We booked seven shows before noon," said Steve Redfearn about his first day with new hire John Wojas.

Redfearn, president of Viejas Entertainment, said his concert company has left the reservation and is now based in a La Mesa high-rise. With addition of talent buyer Wojas last week (who left House of Blues Concerts San Diego), Redfearn says he has a ten-person team ready to promote concerts at Viejas, as well as 4th & B, Symphony Hall, Soma, and five other Indian casinos around the country: Cable Mountain in Fresno, Spirit Mountain in Oregon, Desert Diamond in Tucson, Oneida in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Potowotami in Milwaukee.

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KPBS (89.5 FM) and featured in-studio guests who talked about music, poetry, performance art, film, and architecture.

The last edition of *The Lounge* was November 16. KPBS general manager Doug Myrland said Sutro did not know about the cancellation in advance, and therefore, did not get to say goodbye to his listeners.

Local singer/songwriter Gregory Page said he was counting on the show to help announce the release of his

music interviews on *The Lounge*.

Myrland said station resources previously used for *The Lounge* would be used to help make the morning show *These Days* "a denser show. We want to start bringing arts and culture stories to *These Days*." *These Days* historically has handled politics, local issues, and author interviews, and airs 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. weekdays on KPBS. KPBS program director John Decker said, "We are in the process of reinventing *These Days*."

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Sports Arena.”

Redfearn named Wojas as senior vice president of talent for Viejas Entertainment last week. Wojas first started working in publicity with Bill Silva Presents in 1990. Bill Silva Presents was swallowed by Universal Concerts, which in turn was taken over by House of Blues Concerts. Wojas stayed with each company and remained in San Diego.

Viejas hired House of Blues Concerts five years ago to get talent for Viejas' Concerts in the Park series. Last summer Wojas and House of Blues brought 25 headliners to the Concerts in the Park series including Seal, Counting Crows, and Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

Now that Wojas has left House of Blues Concerts to join Viejas Entertainment, the Viejas Casino has severed ties with House of Blues.

“We are now self-contained,” said Redfearn.

Viejas Entertainment first tried off-reservation concerts last summer when it launched its Bayside Concert series at

Embarcadero South, presenting six concerts including Don Henley, John Fogerty, and Harry Connick Jr.

A request for comment from David Swift, general manager of House of Blues Concerts San Diego, was not answered.

When asked if he knew when the San Diego House of Blues might open, Wojas said, “I heard April or May.”

One potential competitor thinks the new company will have an advantage due to its access to casino gambling money. “They have deep pockets,” said this promoter.

“Our budget has nothing to do with the casino budget,” said Redfearn. “Any concert we book offsite is supposed to make money.”

House of Blues Concerts maintains offices at the Coors Amphitheater (which it books), but the House of Blues corporation is headquartered in Los Angeles. Besides Viejas Entertainment, the only other locally based concert promoters who regularly promote nationally touring artists are Harlan Schiffman, owner of Finline Entertainment, and Tim Mays, owner of the Casbah.

—Ken Leighton

The World Beat Center

was burglarized on the morning of November 14, according to police report #04-070392.

“I was flagged down by

citizens who reported a transient-looking male smashing into a building near the La Raza Museum,” stated SDPD Officer Adams, who filed details of the incident. “Officer Coyle and Grube arrived and [we] found the entrance doors to the World Beat Center had been smashed....

There were three large panes of glass shattered and on the ground. There were several rocks and shattered beer bottles.”

Adams noticed a transient male who was seated on the nearby curb. “The suspect seemed to be watching us with great interest. He was also talking to himself.... He had documents identifying himself as Wade Monks. I ran him on my police computer and learned there was an active warrant for him in Nevada for property damage.”

According to the report, Adams noticed a large map of Africa on top of Monks's shopping cart. Adams asked Monks where he got the map, and Monks said, “The trashcan.”

Adams photographed Monks and “retained the large map as evidence. I felt it was inconceivable that a valuable map would be thrown in a trashcan. I also felt Monks was

lying to me.”

Adams attention was drawn back to the World Beat Center because the other



NEWLY REPAIRED WORLD BEAT CENTER

officers and the K-9 Unit reported hearing voices in the building. The officers soon discovered, however, that the “voices” were several parrots that were talking back to the police radio sounds.

Monks was gone when Adams went back to find him. “I request that a warrant be issued for Monks,” Adams concludes in his report.

Damage to the World Beat Center is estimated to be \$3400.

—Michael Hemmingson

Those Dang Robinsons,

a six-person band from southeast San Diego, includes five brothers — all sons of Pastor Archie Robinson, Sr., who has led the congregation at the Newbirth Christian Fellowship for seven years. There's John, 27 (bass); Robert, 21 (keyboards, vocals); Jeremy, 24 (guitar,

vocals); Stace, 26 (vocals); and Archie, 27 (drummer). The sixth, dancer/percussion player Shampoo, 23, grew up with the brothers.

While they have performed in their father's church, Newbirth Christian Fellowship on Home Avenue, they recognize, says Archie, that “there's tons of people who are offended by Christians.... There are people who don't want to listen to quote-unquote Christian music because of the problems of organized religion.... It turns off a lot of people.”

As for their church performance, “Our father turned the service over to us,” says Archie. “My brother Stace and Shampoo come out

with a SpongeBob tie, cut-off sleeves, tank top, and shorts. They [the congregation] were expecting us to be like our dad, with your eyes closed and holding your hands up unto the Lord. Instead we were talking about [bulimic] girls hanging over toilets trying to impress the little boys while the little boys are watching pornos, not even knowing the meaning of love. We address issues that aren't being addressed in church. A

lot of Christianity wants to concentrate about the higher part of faith and let God handle the rest. We want to address the rest.”

Archie admits that “women issues” provide inspiration for their songs. “We have a father who was a minister, but we are also from a broken home. For four generations, no one on my dad's side has ever had a successful marriage. And they all have been pastors.”

Each morning most of the Robinsons work out at the Lord's Gym on Market Street.



THOSE DANG ROBINSONS TACKLE SOCIAL ISSUES

That's where they met veteran reggae singer Elijah Emanuel. That meeting led to the band playing at Winstons and then at its sister club, Blind Melons.

“They noticed there were 150 more black people in PB that night,” Archie jokes. They have become regulars at both clubs, and now divide their live shows between churches and bars.

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appear Saturday at Victory Outreach in Logan Heights and December 18 at Horizon Christian Fellowship in Clairemont. Both shows begin at 6 p. m., have a \$10 admission charge, and are open to all ages. Those Dang Robinsons also appear December 29 at Winstons in Ocean Beach, 21 and up.

—Ken Leighton

A few months ago, DJ Jesse Henderson was walking down J Street in the Gaslamp when he was jumped by three sailors. "There were these two guys hanging around a parked car," Jesse said, "and one of them was like, 'Yo, watcha got on my 40?'"

"What did that mean?"

"They wanted money for a 40-ounce beer. I told them I was broke."

A third guy, a big fellow according to Henderson, emerged from the parked car, and the three attacked him. "They beat me up; they broke my glasses." A witness came to Jesse's aid and took down the license plate number of the bad guys. The police located

them and discovered they were enlisted in the Navy. "They told the cops I started it," said Henderson.

The matter is in the criminal system now and being tried in San Diego Superior Court; the suspects are charged with felony assault and attempted strong-arm robbery.

"I just testified in the preliminary hearing, waiting to see what happens next. Once that is over, I will retain counsel for my civil suit to recover damages. That's always fun."

When asked how he



DJ JESSE SPINS VINYL AND PERUSES THE LAW

would recover monetary damages if his attackers were shipped out on a tour of duty, he said, "I can always garner their wages."

Henderson, a 26-year-old Cuban-American classical pianist, is no stranger to the world of litigation; he moved

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: CASBAH



to San Diego from South Florida to attend the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where he is focusing on intellectual property issues.

Henderson is often spotted spinning the vinyl at the Roseary Room.

—Michael Hemmingson

Two-man band Across The Room began recording their second CD November 22, and they didn't have to go further than across the hall to do so. Steven Cox and Enrique Platas plan on recording their entire new CD in a spare bedroom of Cox's Mission Beach home.

The duo estimates their costs will be about 15 percent of the studio fees they paid in 2003 for their self-titled debut. "That was \$100 an hour. We already have our own

instruments, amps, and a computer, so the only cost was going to eBay and buying some professional recording software and mics."

Platas (whose brother Fernando won the silver medal in the men's springboard competition for Mexico at the 2000 Sydney Olympics) says, "Half the fun will be training our ears to get the sound we are looking for."

In September, a visitor poll at *GarageBand.com* ranked Across The Room's song "Take That Road" at number 26 out of 1184 (on September 27) in the category "Best Drums - Rock/Pop." The band will be performing today on KKSM AM 1320 radio at 5 p.m., and December 4 at Cafe Crema in Pacific Beach (a free, all-ages show).

—Jay Allen Sanford

When Everclear plays 4th & B tomorrow, their contract rider requires the venue to stock and cater the band's tour bus (by 2 p.m. on day of show) as well their backstage dressing rooms. Necessary provisions include one liter of sweetened Soya milk, a quart of Tropicana orange juice ("not from concentrate"), one box NutriGrain cereal ("no sugar"), one bag Tostitos tortilla chips ("with fat!"), trays featuring deli meats, fruit, and veggies as well as "assorted bite size [sic] candies, e.g., Snickers, 3 Musketeers, and Cadbury." The separate crew bus must also be outfitted with 12 quarts of assorted Gatorade, a quart of grapefruit juice, Tostitos, and "one small jar medium hot salsa."

The band's dressing room

is to be stocked with 48 bottles of non-carbonated "good spring water" ("half [of them] room temperature"), three bottles Perrier mineral water, a "complete setup for coffee and tea at all times," a bag of Doritos Nacho Cheese, and 48 Gatorade bottles ("lemon ice, orange, lemon lime, fruit punch only"). "Very important" is the request for a 12-pack of Vernors brand ginger ale. Perhaps that's for Art.

—Jay Allen Sanford

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The band sounds a bit like a mix of Pixies, Pavement, and Guided By Voices," says Adam, guitarist for Secret Apollo (formerly with Snark). Formed in 2002, drummer Steve cites more heavy metal influences, as evidenced by his newest tattoo: a thigh-wide image of one of Kiss' members. "I picked Gene Simmons 'cause he's the most recognizable. It's the image from the *Love Gun* cover, with him in armor and flames behind it."

Bassist Amber, who used to write for SDAM.com, comes from a more gothic space. "I love the Cure — I'm wearing a Cure shirt right now — and I like Orgy...any music that has dark texture and somber moods. That's my job to provide. Adam's got his indie-rock thing and Steve always dreamed of being in Mötley Crüe."

Secret Apollo's self-titled CD is sold at shows and available at www.secretapollo.com. The website posts playable MP3s of songs like "Piccolo," "Flip Me On," "Vampire," the hard rock "Always Turns Out Bad," and even a screwball tribute to North County's "Museum Of Making Music." The band gives out free Red Vines candy at all their shows. "We get it by the bucket and we've never run out," says Adam, "but sometimes people throw them around and the club makes us clean up the mess."

If you want to catch their act and score some free red vines ("All you can eat, dude"), they're playing tomorrow night, December 3, at the Rosary Room on E Street near 10th Avenue.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD CHANGER NOW?

Adam 1. Beatles, *The Beatles* aka *The White Album* ("I was 25 and that was the first Beatles CD I ever got...it totally got me into them.")

2. Pixies, *Doolittle* ("That record completely changed the type of music I listen to.")

3. Guided By Voices, *Alien Lanes* ("A bunch of short low-fi super catchy songs...it influenced my songwriting.")

4. Neutral Milk Hotel, *In The Aeroplane Over The Sea* ("It's four years old but I just recently got it and I'm really enamored of it.")

Amber 1. Interpol, *Antics* ("I love moody rock and I like the basslines.")

2. *Garden State* film soundtrack ("My mellow acoustic go-to CD right now.")

3. Joy Division, *Greatest Hits* ("I've been in a dark mood lately.")

4. Built To Spill, *The Normal Years* ("My first foray into indie rock...fun to get dressed to in the morning.")

Steve 1. Faith No More, *Angel Dust* ("A complete left turn for them and not at all radio friendly — plus Mike Patton is the coolest.")

2. Mötley Crüe, *Shout at the Devil* ("I've been a fan since they started. I had the actual vinyl.")

3. Silverchair, *Diorama* ("Great songwriting and they used Van Dyke Parks — the guy from the old Beach Boys albums.")

4. Kiss, *Dressed To Kill* ("Has all the basic ingredients.")

LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Amber, Adam, Steve

WORST COVER VERSION OF A SONG YOU ONCE LIKED?

Adam Orgy, "Blue Monday" ("New Order did it right already. We didn't need a new psuedo-goth band wrecking a cool song for their first single.")

Amber A Perfect Circle, "Imagine" ("I love John Lennon — he was my first musical hero — and I hated [this version] so much I e-mailed [radio station] 94.9 to complain.")

Steve Hilary Duff, "Our Lips Are Sealed" ("That almost makes me angry. I don't understand actresses-slash-singers.")

LOCAL ACTS AS GOOD AS YOUR BAND?

Adam 1. The Displaced ("They write the kind of songs I wish I could write and I like that they

have both a male and female singer.")

2. The Exfriends ("I really like Matt Curreri's voice.")

Amber 1. Bad Credit ("They're very funny and their 'Financial Rap' schtick is very entertaining.")

2. Anya Marina ("I saw her at a 'Bitches Of Rock' night at Brick By Brick and her songs were funny...she talks about the gym, her mother, Valium. I don't usually like female rockers.")

Steve 1. Whitey Duvall ("That's my other band.")

2. John Cougar Concentration Camp ("It's the best band name in the world — it's so offensive and funny you never forget it.") ■

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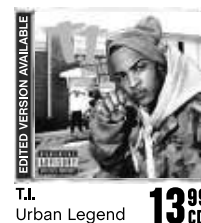
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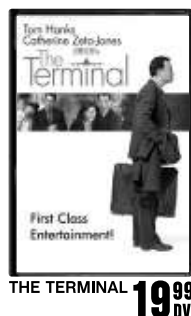
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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

Kenny Loggins [536]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, December 2, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

FRIDAY

"Jingle Ball 2004" with **Jamie Cullum**, **Sarah McLachlan**, **Chris Isaak** [431], **Duran Duran** [285], **Alanis Morissette** [286], and **John Mayer** [605]: Cox Arena, Friday, December 3, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Everclear: 4th & B, Friday, December 3, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Bob Schneider [256] and **Gram Rabbit:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 3, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SUNDAY

Neko Case, the **Sadies** [282], and **Dexter Romweber:** Brick by Brick, Sunday, December 5, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Peter Cincotti: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, December 5, 7 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Pinback [398] and the **Album Leaf** [996]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, December 5, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Sparta: SOMA, Sunday, December 5, 6:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

How many founding members of a band need to be present in order to continue to perform under the original name? Apparently, not many. Several of the tours that passed through town this past summer come to mind, including Journey, the Beach Boys, and Steppenwolf, all of them missing significant personnel. In the case of **Wishbone Ash**, **Andy Powell** is the last man standing. He has been the band's *other* guitarist (the British rockers have almost always featured a two-guitar front) in Wishbone Ash since they changed their name from Tanglewood in the late '60s. In years prior they were Empty Vessels featuring Martin Turner and Glen Turner; eventually David Allen (Ted) Turner joined with Powell to form the first Wishbone Ash lineup. The two added a blues-rock arsenal to the

existing jazzy progressive rock feel. Today, Powell is the only member of an almost constantly changing lineup who hasn't quit. One can only imagine the stories he might tell, having lived the spotty culture that produced such hard-rocking free spirits as John Wetton, Aynsley Dunbar, and Ritchie Blackmore.

Worth a mention in the current edition of WA is lead guitarist **Muddy (Jyrki) Manninen**. He's a Finnish rocker with a mean slide guitar who cites Lowell George, Bukka White, and Rory Gallagher as influences. Bloggers have criticized him for being stiff and nervous on stage but have also praised him as a "tasty riff king."

A set list from a show performed earlier this month includes Wishbone gold such as "Vas Dis," "Blind Eye," "Living Proof," and "Jail Bait." Although I don't recall what song they played, I remember seeing Wishbone Ash in their heyday — bluesy hard-rock gods televised on Don Kirshner's *Rock Concert*



WISHBONE ASH

sometime in the early '70s. But back then the sound wouldn't have mattered much to me and my friends just as long as the band members looked cool, had long hair, played guitar, and came from England.

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WISHBONE ASH, Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, December 4, 9:30 p.m. 619-224-3577. \$17.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

DECEMBER

Bobby "Blue" Bland [935]: 4th & B, Thursday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Anka [609]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, December 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Pedro the Lion [123]: The Casbah, Friday, December 10, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Mike Watt [140], **Goodbye, Blue Monday**, and **Republic of Letters:** The Casbah, Saturday, December 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Burrito Deluxe: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

Charles McPherson & His Quintet featuring **Gilbert Castellanos** [667] and **Randy Porter:** Dizzy's, Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

Joseph Arthur [533]: The Epicentre, Sunday, December 12, 8:450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

John Gorka: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

Slightly Stoopid [352]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 17, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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ALTERNATIVE

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The Acacia Stain: Ground Zero
Adolescents: Soma
AK-1200: Brick By Brick
Appleseed: Bub's Whiskey Dive
B-Side: Brick By Brick
Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys [343]: The Casbah
Blizzard: Sham Rocks Shack

Bridget Brigitte: Humphrey's
Buckfast Superbee [119]: The Casbah
Bullets n' Octane: Soma
Bury Your Dead: Ground Zero
Caracell: Brick By Brick
Neko Case: Brick By Brick
Clay Colton: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant
Copeland: Soma
Dek: Soma
Despistado: Ground Zero
The Displaced [104]: The Casbah
John Doe: The Casbah
Down with Leo: 'Canes
Dragon Lounge: Brick By Brick
Dehra Dun: 'Canes
The Fembots: The Casbah
First Wave Hello: The Casbah
Further Seems Forever: Soma
The Golden Hill Ramblers: The Casbah
Golden Republic: 'Canes
Haste the Day: Soma
The Infants: The Casbah
Inforstereo: The Casbah
Interloper: Dreamstreet
Inure: Caffeinds Lounge 634
Sondre Lerche: 'Canes
The Living Dead: Dreamstreet
Lucero: The Casbah
Julie Mack: Caffeinds Lounge 634
Me Without You: Ground Zero
The Mickeys: 'Canes
Midnight to Twelve: Brick By Brick
Misled: Dreamstreet
Mother Mae I: The Jumping Turtle
Chris Mueller: Caffeinds Lounge 634
The Murder Room: Brick By Brick
Murder by Death: The Casbah
The Nervous: 'Canes
Reeve Oliver: The Casbah

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

At a **Pinback** show a couple of years ago, guitarist-vocalist **Rob Crow** stepped away from the front of the stage for a minute late in the evening and came back with a guitar painted with words, I presume, he had heard a fan shout about a favorite Pinback song one night: "Play 'Loro' so I can go home!" I thought it was hilarious. But I also wondered how anyone remembered which song was "Loro." It can be hard to tell one Pinback song from another.

Like an indie-rock Philip Glass, Pinback, the San Diego band led by Rob Crow and **Armistead Burwell Smith IV**, builds its sound on repeated figures played on guitar, bass, and keyboards. Because Smith plays bass in an unusual (for bass) fingerpicking

style and Crow plays guitar in an unusual (for guitar) nonstrumming style, it can be hard to tell one instrument from another. Rather than providing pop hooks, the vocals and other instruments join the mix like parts of a mesmerizing pattern.

Crow and Smith had already been working on their craft for a while when they formed Pinback — Crow with Heavy Vegetable, Thingy, and Optiganally Yours, and Smith with Three Mile Pilot — so they had already developed a distinctive sound when they released Pinback's first album in 1999, and their subsequent albums have been more a matter of subtle refinements than of bold steps forward. (A couple of EPs show a more experimental side.)

Still, after a few listens to **Summer in Abaddon**, the band's recent third album, it becomes clear that Pinback's music is getting richer and more beautiful



PINBACK

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Album Leaf opens. (To hear a sample of **Pinback**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4398.)

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Owen: Ground Zero
The Paper Dolls: The Casbah
Pinback [398]: 'Canes
Plump: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
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The Sadies [282]: Brick By Brick
The Scars of Tomorrow: Ground Zero
Bob Schneider [256]: Belly Up Tavern
Sixth Day: Dreamstreet

The Snake the Cross the Crown: Ground Zero
Jill Sobule: The Casbah
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EXTENSION 4003

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Avion: 4th & B
Bad Credit: Blarney Stone Pub
The Bandits [451]: The Flying Bridge, Soma
The Bartones: Tiki House
Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

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The Love Rangers: The Alley

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Mandonna: Belly Up Tavern

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

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EXTENSION 4005

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John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

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The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

The Backwaters Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

Big Slim: Fannie's

The Blue Aces: Redfields Lounge & Bistro

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Invaders: Pal Joey's

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: Chateau Orleans, The Kraken

Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans

Family Style: Patrick's II

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Hugh Gaskins [944]: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

GumboYaya: Coyote Bar and Grill

L.A. Jones & the Blues Messengers: Patrick's II

Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Nite Life [934]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The 145th Street Blues Band: Patrick's II

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Tiki House

J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San Carlos)

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Blitzkrieg Bop: First, third, and fifth Monday of the month, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, hip-hop, '80s, and soul

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The Boulevard: Thursdays, Club Boulevard, hip-hop and house with DJs Marc Thrasher and Van. Saturdays, Metropolis, hip-hop, reggae, and house, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. 925 W. San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004.

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Club '80s: Thursdays, the best of the '80s with DJs Bryan Pollard and Brian Anderson. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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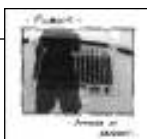
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Dub Dynamite: Mondays, reggae in a dub style — roots, stepper, and UK with Kid Natty and Lionel Judah. No cover. Bar Dynamite, 1808 Washington Street, Mission Hills. 619-295-8743.

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>hometown CDs BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Summer in Abaddon* (2004)

Artist: Pinback

Label: Touch and Go Records

Songs: 1) Non Photo-Blue 2) Sender 3) Syracuse 4) Bloods On Fire 5) Fortress 6) This Red Book 7) Soaked 8) 3 _ 0 9) The Yellow Ones 10) AFK

Price/Where Available: www.amazon.com for \$12.99

Band Members: Rob Crow (vocals, guitar, bass, drum programming, keyboards, percussion), Absiv (guitar), Kenseth Thibideau (guitar, percussion), Cameron Jones (drums), Ryan Bromley (keyboards, percussion)

Extra Info: Pinback plays 'Canes (3105 Ocean Front Walk, Pacific Beach) Sunday, December 5; 21 and up

Website: www.pinback.com

Stronger than most of Pinback's previous efforts, the album's sonic cohesiveness is tighter than anything typically found on indie-pop/rock releases. The words and melodies bleed into

something meant to appeal to emotion not sense. In this amalgam of blurred sentiment, it is sometimes hard to distinguish what frontman Rob Crow is saying, but this only adds to the viscerally sub-

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An urgency hangs in the Faulkner-esque penning of "Bloods On Fire:"

"Head to head. Twisted. Sore. Accident. Never warned. Can't explain. Nevermore." Though Crow's whispered vocals teeter on the edge of inaudible, the instruments never seem to overpower him.



Pinback

Short guitar riffs and enduring percussion produce a driving, textured sound. This paired with the hand-scrawled liner notes and phrases like "safe as a cootie wootie with you," "light my heart," and it's easy to get lost in the intricate, simple beauty of it all.

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Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Crossroads*, classic

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The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Friday and Saturday, *the Bob Lenz Band*, contemporary.

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *T.S.O.L.*, alternative rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

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Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday thru Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Sambajazz*, American and Brazilian jazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Thursday and Friday, live music. Saturday, hip-hop. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *2 Live Crew*, rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Freshly Squeezed*, rock. Saturday, *4-Sale*, rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Friday and Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law*, Irish folk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Clay Colton*, acoustic alternative rock.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

Vista Entertainment Center, 435 West Vista Way, Vista. 760-941-1032. Saturday, *the Home Wreckers*, rockabilly.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock/heavy. Thursday, *Tejel* and *Immaculate*, Latin/reggae. Friday, reggae. Saturday, *the Living Dead*, *Modessa*, *Sixth Day*, and *Misled*, alternative. Wednesday, *Interloper*, *Jessica McFarland*, *Tracee*, and *the Scott Daniels Project*, acoustic.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae/roots/rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *Cathryn Beeks*, acoustic/folk.

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Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Friday through Wednesday, *Larry Fogel*, pianist.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., *the Mac Attack* featuring *Mac MacDonald*, classic rock.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *the Bartones*, rock. Friday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Brain Bucket*. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis Acoustic*.

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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. Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Sunday, open-mic. Monday, *Sean O'Donnell* and *Allison Gayle*. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon* or *Bad Credit*, rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Racing the Sun*, *Ziehen*, and *Caracell*. Friday, *Dragon Lounge*, *AK-1200*, *B-Side*, and



MUSIC > blues, rock, acoustic, boogie woogie

SPECIAL NIGHTS > "Ray at Night," art show on second Saturday of each month with live bands (in conjunction with open galleries nearby); live music on Wednesday; coffee club the third Saturday of each month

CLIENTELE > all ages unless there is live music, and then it's 21 and up; 50% Caucasian, 25% Asian, 15% African-American, 10% Latino

COVER > none

HOURS > Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., except on Wednesday when they are open until 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sue Palmer*, *Sharon Shufelt*, and *Deeja Marie*, boogie woogie/jazz.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Pat Molley*, classical jazz/guitar.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock* of 80's, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Rockola*, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/soul. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Jumpstart*, classic rock, 9:30 p.m., *Wishbone Ash*, rock. Monday, 6:30 p.m., *Bridget Brigitte*.

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ACCESS > across the street from Scolari's Office; parking lot in back gives you an hour free or \$2 for unlimited time; street parking available, and the bus stops all up and down the street

DRESS > casual; a few polo shirts and a few guys in slacks; mostly jeans and T-shirts (including "101st Airborne," "Tori Amos")

DANCE FLOOR > none

FIRE EXITS > three — the main entrance, the back, and one in the kitchen

BATHROOMS > men's had one

Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band*. Sunday, contemporary music.

Lucky Star Restaurant and Dance Hall, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, *the Basin Street Band*, swing/Latin.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Wag the Dog*, rock. Saturday, *Plump*, alternative.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren*, Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*, blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Blizzard*, alternative.

urinal and one stall (with no partition), women's had one stall; both were clean and require a key from the front

CAPACITY > 99

SPECIAL AREAS > they have a fire place with a fire going; three tables out front for smokers

FURNISHINGS > a few plants, a few couches with coffee tables, two TVs; upstairs is only for the band; you watch them perform from below; ATM and pay phone next door

DECIBEL LEVEL > 116 when the Sue Palmer Supper Club played a cover of Tutti Frutti; 109 last week at Martini Ranch Encinitas

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN

LAST MONTH > China Clippers
QUOTABLE > "I can't believe I paid for Street Scene this year, when there's better music at places like this for free."

There's so many places in town that brew their own beer, but this is the only coffee house I've been to that roasts its own beans. One

of the managers, Angie, was showing me the giant machine in back that takes the green, unroasted beans and turns them brown. According to Angie, this place sells their coffee beans to Twiggs and Cafe 1134 in Coronado. The entire back of the restaurant is for bean-buying clients.

I had seen Sue Palmer years ago and loved her stuff. When she plays the piano, she's on fire. There was a stand-up bass player, and the singer jumped around singing "Wang Dang Doodle," an old Willie Dixon tune. Then the band slowed things down with "Georgia on My Mind."

One guy who looked to be in his late 50s was clapping along with all the songs. I asked him how often he comes here. He said, "I know Sue plays here every Wednesday. I come once or twice a month. I like it in the morning, when you can smell them roasting all that coffee in the back."

— Josh Board

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DOWNTOWN

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 9 p.m., *Everclear*, *Michael Tolcher*, and *Avion*, rock/alternative.

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Caffeinds Lounge 634, 634 Broadway, downtown. 858-274-7605. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Julie Mack*, *Inure*, and *Chris Mueller*, alternative rock.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Sally Timms* and *Johnny Dowd*. Friday, *Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys*, *Golden Hill Ramblers*, and *Todd Stedman*. Saturday, *Spell Toronto*, *Reeve Oliver*, *Buckfast Superbee*, and *Paper Dolls*. Monday, *the Weakerthans*, *Lucero*, *Murder by Death*, and *Fembots*. Tuesday, *the Displaced*, *First Wave Hello*, *Inforstereo*, and *the Infants*. Wednesday, *John Doe* and *Jill Sobule*.



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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Tom Griesgraber, Bert Lams*, and *Don Schiff*, folk. Friday, 8 p.m., *Paul Viani, Joey Carano, Dave Curtis, Nate Souders, Dave Pshaida*, and *Josh Nelson*. Saturday, *the Industrial Jazz Group*. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Pieces*, boogie woogie. Wednesday, *Richard Smith*, guitarist, and *Richard Smith*, fiddler.

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Gifts for the Hot Kitchen

Among my favorite gifts for my foodie friends, from fledgling cooks to chef-level prodigies, are small, affordable kitchen tools that work hard to make the cooking easier. If you've been in your giftees' kitchens, you probably have an inkling of what gadgets they need or would enjoy.

You won't find me listing any trendy gewgaws foredestined for next summer's garage sale, such as fondue pots — they're baa-ack! — and battery-operated milk frothers to make a latte topping. (Ask yourself if the recipient already has an espresso machine to brew the java; if so, does it have a built-in milk frother?). I'm also omitting the overpriced kitchen junk advertised on late-night TV.

One trend that I like: Bright red is the "new black" in kitchenware fashions. But it can be misused. I've been seeing wine goblets made of red glass, beautiful but taboo among wine lovers for quaffing anything better than two-buck chuck. (You're supposed to see what you're drinking.)

SOURCES

If your nearest mall includes a kitchenware shop, you'll find many of these goodies there. Each item below is followed by one or more source codes in parentheses, indicating which online or phone merchants were featuring it in their print catalogs at this writing. (See the end of this article for code "key.") If you're Web- or phone-shopping, try to concentrate your purchases among the fewest possible vendors to save on shipping charges.

THE HOT TEN KITCHEN

GADGETS FOR CHRISTMAS '04

These are the year's most popular kitchen gadgets, judging by the frequency of their appearances in kitchenware catalogs and feedback from two of our most complete local-owned cookware stores, Great News! in Pacific Beach and Kitchen Witch in Encinitas. I own and swear by most of these "hotties" — and ordered the rest while researching this article. All except the Santoku knives and Rosle garlic press are under \$20.

1. WMF ball whisks — This new type of whisk from Germany is said to be the ultimate hand tool for whipping cream or egg whites to soft peaks. Reputedly more efficient at aerating and easier to clean than a wire whisk, it consists of several stainless steel spokes tipped with small weighted balls. Whisks come in two sizes: the smaller one



Sur La Table, Carlsbad

is good for a couple of eggs; the larger works for a half-dozen. (AM, CO, PCD)

2. French-style heat-resistant nylon spatulas/turners by Matfer or Pedrini — These European imports offer a flexible feel and a useful shape — a long, slotted trapezoid flared at the tip. They can handle larger pieces of food than most turners, and are safe for nonstick cookware. They're dishwasher-proof and come in several colors, including red. (BA)

3. Kuhn Rikon julienne peeler — It's easier to swipe a carrot or zucchini across one of these than to slice julienne slivers with a knife. And food processors don't julienne well, even with a special blade. (CH, PCD, SU)

4. Slanted measuring cups — These plastic measuring cups have slanted insets that show the liquid measurements when you look at them from above, so you can measure accurately at first try. They come in one-, two-, and four-cup sizes. (BA and others)

5. Microplane graters — They're still the "gratest," a hot item some four years after their debut. I especially love the long, narrow fine-grater

that can zip the zest off a thin-skinned Meyer lemon without picking up any pith, and reduce tough old ginger roots to micro-shreds. No skinned fingers, either. Most cookware catalogs, websites, and local kitchen-gadget stores carry an assortment.

6. Reidel "O" wine glasses —

According to our own Matt Lickona, wine does taste better in fine glassware shaped for the specific grape. The "O" glasses are for wine lovers who serve all but their best bottles in water goblets or bistro glasses, lest they or their dishwashers break the stems off costly crystal. The "O" line has the same shapes and materials as Reidel's fine "Vinum" glasses, but with no stems. Two glasses run from around \$14 to \$20, depending on shape. (AM, CO, SU, WS)

7. Rosle garlic press — I loved my old "Susi" for many years, but this new version has interchangeable blades for fine- and coarse-minced garlic, and enough crunch-power to handle unpeeled cloves. (PCD, SU)

8. Santoku knives — These Asian-style flat-bottomed blades reputedly allow the cook to slice

thinner than s/he ever has before, short of using a fearsome mandoline. Choose the seven-inch length (five-inch models are too short for comfort), with indentations called "grantons" or "kullens" along the bottom of the blade to keep food slices from clinging to the metal. The relatively cheap stamped santokus (\$30 to \$40) will need sharpening before each use, and won't have the strength or longevity of forged blades. If you give one to a hone-less person, add a hone to the package. For forged santokus, prices start at about \$70. For gift knives, superstition says you must charge a piece of silver (a dime or quarter) for it, lest you "cut" the friendship. Widely available locally in department stores and on the Web. (AM, CH, CO, PCD, SU, WS)

9. Serrated-edge peeler (Messermeister) — Finally, a tool that will peel raw tomatoes (no blanching needed!). It works equally well on eggplants and squashes (like Delicata) with thin but tough skins. (PCD, SU)

10. Silicone galore — Kitchens can now look like Cafe Japengo on Thursday nights, but more colorful. Heat-resistant silicone is the hottest new cooking material, and the silicone basting brush is my favorite item. Unlike precious camel-hair basting brushes, the household handyperson will never grab one to touch up chipped enamel. The most popular model is called the Orka, in bright blue, with a bulb for the basting liquid tipped with a brush to spread it. It costs about the same as a "real" basting brush. Also popular are William Bounds' separate baster and brush.

Silicone nonstick baking pans will pop out their contents with a little squeeze on two sides, very useful with small and/or crinkled pastries (madeleines, miniature bundt cakes, etc.). I haven't yet baked anything in my new silicone heart cake pan, so I can't say whether silicone will brown cake bottoms — but it's great for freezing homegrown chiles in one layer, since it's freezer-proof and flexible enough to squeeze into the slim gap between the frozen peas and the freezer roof. Frequent bakers also may appreciate nonstick silicone rolling mats and silicone baking mats.

Silicone cooking mitts and potholders are heatproof enough that the mitts will let a cook quickly fish a dropped utensil out of boiling water. The mitts feel klutzy, but they're champs for transferring a live lobster to a steamer pot. The nubbin-studded potholders double as jar-opening aids or trivets.

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Multicolored silicone pinch cups are practical and attractive for lining up, stoveside, all the spices and small-quantity ingredients needed for a recipe. (AM, BA, CH, CO).

PERSONAL BESTS

These are items that I wouldn't be without and would wish for every aspiring or accomplished cook. Prices range from pennies to moderate bucks.

1. Chicago metallic bakeware and stainless steel utensils (many brands) — What these have in common is sturdiness and lasting quality. They don't bend or rust or die in the dishwasher. The bakeware is heavyweight aluminum, and every cook needs at least one cake pan, one pie pan, and one cookie sheet or jelly-roll pan. The most-needed steel utensils are one spatula/turner, one solid spoon, and one slotted spoon. Get them for anyone you spot using black-handled rusting Ecko. (BA for bakeware; CH, CO, WS for utensils)

2. Cuisinart or KitchenAid corded immersion blenders — Battery-operated cordless immersion blenders are good for frothing milk, but take forever to purée a soup or mash "refried" beans. The sturdy corded models handle serious blending tasks, making it easy to purée a soup right in its pot (instead of hassling with a leaky food processor). Priced at about \$50 if you hit a sale. (AM, SU)

3. Daniel Boulud Kitchen (DBK) casseroles — Ever since Le Creuset reputedly forced my old favorite, Descoware, out of the pot business, I've been an "ABLC" person (Anything But Le Creuset), although I've reluctantly bought plenty of the "LC" after Descoware's demise. I find DBK superior as well as less expensive: The roasters and casseroles, made of heavy cast iron coated with porcelain, have Euro-style lids with little nubbins to catch vapors. I especially like the three-quart round roaster because its tall, relatively narrow shape is ideal for making soups or stews that feed four or fewer. (AM)

4. Instant marinater — This is a rectangular plastic basket with an airtight lid and a hand vacuum pump (similar to the "Vacu-Vin") that removes the air from the basket. Supposedly, it marinates foods fast. It's also handy for preserving meat (best

with a marinade, but okay "dry") a few extra days in the fridge, which is useful for people with unpredictable dinner schedules. (CH, PCD)

5. Lodge Logic pre-seasoned cast iron cookware — Cast-iron cookware is durable, cheap, and incomparable for browning, but it needs seasoning before use and careful cleaning afterward (no soap, ever). Lodge is now pre-seasoning their wares better than the home user can. With subsequent care, their skillets should eventually attain the shiny black stick-resistant coating of great grandma's cast ironware. (AM, CH, plus selected items at other listed sources)

6. Micro-pierced stainless-steel footed colander — This works on the same principles as the Microplane graters. The holes are tiny, but they flush water efficiently, while small solids can't escape. This is the first nonspecialized colander I've tried that can rinse Basmati rice without losing half the grains. (PCD)

7. Polish stoneware, Chilean clayware — The high-fired Polish ceramics with elaborate hand-painted designs are safe for freezers, ovens, microwaves, and dishwashers, and are available as both dinnerware and bakeware. They aren't cheap, but they're gorgeous. More affordable are folksy unglazed Chilean clay casseroles in earthy brown, with whimsical decorations (such as the head of a pig, a frog, a fish). These are oven-proof to 450 degrees, nuker-proof, and able to withstand medium heat on the stovetop. The unglazed clayware does need a little seasoning before first use. (BA, PCD for Polish; SU for Chilean)

8. Rectangular spice spoons — The shape fits into both spice jars and spice tins. Among my favorites is the "odd-size" set, very useful when reducing recipes to fit a family of two. (BA, PCD)

9. Butter keeper with separate water compartment — This three-part covered butter dish keeps butter at spreadable room temperature. The top two pieces are standard, but a third piece holds a well of cold water under the butter to keep it from melting. (This goes the two-piece "butter bell" one better, because the butter can't flop into the water as it softens.) In summer, add ice cubes to the well. (BA, PCD)

10. Swedish potato peelers — Their shape is longer, curvier, and more ergonomic than made-in-USA brands, and the stainless steel precision-ground blade is sharper, with a

(AM) Amazon.com, www.amazon.com. Note: I've found their cookware prices to be generally lower than most other sources, and shipping (by slow boat) is free for orders of \$25 and over — but the Ama-Zone is also a vast clearing house for a multitude of vendors, each of which will charge you separate shipping and handling. As a test case, I made up a \$200 order of my wish list of gadgetry and gourmet goods; the shipping on it came to \$75! Make sure you know who's selling before you click "buy."

(BA) The Baker's Catalogue, www.bakerscatalogue.com, 1-800-827-6836.

(CH) Chef's Catalog, www.chefscatalog.com, 1-800-884-2433, customer service 1-800-967-2433.

(CO) Cooking.com, www.cooking.com, 1-800-663-8810.

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(JB) Jessica's Biscuit Cookbooks, www.ecookbooks.com, 1-800-878-4264. Most

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(PCD) Professional Cutlery Direct, www.pcd.com, 1-800-859-6994; and www.cookingenthusiast.com, 1-800-859-6994.

(PE) Penzey's Spices, www.penzeys.com, 1-800-741-7787.

(SU) Sur La Table, www.surlatable.com, 1-800-243-0852. New local branch at 1915 Calle Barcelona, Space #130, Carlsbad, 760-635-1316.

(WS) Williams-Sonoma, www.williams-sonoma.com, 1-877-812-6235. Many local branches. Prices may be slightly higher than at other sources.

Additional source: If you collect proofs-of-purchase from Betty Crocker products, www.bettycrocker.com has several "hot" items (especially the silicone stuff) and other goodies, with discount prices for those with "points." For the pointless, prices are slightly higher than at most other catalog/Web sources.

longer-lasting edge. I give these out like party favors to friends who've seen me use them at home and immediately want their own. (PCD)

FOR SELF, FAMILY, IN-LAWS A few higher-ticket ideas — The new Cuisinart DLC-11 (which comes in red, if desired) is reputedly the best food processor to date for mixing bread dough. A packaged CD showing how to use it is necessary, because all but the most basic uses are counterintuitive. Best price I've seen is on Amazon.com (about \$200). For light users and small quantities, the DLC-5 is recommended by Consumers Union.

One-to-two-cup "pod" coffee makers are becoming big in Europe. There's no powdery mess from grinding the beans, and no nasty leftover coffee to tempt sleepyheads the next morning. I have a Senseo, which uses passable Dutch-produced coffee made for Sara Lee. (Folger's and Melitta also offer pods.) I like the machine's speed (under two minutes) and the espresso-like foam. Taste is inconsistent from pod to pod, and the machines will be better values once a wider choice of pods becomes available. Best current prices are at supermarkets and Smart & Final stores.

Cookbooks of the year: The most popular new cookbook is *The Gourmet Cookbook*, edited by Ruth Reichl, with 60,000 recipes from the past 60 years of the august magazine. The most

indispensable food book is the newly-revised *On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen* by Harold McGee, whose original edition taught me about half of what I know (e.g., why you shouldn't refrigerate fresh tomatoes). (AM, JB)

DO-IT-YOURSELF FOOD GIFTS

Why buy a ready-made gift basket when you can create one yourself, calibrating it to the recipient's tastes? Here are ideas for what to put in the basket and where to purchase the contents.

Whole Foods is probably the most complete single source for name-brand, high-quality foods. Local upscale groceries and many kitchenware shops offer good selections. Trader Joe's is another fun place to construct a "care package," although they carry few name brands besides their own. For Italian items (such as olive oil, balsamic vinegar, pastas, anchovies, tuna packed in olive oil), take a stroll up India Street in Little Italy, or check out an Italian deli in your neighborhood.

This list is slanted toward popular Mediterranean foodstuffs. If you and your giftee share a passion for another ethnic cuisine, head for a local ethnic market or one of the many ethnic-food specialists on the Web for your shopping.

1. Specialty salts — These salts are typically used after cooking, for last-minute seasoning and flavor. The reigning monarch of salt is the delicious Fleur de Sel from France. Also consider Welsh

smoked sea salt (Halen Mon) and moist Sicilian sea salt; to locate the latter, a search on google.com will turn up numerous sources. (BA, PE, SU; PCD has several salts including Halen Mon.)

2. Luxury spices — Who wouldn't like a little box of precious saffron; a bag of sweet, powerful Ceylonese Cassia cinnamon sticks; a bottle of genuine Saigon cinnamon, or Tahitian vanilla? For new householders, you can also get gift assortments of spices at Penzey's, a favorite company of many local chefs. (PE, SU, WS). Fennel pollen is San Diego's chic new spice, thanks to Marine Room Chef Bernard Guillas, who has developed a line of pollen spice blends under his own name. Locally, you can buy them at Great News! in Pacific Beach. Also check Whole Foods, or Web-order. (FE)

3. Premium extra-virgin olive oils — Chain supermarkets rarely offer the best brands, so check first at gourmet groceries. Brands to look for: B.R. Cohn Organic California Extra-Virgin (www.brcohn.com); L'Estornel Organic Extra-Virgin; McEvoy Ranch Extra-Virgin Certified Organic (www.mcevoyranch.com). The "O" brand flavored olive oils (blood orange, Meyer lemon, etc.) are yummy. Some very good brands you may find on the top shelf in chain supermarkets are Colavita, Filippo Berio, Gaeta. Avoid: Bertolli, Carapelli, Delverde, Monardi, Old Monk, Pompeian; these are either too bland or have off-flavors. Trader Joe's brands are acceptable for cooking and dressings but too

bland for dips. (PCD, WS)

4. Aged balsamic vinegars — The real antiques (age 20 and up) are beyond most budgets, but at local gourmet markets and Italian delis, look for eight- to twelve-year-olds, which are within the realm of normal human wallets. (PCD, WS)

5. Specialty pastas and Muir Glen Organic Fire Roasted Tomatoes — Think saffron fettuccine, truffled linguini, odd shapes and grains only available as Italian imports. As for those canned tomatoes: They taste remarkably like roasted homegrown tomatoes. (Guess how I know.) Local shopping at Italian delis and enlightened food markets should snare these items; Trader Joe's also has the tomatoes.

6. Imported olive oil-packed tuna (especially Ventresca) — Water-packed tuna has no flavor, while oil-packed will cost you just 33 more calories for twice the pleasure. For a few cents more, there's delicious Italian tuna in olive oil. Closer to the luxury realm, but still affordable for gifts or self-indulgence, is Ventresca, canned belly-meat tuna in olive oil, mainly from Spain and South America. Check local Italian delis, or search on google.com for Spanish foodstuffs. (PCD)

7. Bottled (not canned) anchovies — These come from Italy, Spain, and Greece, and taste much better than the ones in cans — meatier, less salty, intense in a less fishy fashion. Local Italian delis and many Middle Eastern markets sell these.

8. Wild mushrooms and/or truffle oils — The mushroom names to look for: boletus, cèpes, chanterelles, morels, porcini. Dried ones are common but costly at local supermarkets. You'll find bottled, pickled versions at Russian delis. Imported, water-packed wild mushrooms are most easily found on Amazon.com. Truffle oils are all over the place; most are not made entirely from real truffles, but from truffle peelings and artificial flavors. If you can't afford a genuine egg-sized whole fresh truffle, you make do.

9. Exotic or specialty jams, jellies, preserves — The best sources for strange fruits are Middle Eastern markets.

10. Favorite wine, liqueur, handcrafted beer, locally made premium chocolate. Local chocolates are by Chuao or Chi (check the phone book for your nearest store). The other goodies are up to you and your preferred hooch-seller. ■

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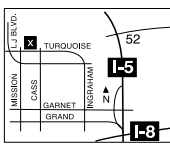


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Mets Slice

Hank lunges into his salad. "Oh, God," he says. "I've got yours. Greek, right?"

Nuts and twigs. Twigs and nuts. Wabbit fodder. Nyeah — what's up doc? That's life with Hank, these days. Guy's determined to lose the cholesterol. And weight. Down 30 pounds so far. Me, I'm still swimming in de Nile. Why ask for worries? "What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve," as my ol' grandma used to say.

But now Hank has to have salads or he goes AWOL. That's how come we hop in to this place, here on office workers' Lunch Row. It's an old brown and gold tile-covered building next to the swank Cafe Cerise. Copper sign above the entrance says City Pizzeria. "The City's Finest Pizza." Hey now. Sounds like a challenge to me.

It passes muster with Hank 'cos it's also big on salads. They have a couple of tables outside. Inside's a long barn with green Formica tables, cream walls, and two mirrors in gold frames.

"Salad, salad," Hank says, like we'd just crawled in from the desert.

"No problem," says this cute gal, Vicky. "Garden? Caesar, chicken Caesar, Greek, antipasto?"

Hank asks for the large Caesar chicken (\$5.00; small is \$3.00), but he wants extra veggies: green peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, onions.

"No problem," Vicky says, which makes me feel kinda pro-salad myself. I end up ordering a large Greek (\$5.00). Always had a feta fetish. "But,

uh, does this come with chicken?"

"No, but we could add it, no problem."

"How much extra?"

"Nothing extra."

Whoa. I'm definitely warming to this place.

Back in the kitchen guys are grabbing dough, flailing it around, pounding it, jacking big pizza-oven doors open, yakking, joking, clouds of flour dust everywhere, reminds me of someplace...oh, yeah. Bronx Pizza, up in Hillcrest.

But no way is the pizza slice selection here pure East Coast.

"Ranch chicken" pie has garlic chicken, basil, and ranch dressing. The BBQ Chicken has chicken, pineapple, red onion, BBQ sauce, and mozzarella. They have eleven "specialty pies" in all (\$3.00 a slice), plus cheese or pepperoni (\$2.50 per slice).

The best-looking pie I'm seeing right now is on the bottom shelf. And it has only one slice left.

"That's the 'San Diegan,'" says Vicky.

I check the board. "Pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, onions, green peppers, black olives, red sauce, and mozzarella cheese." Three bucks a slice.

'Course I'm umming and aahing. "Winter's turning to spring, dude," Hank mumbles. Then a guy with — wow — stretched ear lobes and mini dumbbells stabbed through the top of his nose arrives. Looks like he's ogling the San Diegan.

"I'll take the San Diegan," I say. Monkey-in-the-cookie-jar reaction, right?

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"And a soda?" says Hank.

"Sure," says Vicky.

Suddenly, I'm panicking. Totting up the bill. Two five-dollar salads, three for the slice, that's thirteen...

Vicky must be a mindreader. "Sodas are free from the fountain."

"Free?"

"If you get two slices, or a slice and a salad."

And to think I've walked past this place a zillion times. So we sit down with our salads in plastic boxes, and Vicky brings my slice on a paper plate. Hank lunges into his salad. "Oh, God," he says. "I've got yours. Greek, right?"

I open my box. Find Hank's extra tomatoes, peppers, croutons, two pots of Caesar dressing. "That's all right, dude," he says, like he's doing me a favor. "Actually, the Greek's pretty good."

Jeez. By way of compensation, I pick up my pizza slice. Still hot. Open wide...

I'm here to witness, this is the most delicious slice I can remember since, well, Bronx Pizza. Maybe not even them. The two meats, oozy cheesy mozzarella, a sea of olives, mushrooms, cheek-flicking onion. Rich ain't the word. And I'm no crust expert, but this is puffy, not chewy or doughy. The Caesar

salad goes great. Hank shares some of the oil-and-vinegar mix he got with mine. Man, what a combo.

The other thing is, everybody talks here. Not just lonely, heads-down chewers. Thomas, the guy who's stretching his earlobes, is scarfing a slice of "Meat Lovers" pizza (with pepperoni, sausage, Canadian bacon, and meatball, \$3.00 per slice) and showing everyone his tattooed right arm. Alice in Wonderland, the Cheshire cat, the Mad Hatter, a dream sequence from shoulder to wrist. "You only live once," he says.

Kevin and John, the partners, do all the work. Kevin's from New York, escaped from a pizza place in Queens called Bada-Bing. John is a West Coaster. The recipe for this dough has been a family secret for 75 years. But the East-West battle for ingredients continues. Kevin says, "We're always trying to get the balance."

A guy named Robbie pops his head in. Used to be a cab driver in New York. Now he's a lawyer. Figures. "These guys are up there with Bronx. They're that good," he says. Except today he's got a takeout hamburger from someplace else in his mitts. "Oops," he says.

So what's the difference between these guys and The Bronx guys?

"They're Yankees," says Kevin. "We're Mets." ■

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"The city needs one big event that people from around the country can come to and say, 'Wow!'"

I'm an optimist at heart," says Ken Loyst, president of the San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival. "I think there are enough people out there who like wine and good food and who would come to an event like this." The Festival, which took place for the first time from November 10 to 13, was four days of wine dinners at local restaurants, cooking classes, wine classes and wine tastings, capped off by a Grand Event and Live Auction held under white tents along Embarcadero Park North.

Loyst, who once published the magazines *Discover Diving* and *Diving Report*, has been running events with his partner for over 20 years, first in San Diego, then in Atlanta, Santa Clara, and Dallas. It started with diving and adventure travel, but "after I sold my magazine to Peterson Publishing, we became part of the team that started the Gravity Games." Then he took over a large trade show dedicated to diving and travel.

Ten years ago, a friend invited him to Santa Fe, where he attended the city's Wine & Chile Festival. "They have about 3,000 people who come from all over the place. They sell out every year in advance. Every year they have about 60-70 restaurants and 90 wineries." The wheels started turning. If Santa Fe could do it, why not San Diego? "San Diego has enough culinary experiences, and obviously a big enough marketplace

for the wineries to be interested." Loyst started attending distributor tastings, asking vendors if they'd be interested in promoting their product in San Diego.

Overwhelmingly, the answer was yes. Despite the region's stubbornly low profile among gourmands, "I found that the wineries believe this is an extremely important market for them. The notion that San Diego is a second city when it comes to wine and food is definitely something we're trying to take on." At this year's Festival, 140 wineries came in and poured their wines. "Santa Fe, in their first year, had 20."

Loyst attended similar events in Aspen and Miami Beach, and found them respectively too expensive and too tied to a single distributor. Santa Fe proved the model he was looking for, not least because it brought in plenty of out-of-towners along with the locals. "I think this event will be good for San Diego," he says, his optimism showing. "I think the city needs one big event that people from around the country can come to and say, 'Wow!' We want to have 50 percent of the attendees come from out of town." November seemed the perfect time, with fine weather while much of the country is getting chilly. (The Grand Event survived a rainy-morning scare and took place under a cloudless afternoon sky.) November is downtime at most wineries, coming between

the rush of harvest and the event tastings of January, and a slower month for San Diego tourism in general.

Given the potential benefit to the region, Loyst was surprised he didn't get more support "from the city or from the port or somebody. We're promoting the city!" The Port District, while happy to host the event, deemed it too pricey to merit assistance. Loyst argues that, at \$85 for the Grand Event, it's cheaper than Santa Fe, Miami, and Aspen. Further, "I'm a season ticket holder with the Padres," recipients of more than a little public funding for their new ballpark. "I said, 'I know some tickets that, per seat, are more expensive than this event. I don't see why ticket price has anything to do with it.' And the Convention Center would not only not negotiate with us, they hardly ever returned our calls. I think this would have been a fun event to do up in the sail area of the Convention Center. Oh, well."

The Westgate Hotel, on the other hand, "was very easy to work with. They do their World of Wine thing for the month of November, and so they kind of opened their arms to us and had us be part of their event." The hotel provided space for the Festival's tasting classes, as well as the Friday night reserve tasting and silent auction, which benefited the American Institute of Wine and Food.

(Another auction was held during Saturday's main event; proceeds went toward the establishment of a culinary scholarship. Vendors were given a discount if they donated, and I was tempted by the magnum of 1980 Chappellet Cabernet being shown as I moseyed past the auc-



tion stage. "A lot of the vendors really stepped up to the plate," says Loyst. "I think the Chappellet went for \$800-\$900, and I think it was worth a lot more than that.")

Loyst also had trouble getting local wineries to participate. Orfila, always game to pour with the big boys from up north, was there, as were Wilson Creek, Falkner, and Stuart Cellars from Temecula. But it might have been fun to taste a Witch Creek Mourvedre up against the Tablas Creek Cote du Tablas Rouge, or a Mon Lis Pinot against one from Windward Vineyard. "You've got all these big names that are going to draw people in — Paoletti and Conn Valley and Grgich and Duckhorn. What better

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Still, more went right than wrong, especially for a first-year event. "The restaurants really put on a show" at the Grand Event. El Bizzococho was there, serving little cups of Jerusalem artichoke soup. The Westgate's Le Fountainbleu had a table, as did Peohe's and Dick's Last Resort and a host of others. Sam Adams and Rogue Ale poured beer. And Loyst brought in an idea of his own to supplement the standard wine-and-food extravaganza. "We wanted to add gourmet food companies and culinary-related exhibits. We had Maple Leaf Sausage and Harvest Ranch Market; Legacy gourmet nuts; Rock Melon Distributors, who did all the rubbing spices. We had Apex Wine Cellars, winefurnishings.com, and a pottery vendor. I think those things add a little bit more interest to a thing like this. Our intent is to grow that."

And to grow the event in general. "We were shooting for 1,000 people, and we had just under 650. But for a first year, it was absolutely a success. I think it's going to double in size next year. I have a waiting list of 45 to 50 wineries. ...Some said they didn't do first-year events, but would do the second year; others said they had a conflict with the dates but would keep them open for next year. I haven't had anybody say they don't want to come back." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Calyпсо Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calyпсо" 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)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), 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 seriousness 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* 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 vol-au-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 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), 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 dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charcoal 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)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight

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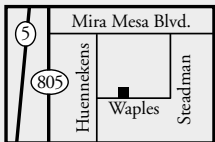
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Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, 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 Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (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. Children's 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 dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioche, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose eggs, omelets, frittatas, and French toast. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpe, salads, and sandwiches, all made with local-grown produce. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too! Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 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 everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there

are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do 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) crêpe-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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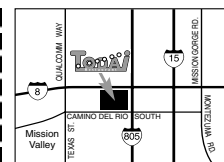
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Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially 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, when the mysterious low mud-brick 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 Mexican 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 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

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

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, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. 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/restau-

rant 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 stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities 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 à l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect 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

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Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), 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 regu-

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lar folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses 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 bacon-loaded 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. Inexpensive. — *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 preferred 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 tandoori 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 overcooked 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 rain-bow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are

fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-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, man-size-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-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

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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 bar-patio 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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Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-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 4475 Mission Boulevard (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. Another 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 Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), 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 *an-tojito* 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 anything 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? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* 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 *açaí* 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)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako."

Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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, mushrooms, sherry, 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-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neat-loaf" 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 slow-

cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

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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 user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

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Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! 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-and-wood 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)

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 Texas-style 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 commel crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

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



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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal 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 terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Ave-

nue), 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. 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 Queen 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 black-and-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-and-sour 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. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), 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, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator 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)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

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)*

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 edible 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 *chipotle* 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 Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white 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)*

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

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape

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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 enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-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)*

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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 (simpler 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)*

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The

menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

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 memorabilia 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 Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It of-

fers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuit-lacoe* (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, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), 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 and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), 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 iceberg 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 greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (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 Portuguese 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. Original 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 Broadway), 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 burger joint 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 and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

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 any-

where, 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, dizzing 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 chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Ed-

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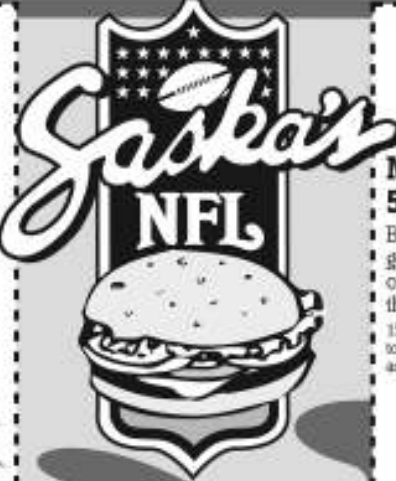
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wardian-scale social occasion—see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises 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 spaghetti. 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

What the Chef Eats

JOSE'S SPICY CHINESE BLACK BEAN SAUCE

BY DAVID WITT

Owner, Fifth and Hawthorn, Banker's Hill

This is an awesome sauce that can be served over scallops or shrimp and linguine. We just used it at a big function at the zoo. We did 500 servings of scallops. We sautéed them there and added a little sauce. It was just excellent.

The recipe came from our original chef, José. He, my partner, and I were all instrumental in designing the menu. José was with us for the first two or three years, and then he decided he wanted to go off and do his own restaurant.

There are no tricks to making this recipe, and the ingredients are easily

found in any market, except for the Yang Jiang preserved beans and the black vinegar, which can be purchased at Asian markets.

If you serve the sauce with scallops or shrimp — which are what I prefer — I would recommend Presidio Pinot Noir or Frei Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon.

HOW TO DO IT

Rinse the beans in water. Soak them in hot water for 10 minutes. Drain the water. Sauté the shallots, garlic, and ginger in olive oil, until just soft. Add all

the remaining ingredients, except the sugar and cornstarch, and simmer for 90 minutes. Add the sugar and mix till dissolved. Then add cornstarch by pinches, stirring vigorously to thicken sauce to desired consistency. Serve over seafood or seafood with pasta.

This recipe makes enough sauce for four to six servings.

INGREDIENTS

¼ cup Yang Jiang preserved beans
2 cups water
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon shallots, chopped



1 tablespoon fresh garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 teaspoon sherry
1½ teaspoons balsamic vinegar
1½ teaspoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons Chinese black vinegar
1½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
½ cup oyster sauce
½ cup sugar
1½ tablespoons cornstarch (or more) to thicken sauce

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. Of course, the idea is to keep players' 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 Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (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, gua-

camole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer 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-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistec 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. Lázaro Cárdenas #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 Galeana #8131 (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 entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, 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 Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumeey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...country! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type

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La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (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)*

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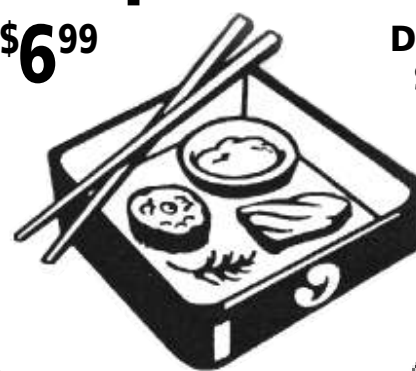
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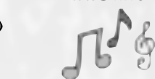
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The big push is on, clear through Christmas to the Oscar nominations, and not a moment to draw a breath. Huff-puff....

Alexander. The Great, that is. Not great movie, mind you, just great Alexander. The movie, on the other hand, is a lumbering three-hour uncinematic spectacle that traces the Macedonian conqueror (or uniter, depending upon your politics) from his days as a young lad to the end of his days as a young man — or more concretely, from a child actor who's a pretty fair look-alike, and even Irish-accented sound-alike, for the star of the show, a bleached-blond Colin Farrell — while his mother, Angelina Jolie, rolling her *r*'s in some vague Mediterranean tongue, doesn't age a day. Oliver Stone, in quest of another exposé, exposes himself as pretty much a fraud of a filmmaker. Oh, he may shower the hero with rose petals upon his triumphant entry into a computer-generated Babylon, and he may scare up a harem of wriggling and

shimmying concubines, and he may marshal some trick photography for the battle scenes: time-tested slow-motion, of course, but also the more modish (post-*Private Ryan*) sorts of

jerky and jumpy motion, and a totally bloodshot screen when the hero takes a spear in the chest. Most of the movie,

though, is rudimentary face shots, in talky, speechy, shouty, bellowy scenes that are virtually unstaged, and are not more powerful for the rising volume of the voices. To a human battering ram such as Stone, the liberty to depict the switch-hitting sexual mores of the Ancient Greeks (Jared Leto in eyeliner) might have seemed a worthwhile advance over the mid-Fifties handling of the material (Richard Burton in the hero's sandals), but this smidge of historical pedantry, no less than the general tedium, seems unlikely to rally the moviegoing troops. (Box-office receipts over the opening weekend wound up in sixth place; and the word-of-mouth, on any aspect apart from



Alexander

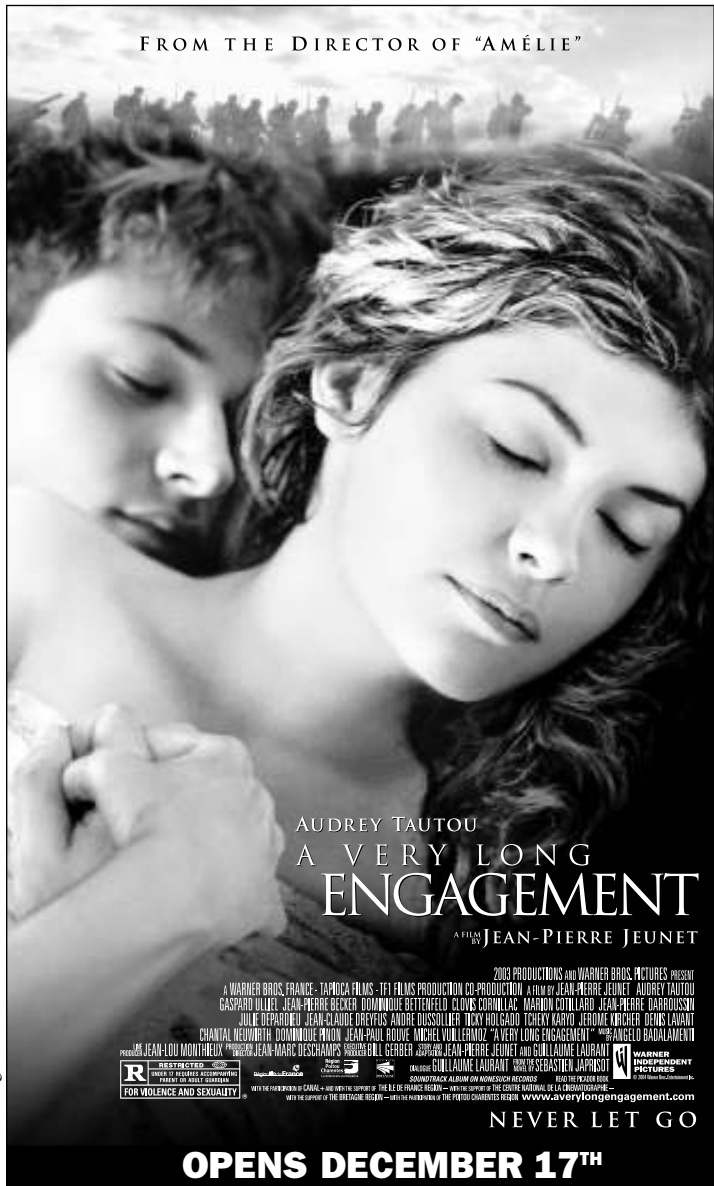
Rosario Dawson's bosoms, is bound to hurt.) Only the background music of Vangelis, for an authentic Greek flavor, gives the viewer the intermittent illusion that he is watching an epic: clearly the better option than Yanni.

Kinsey. Biography of yet another switch-hitting trailblazer, the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (not to be confused with Alfred

the Great), almost equally as heavy-footed and plodding as the Alexander biography, but only two-thirds as long. That's a definite plus, though it's a minus for the protagonist to pass through *three* younger incarnations, all of them poor matches for the mature adult, Liam Neeson (suppressing his own Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British,

but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors to establish it: the father (a type-cast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline

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eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus (a favorite reference point for Alexander, too, although not as favorite as Achilles). His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's *Gods and Monsters*), amounts to a clarion endorsement. Viewers will have sufficient basis to know what Condon thinks of his subject, if insufficient to know what they themselves think.

Closer. Reekingly urbane Mike Nichols chamber piece, prone to be seen as a long-distance companion to his *Carnal Knowledge* in its dirty talk and its romantic disillusion. The quartet of players — two American females, a stripper (but of course) and a portrait photographer, and two British males, an obituarist and a dermatologist — align and realign over an extended period of time. (The title is presumably to be pronounced with a soft s, synonym of "nearer," not a hard s, synonym of Mariano Rivera.) A lot of important events transpire off-screen — in between scenes, in the blink of an eye — and it would not be amiss to say that the most interesting parts of the film are the skips. Nor would it be amiss to point out that these are common devices in theater, where indeed the film originated. While the action has, as they say, been "opened up," the brittle dialogue still

echoes of the stage. (Patrick Marber adapted his own play.) Clive Owen, normally a bit of a Gloomy Gus, is surprisingly the liveliest member of the ensemble; and Julia Roberts, hardly less surprisingly, is the most restrained, the most recessed: perhaps the highest praise, or the nearest thing to praise, that I have ever heaped on her. (She nevertheless remains the gracious recipient of the contractually required line: "You're beautiful.") Natalie Portman and Jude Law occupy the middle ground, fighting uphill battles to humanize their porcelain perfection.

National Treasure. Juvenile adventure yarn about a treasure hunt for the legendary booty of the Knights Templar, handed down to their natural successors, the Masons, and squirreled away by the American Founding Fathers, with clues to its whereabouts written in invisible ink on the back of the Declaration of Independence. The Jerry Bruckheimer treatment (Jon Turteltaub the nominal director) blends bombast and grandiosity with insolence and insouciance, in such a way as to appeal strictly to the tone-deaf or tone-indifferent (or more exactly, juveniles). Nicolas Cage reverts to his action-hero mode, which is to say his take-the-money-and-run mode. Justin Bartha, the mentally challenged younger brother in *Gigli* (if you're one of the forty-two people who saw it), is the sardonic sidekick who seems to be doing an impression of Dennis Miller. Diane Kruger, the Face That Launched a Thousand Ships in *Troy*, is Just Another Pretty Face. And Sean Bean is just another British baddie, albeit slightly more justifiable as a present-

day descendant of the Redcoats.

Christmas with the Kranks. Holiday comedy, adapted from an anomalous novel by John Grisham (*The Firm*, *The Client*, *The Chamber*, *The Rainmaker*, *The this*, *The that*), about a suburban couple who opt, after their only offspring has flown the coop into the Peace Corps, to buck the Christmas tradition and

resist the social pressures of their neighbors. A promising premise, unfulfilled in the early stages and broken to bits once the offspring announces her return to the coop with a Peruvian fiancé. One tradition upheld from the start, ripe to be bucked, is that of the annual Tim Allen Christmas film. He has one scene, at least, that Chaplin

could have been proud of, had Chaplin lived in the age of Botox: trying to eat fruit cocktail with immobilized mandibles. And the sight of the middle-aged Jamie Lee Curtis in an itty-bitsy bikini arouses admiration for her courage, if it arouses nothing else.

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After the Sunset — Rhinestone heist thriller (a brandished DVD of *To Catch a Thief* establishes a standard of comparison) about a couple of high-tech jewel thieves in smug retirement in the Islands: "Now the challenge is to find joy in simple things." But then the third of the priceless Napoleon Diamonds, of which our couple have already stolen the other two, sails into port, preceded by an obsessed FBI man. Pierce Brosnan flirts with homophobic jokes, and Salma Hayek models several acres of cop-

per skin along with several square inches of skimpiers. Woody Harrelson, Don Cheadle, Naomie Harris; directed by Brett Ratner. 2004.

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Closer

PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Alexander — Reviewed this issue. With Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie, Val Kilmer, Jared Leto, Rosario Dawson, and Anthony Hopkins; directed by Oliver Stone.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION

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Alfie — A new, updated, relocated Alfie — an Alfie for America, for the Bedhead generation, for the erectile-dysfunction era. He's still a Brit, and still talks straight to the camera, but now our lady-killer must be a chiselled Adonis (Jude Law) instead of a legitimate heir to Michael Caine (a Rhys Ifans, for instance, or a Paul Bettany).

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There are changes in the storyline as well, but nothing to resemble true imagination. Unfortunate shot: Omar Epps polishing an automobile in front of huge capital letters spelling out the word "shine." With Marisa Tomei, Nia Long, Susan Sarandon, and Sienna Miller; directed by Charles Shyer. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, *Theatre*. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2004.

★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18)

Birth — The sophomore effort of director Jonathan Glazer, after his auspicious debut with *Sexy Beast*, is nothing if not ambitious: a reincarnation mystery wherein a somber little ten-year-old (Cameron Bright, the little creep of *Godsend*) shows up at the doorstep of a newly engaged widow (Nicole Kidman in a Peter Pan haircut) to inform her that he is her reborn husband. A couple of generations earlier, such a starting point might have led to a racy farce in the tradition of Thorne Smith. But that was then; this is now. When the jealous fiancé takes his half-pint rival over his knee to paddle his behind, it isn't for laughs; it's in spluttering response to the breath-stopping episode in which the tiny tyke strips down and joins the full-bloom woman in her bathtub. There's no knowing whether the farcical approach would have worked, then or now, but it's a certainty that the striven-for note of New Age wonderment (what modern woman, especially with a fiancé as damp as Danny Huston, could resist so transcendent a love?) is the wrong one. And the working-out of the plot serves only to invalidate the treatment. It's almost as if no one had troubled to read the script all the way to the end. A number of serious actors, including Anne Heche, Peter Stormare, Arliss Howard, Alison Elliott, Cara Seymour, Ted Levine, and Lauren Bacall, are left looking pretty foolish. But there's no fun in it for anybody. The musical score by Alexandre Desplat, all by itself, would see to that, administering the aural equivalent of a Chinese water torture, with the flutes, the harps, the horns taking turns attacking our fortitude. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason — A case of ill-advised expansionism, not so much (or not just) in the sense of Renée Zellweger packing the pounds back on (without polishing up her English accent), but in the sense of a modestly profitable corner cookie store envisioning itself as the next Mrs. Fields. Granted, it's well within the realm of reason that life, for Helen Fielding's self-deprecating heroine, does not run smoothly into the sunset: "Another year, a brand-new diary." It runs instead in circles — she keeps on being an insanely possessive idiot, and her prize catch of a boyfriend keeps on being big about it — till she spirals off on a tangent that takes her over the edge and into a Thai prison for drug smuggling. A tacit admission, that, of the depletion of the material. Though it's too late by then to return to reason, it's never too late to return to convention: a climactic crosstown dash (staple of romantic comedies) in three distinct stages, to four different pop songs. The new director, Beeban Kidron, is a more experienced hand than Sharon Maguire on the first film, but the experiences have tended to be sullyng ones: *Used People* and *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*. Like her predecessor, she provides a feminine touch only to the extent that the proverbial bull in the china shop might well be a cow. Some of the uniformly anemic images are strangely grainy into the bar-



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gain, as if sections of long shots or medium shots had been marked off and blown up into closer shots. Colin Firth and Hugh Grant — the rock and the hard-on — have come back to do their respective things, with half a heart each. Jacinda Barrett, Jim Broadbent, Gemma Jones. 2004.

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Christmas with the Kranks — Reviewed this issue. With Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis, Dan Aykroyd, M. Emmet Walsh, and Julie Gonzalo; directed by Joe Roth.

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Closer — Reviewed this issue. With Julia Roberts, Jude Law, Natalie Portman, and Clive Owen; directed by Mike Nichols.
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; FROM 12/3)

La Dolce Vita — Federico Fellini's diagnosis of what ails the modern world. It is not a short list. It is, rather, a long-winded discourse that sooner or later touches on nearly everyone's favorite vice. At least one of the subjects covered — the Roman paparazzi — is pinned down definitively. For the rest, this vulgar, energetic, and often over-extended movie is a handy summation of the moral laxities of the Jet Set Age. With Marcello Mastroianni, Anouk Aimee, and Anita Ekberg. 1960.
★★★★ (KEN, 12/6 THROUGH 9)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: "There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, *and why!*") The usefulness of this exercise is rather di-

minished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as

opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster.

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The Forgotten — Science-fiction thriller that takes a good long while to declare itself as such. A grieving mother, Julianne Moore, acting as if this were no less serious a business than *The Hours* or *Far from Heaven*, continues to make daily visits to her nine-year-old son's bedroom — his dresser, his Mets cap, his baseball mitt, his photo albums — fourteen months after he went down in a plane, plus weekly visits to a psychologist. Then, suddenly, all photographic evidence of the child disappears; and the mother is told, first by her husband and then by her therapist, that he never really existed. The therapist has a word for it (telamnesia?), signifying the invention of an alternative reality. Friends and neighbors unanimously confirm the child's nonexistence. So far, so intriguing. But then the National Security Agency comes into it, as well as a mystery man who bounces up after getting run down by a car and shrugs off bullets in the leg, shoulder, and back. (Alfre Woodard, in compensation, comes into it, too, as an ordinary New York cop.) The seeming impossibility of a satisfactory explanation and the seeming indestructibility of the antagonist impose heavy burdens on the film, and on the spectator's patience. In the end, there's a logical explanation, albeit a supernatural one, but it's also a weak one, a partial one, a dissatisfying one. The film as a whole mirrors the

career of its director, Joseph Ruben: some early promise (*Dreamscape*, *The Stepfather*) followed by disappointment (*Sleeping with the Enemy*, *The Good Son*, *Money Train*, *Return to Paradise*). The handsomeness of the cinematography by Anastas Michos is a constant. Dominic West, Anthony Edwards, Gary Sinise. 2004.
★ (VOGUE)

The Grudge — A remake of a Japanese film, *Ju-On: The Grudge*, which was not much good to begin with. Perhaps, there, a better-than-usual rationale for a remake, especially because the same man occupies the director's chair, Takashi Shimizu: a second chance to get it right. No change, either, in the Tokyo locale, albeit repopulated with such Western invaders as Sarah Michelle Gellar (boning up on a Japanese phrase book), Clea DuVall, KaDee Strickland, and Bill Pullman. The rudimentary haunted-house premise (a curse on all ye who enter here) permits little development — a fact underscored by the backward jumps in time — but permits nonstop games of hide-and-seek and peek-aboo with a tag team of malevolent spirits. If the game-playing is slicker the second time around, that's precisely what's wanted when you're pulling a series of fast ones. The means are still modest, and the frights honest. Best of them: the police detective, alone in his office, watching a surveillance tape of an inky shadow that pools in an empty hallway, solidifies into a female form, and advances straight toward the camera — or is it toward the TV screen? 2004.

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ENADE 24)

I Heart Huckabees — A self-declared Existential Comedy revolving around the personal crisis of an environmental activist (Jason Schwartzman), currently getting squeezed out of the Open Spaces Coalition by his duplicitous but much better-looking and more charismatic colleague (Jude Law), who is literally sleeping with the enemy, the cheerleader-perky spokesmodel (Naomi Watts) of the expansionist Huckabees department store: “The Everything Store.” The impetus of the crisis, or the impetus of the plot anyway, is the business card of an Existential Detective agency fortuitously found in the pocket of a loaner sport coat at a jackets-required restaurant. The question the client wants answered is the meaning of three separate sightings of a beanpole black man — it can’t just be coincidence, can it? — but the husband-and-wife detective team (Dustin Hoffman in a gray Beatles wig and the slyly deadpan Lily Tomlin), tackling their 353rd case in seventeen years of operation, are more interested in the larger issues of their client’s identity and his place in the grand scheme of things. Rounding out the cast of characters are the client’s assigned “buddy” (Mark



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Wahlberg), an anti-petroleum fanatic who, in his job as a firefighter, conscientiously bicycles to the source of the alarm, and a renegade disciple of our detectives (Isabelle

Huppert), a French nihilist whose antithetical business card reads, “Cruelty. Manipulation. Meaninglessness.” Though the movie boots around Buddhist truths to do

with the interconnectedness of everything in the universe, the oneness of humanity, the sameness of opposites, and so on, it is, in its heart of hearts, a typical piece of

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American commercialism hell-bent on supplying constant diversion: nervous, anxious, restless, relentless. Perhaps the nervousness, the anxiety, etc., make better sense when you observe that *Huckabees* is the first film in five years by David O. Russell (*Three Kings*, *Flirting with Disaster*, *Spanking the Monkey*, in reverse order) and that he has a reputation to maintain. Or to resuscitate. The trendy ideas in this high-brow Three Stooges comedy, this meta-physical Thin Man mystery, might give you the feeling of often being on the verge of something — something quite different, something special, something unique — without ever really crossing over the verge. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 12/2)

The Incredibles — A Pixar computer cartoon about a married-with-children team of superheroes in enforced retirement under the Superhero Relocation Program. The tweaking of superheroes has long since progressed beyond a mere trend into a full-blown state of cultural decadence, but there’s no particular reason to hold it against this little tag-along. The topography of the volcanic island that serves as the archvillain’s lair is well rendered, and the imitation-007 musical score hits a high number of right notes. With the voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jason Lee; written and directed by Brad Bird. 2004.

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Kinsey — Reviewed this issue. With Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Peter Sarsgaard, and John Lithgow; written and directed by Bill Condon.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Machinist — Christian Bale, doing a Raging De Niro in reverse, put himself on a Dachau diet and lost in the neighborhood of sixty pounds — and for what? A suspenseless psychological thriller about a factory worker with a distorted reality. The distortions are eventually explained, if anyone’s still interested. Director Brad Anderson has settled down his camerawork since *Next Stop Wonderland* and *Happy Accidents*, and has alighted instead on a different sort of affectation: color-drained photography and blue-tinged photography. With Jennifer Jason Leigh and Aitana Sanchez-Gijon. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Motorcycle Diaries — Mythologizing biopic on the critical year of 1952 in the life of Che Guevara, before he was Che, when he was still just a med student called “Ernestito,” embarking with his biochemist best friend on a road trip from his native Argentina, up the entire west coast of South America, on the back of “an aged, leaky 1939 Norton 500,” nicknamed “The Mighty One.” The motorcycle, after four spills, conks out in Chile, but the journey continues on foot: a desultory, mildly diverting narrative that, in the end, turns quite touching. With Gael García Bernal and Rodrigo De la Serna; directed by Walter Salles. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Napoleon Dynamite — A catchy name for a movie, but not a name that fits its owner: the nerd of nerds at Preston High in podunk Idaho, a misfit for much more than just his name. Sporting a tumbleweed of kinky blond hair atop his gangly slope-shouldered frame, breathing through a troutlike open mouth, speaking in a monotone by turns belligerent and resentful, peering out at the world through half-closed eyes and an oversized pair of aviator glasses, he is almost an Expressionistic caricature of adolescent discomfort. And the unknown actor, Jon Heder, gives not so much a performance as a mere presentation: here I am, like it or lump it. His unfat-

miliarity (is he *really* like that?) harmonizes beautifully with his many discomforts: his clumsiness with the opposite sex ("I see you're drinking one-percent. Is that 'cause you think you're fat?"), his mortification over his closest relatives (an older brother involved in an Internet courtship, an uncle pathologically nostalgic for his footballing heyday in the Eighties: "It's a time machine, Napoleon. We bought it on-line"), his bond of alienation with the only Latino in his class, his favorite pastime of solo tetherball. The clever credits sequence, composed of unappetizing plates of food and assorted other mundanities (a Chapstick, a library check-out card, and so on), correctly forecasts the relentless quirkiness of the film, a feel-odd comedy that takes a hard turn at the end toward a feel-good comedy (not without adequate preparation: a closed-door practice session in which the hero "gets his groove on" with a dance-instruction video found at a thrift shop). The equally unknown director, Jared Hess, whom we might like to imagine got to know his star by way of alphabetical seating in Study Hall, would appear to have undergone some sort of artistic epiphany while watching a Wes Anderson film: flat, squared-up images, dealt out in a kind of hammer-and-anvil rhythm. The consistency of it all, not just the rhythm but the tone, is ultimately persuasive. The viewer is given plenty of time to attune, to adjust, to acclimate. He is given no special inducement. Jon Gries, Aaron Ruell, Efrén Ramirez, Tina Majorino. 2004.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA PALOMA)

National Treasure — Reviewed this issue. With Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha, Sean Bean, Jon Voight, and

Harvey Keitel; directed by Jon Turteltaub. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

On the Waterfront — Elia Kazan's multi-Oscar-winner about racketeers on the New York docks and the broken-down, battle-scarred boxer who blows the whistle. (The revisionist view, in light of Kazan's naming of names to HUAC, is to see it as a rationale for ratting.) Marlon Brando, in a floridly indelible performance, is the sensitive palooka who raises pigeons, woos a virtuous Catholic girl (Eva Marie Saint in her screen debut), and has a big scene with his big brother (Rod Steiger) in the backseat of a taxi cab: "I coulda been a contender." A lot of it is over the top — Leonard Bernstein's lurid music, Lee J. Cobb, Karl Malden, the operatic finale — but Boris Kaufman's gritty photography keeps it grounded. 1954.

★★★ (KEN, 12/3 THROUGH 5)

The Polar Express — Neither an "instant classic" nor the polar opposite, but a middling addition to the holiday repertoire: computerized illustrations of the Chris Van Allsburg children's book about a little boy already too old to believe in Santa ("This is your crucial year"), snatched out of his bed on Christmas Eve for a faith-restoring train

trip to the North Pole. Is seeing believing? — or vice versa? (The answer to the explicit question, "Could this be nothing but a dream?" is a firm "No!") The fundamental animation technique of drawing on top of live-action figures — as in Ralph Bakshi's version of *The Lord of the Rings*, for example — is nothing new, but it has never looked quite like this: a mobile billboard or magazine ad airbrushed to the thickness of cake frosting, giving the image a velvety, mossy, furry, peach-fuzzy feel. Filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, who really did foment a revolution in animation in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, does not now appear likely to repeat the feat. But only time will tell. (Maybe when computer-generated touch-ups have become as commonplace in Hollywood as cosmetic surgery, we'll look back on *The Polar Express* as the breakthrough.) There are some marvelous sights on parade — the ghostly first appearance of the choo-choo out of a clearing cloud of steam and swirling snow; the wind-borne ticket that returns to its holder via a relay network of a pack of wolves, an eagle, a rolling snowball, etc.; the perilous slog over the top of the railcars against a relentless salvo of blinding snowflakes; the train snaking across an ice-covered track; the red-brick Victorian architecture of the Pole — but these, without exception, are significantly liberated from the live actors. They are free-hand animation. The recognizable face of Tom Hanks, behind a walrus mustache and half-moon glasses, in the part of the train conductor and chief proselytizer for childlike credulity, is something of a distraction — a disruption in the cartoon universe — in the same way that an overly recognizable voice can be a distraction (Robin Williams in *Aladdin*, Eddie Murphy in *Shrek*, Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres in *Finding Nemo* — name your own). But Hanks's voice, in a handful of other roles besides that of the conductor, almost as though he alone were reading the Van Allsburg text for audiotape, has been sufficiently disguised or electronically altered to be no more than a minimal distraction. 2004.

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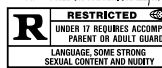
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Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood circa 1948-65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be

absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There's a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploita-

tion, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstage discord among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking motion whether walking or singing, the self-hug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it's a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-

TER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Riding Giants — Pedestrian surf film, pieced together of archival footage and present-day talking heads, in salute to the pioneers of wave-riding. ("It was George Downing who carved the mold from which all other big-wave riders were cast," etc.) The earlier pioneers, pre-*Gidget*, are more credible as pioneers, and their photo documentation has more charm. Directed by Stacy Peralta. 2004. ★ (LA PALOMA)

Saw — Short for Jigsaw, nickname of a serial killer who "technically" has killed no one, but rather has contrived elaborate traps to compel his victims to do the killing. Cheap, crude, ugly, hokey chiller which you're likely to be sorry you saw. With Cary Elwes, Leigh Whannell, Danny Glover, and Monica Potter; directed by James Wan. 2004. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Seed of Chucky — Jennifer Tilly, playing herself, namely a chocolate-munching

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Jones: The Edge of Reason; **The Incredibles**; **Ray**

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10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00

MIRA MESA

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7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
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Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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has-been ("How come I don't get any good roles anymore?"), gets impregnated by turkey-baster with the ejaculate of a demonic doll: "No wonder her career is in trouble." Her trust has been sorely misplaced, her good nature brutally abused. With Hannah Spearritt, Redman, John Waters, and the voice of Brad Douir; written and directed by Don Mancini. 2004.

● CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shall We Dance — Ill-conceived American remake, under British director Peter

Chelsom, of the 1996 Japanese film (not the 1937 Astaire-Rogers film), the original of which was a success as much artistically as commercially. The social stigma, for starters, which we learned was attached to ballroom dancing in the regimented Land of the Rising Sun, hardly obtains in the do-your-own-thing Land of the Free. And Richard Gere, from the outset, is too glamorous, too confident, too cool for the lead role of the closet twinkle-toes, and is not a good enough actor to pretend otherwise. And Jennifer Lopez, no matter how withdrawn from the world her character is supposed to be, or how subordinate her role,

cannot help but act as though she's the center of the universe. (The dark costuming, the dim lighting, the discreet framing, however, de-emphasize the famous derrière — the center of the universe is not just *that!* — and it falls to a different, fuller-figured gal to protest, if only as a diversion, “Stop lookin’ at my ass.”) The muddy photography, to seal the doom, casts a pall over what is — or was — an overt fairy tale. With Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci, Richard Jenkins, Lisa Ann Walter. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Shark Tale — Subaqueous computer animation; or, Finding *Nemo*'s Sunken Treasure. Not only is the plasticity animation done by computer, but also the plotting, scripting, casting, everything. We have here, plugged in as variables in the formula, hip-hop fish (voice, and lips, of Will Smith), Mafia sharks (voice and facial mole of Robert De Niro), a temperamental blowfish (voice and eyebrows of Martin Scorsese), Rastafarian jellyfish (Ziggy Marley, Doug E. Doug), and so on. One of the younger sharks (Jack Black) is "different," specifically vegetarian (read "effeminate"), symbolically whatever you please. Pop-culture

references are rife: the sharks hum to themselves the theme from *Jaws*, etc. Wordplay is compulsory and compulsive: shell phones, prawn shop, Coral-Cola. As long as the box-office stampede persists, there is no reason for the manufacture of these things to slow down or aim higher. With the voices, also, of Renée Zellweger and Angelina Jolie; directed by Bibi Bergeron, Vicky Jensen, and Rob Letterman. 2004.

● (VOGUE)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two

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5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Mon.
1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Santa**
vs. The Snowman (Not Rated) Mon. 11:00;
Tue.-Thu. 12:00; **To Worlds Beyond** Sat.
10:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not
Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 6:00; Sun.-Thu.
12:00, 2:00

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After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:45) 6:15, 7:30, 10:05; **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 12:00, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; Mon.-Tue. (11:00, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri. (11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:55, 3:35, 4:05, 4:50) 6:40, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:55, 3:35, 4:05, 4:50) 6:40, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:40; Mon.-Tue. (11:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:55, 3:35, 4:05, 4:50) 6:40, 7:10, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:40; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 11:45, 1:25, 2:10, 3:50, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:30) 7:25; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 5:05) 10:00; **Seed of Chucky** (R) Fri.-Tue. (2:45) 7:40; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 4:55) 10:50; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (10:00, 11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. (11:45, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:45, 5:30) 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Alexander (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 3:30) 7:05, 10:40; Sun. (11:45, 3:20) 7:05, 10:35;
 Mon.-Thu. (2:15) 6:50, 10:15; **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:55, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30, 10:30; Sun. (11:25, 2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30) 7:15, 9:40;
Christmas with the Kranks (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:20) 7:40, 9:55; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:45, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:10;
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SquarePants Movie (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:05, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 9:35

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 Sun. (11:00, 3:00) 6:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:25,
 4:00) 8:00; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG)
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 Sun. (10:15, 12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu.
 (12:50, 3:05) 6:50, 9:00; **The Incredibles** (PG)
 Fri.-Sat. (10:40, 1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sun.
 (10:40, 1:20) 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00,
 2:30) 6:30, 8:55; **National Treasure** (PG)
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 2:00) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:10) 6:15, 8:50;

The Polar Express (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:20, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (10:00, 12:20, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:50) 6:40, 8:50; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:35, 1:00, 3:25) 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (10:35, 1:00, 3:25) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 3:45) 6:35, 8:45; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:25, 1:10, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (10:25, 1:10, 3:55) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 3:00) 6:20, 9:00; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:05, 12:10, 2:10) 4:10, 6:40, 9:15; Sun. (10:05, 12:10, 2:10) 4:10, 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15) 6:25, 8:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road

After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:10, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 2:00, 3:30) 6:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 7:25, 10:05; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 11:55, 1:55, 2:30, 4:35, 5:05) 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:10; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:50, 10:20; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 11:30, 1:50, 2:20, 4:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:25; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 12:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:40; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:15, 4:50) 7:20, 9:40; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:55) 7:05, 10:35; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 8:00, 10:30; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 2:05, 5:00) 7:55, 10:40; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:00,

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National Treasure; The Spongebob
Squarepants Movie; The Polar Express; The
Incredibles

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00
 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Alexander** (R)
 Fri.-Thu. 12:00 (4:00) 8:00; **Bridget Jones:**
The Edge of Reason (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00
 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Christmas with**
the Kranks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45)
 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Grudge** (PG-13)
 Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 10:45; **The Incredibles** (PG)
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 7:15, 10:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu.
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press (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45,
 8:15, 10:30; **Seed of Chucky** (R) Fri.-Thu.
 8:15, 10:30; **The SpongeBob SquarePants**
Movie (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:45,
 1:45, 3:00, 4:00) 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 9:45

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 Alexander; Christmas with the Kranks;
 Finding Neverland; Bridget Jones: The
 Edge of Reason; Sideways; National Treas-
 ure; The Spongebob Squarepants Movie;
 The Polar Express; Seed of Chucky; After
 the Sunset; The Incredibles; Saw; Ray; The
 Grudge

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Forgotten (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:30;
Shark Tale (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00; **Taxi**
(PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45

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 Sun.-Tue. 9:30; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20,
 2:20, 3:55) 5:55, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (12:20, 1:25,
 3:55) 5:05, 7:30, 9:00; Mon.-Tue. (12:20, 1:25,
 3:55, 5:05) 7:30, 9:00; **Bridget Jones: The**
Edge of Reason (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:40)
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 9:10; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG)
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 (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Tue.
 (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Incredibles**
 (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10;

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MOVIES

old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former’s wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bride-groom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let’s say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what’s best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker’s wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the *New York Times* crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother’s birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception, congenital mendacity — extends as far



On the Waterfront

and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance. 2004. ★★ ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie — Feature version of the Nickelodeon animated TV series, directed by Sherm Cohen and Stephen Hillenburg.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Taxi — Americanization of an unimported French farce written by Luc Besson: a bum-

bling white male cop (Jimmy Fallon) and a brassy black female cabbie (Queen Latifah, the new Whoopi Goldberg) on the trail of a bank-robbing gang of Brazilian bombshells (supermodel Gisele Bündchen, et al.). Undemanding and unrewarding. With Jennifer Esposito and Ann-Margret; directed by Tim Story. 2004. ● (VOGUE)

What the Bleep Do We Know? — Essentially an old-fashioned classroom film presented (at a price) in theaters: a team of

scientists and scholars, with heavy grounding in quantum physics, take turns explaining how the brain shapes reality. Illustration comes from computer cartoons on a par with TV ads for household cleaners, and a live-action Marlee Matlin in an underdeveloped fiction. It’s interesting material, but it’s not a movie. See Alain Resnais’s *Mon Oncle d’Amerique* for a better model. Directed by William Arntz, Betsy Chasse, Mark Vicente. 2004. ● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:15, 7:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri. 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 2:30 (4:45) 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (4:45) 7:15

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Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 10:15; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:15, 12:00, 2:00, 3:50) 6:00, 7:45, 10:00; **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Tue. (2:25) 7:40; **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:40, 11:30, 1:40, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00) 7:15, 7:40, 9:45, 10:30; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:20, 1:20, 4:10) 7:20, 10:10; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:30, 4:35) 10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 11:45, 1:00, 2:30, 3:45, 5:10) 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:40; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 12:30, 1:45, 3:40, 4:45) 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:45; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 12:20, 2:55, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:15) 7:20; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:00; **Seed of**

Chucky (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 5:00) 10:10; **Shall We Dance?** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:05; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:25, 1:25, 4:25) 7:35, 10:35; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 12:25, 3:10) 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 10:20

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
Blade: Trinity (R) Wed.-Thu. 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:10, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25; Sun. 10:10, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Tue. 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Wed.-Thu. 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:20, 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00; Sun. 10:20, 1:00, 3:45, 6:30; Mon.-Tue. 12:45, 3:20, 6:00, 8:30; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45; Mon.-Tue. 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45; Wed.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Tue. 4:45, 7:00; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. 12:00 (4:00) 8:00; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45,

3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (11:15, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15 (11:15, 1:15, 2:00, 4:15) 7:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Alexander; Christmas with the Kranks; National Treasure; The Spongebob Squarepants Movie; Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason; The Polar Express; After the Sunset; The Incredibles

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Napoleon Dynamite (PG) Fri. 6:50; Sat.-Sun. 2:25, 6:50; Mon.-Tue. 6:50; **Riding Giants** (PG-13) Fri. 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:30, 9:00; Mon.-Tue. 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00; **Warren Miller’s Impact** (Not Rated) Wed. 8:00; Thu. 6:00, 9:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Alexander (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00 (4:00) 7:45;

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
After the Sunset (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:45; **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 12:00, 2:45, 3:45, 6:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 12:00, 2:45, 3:45, 6:30, 7:45; **Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:10; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:05, 11:30, 1:45, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 11:05, 11:30, 1:45, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:50, 10:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 12:15, 3:30, 6:30, 9:45; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:25; Sat.-Tue. 11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:25; **Saw** (R) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:20; **Seed of Chucky** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 10:10; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 6:45, 7:20, 10:15

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
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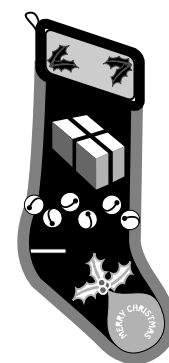
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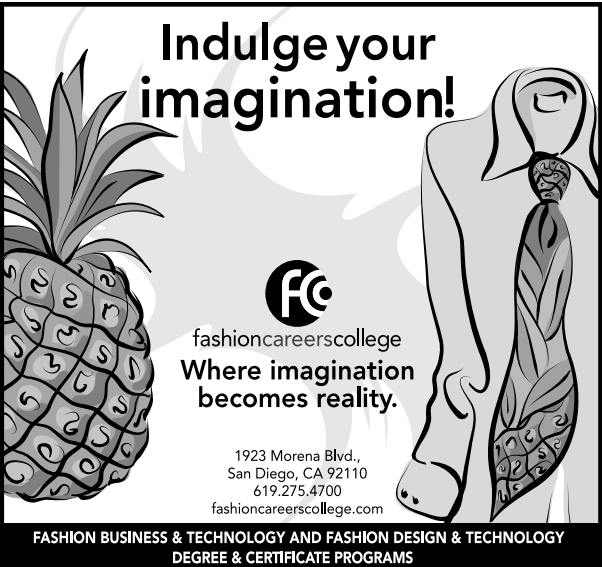
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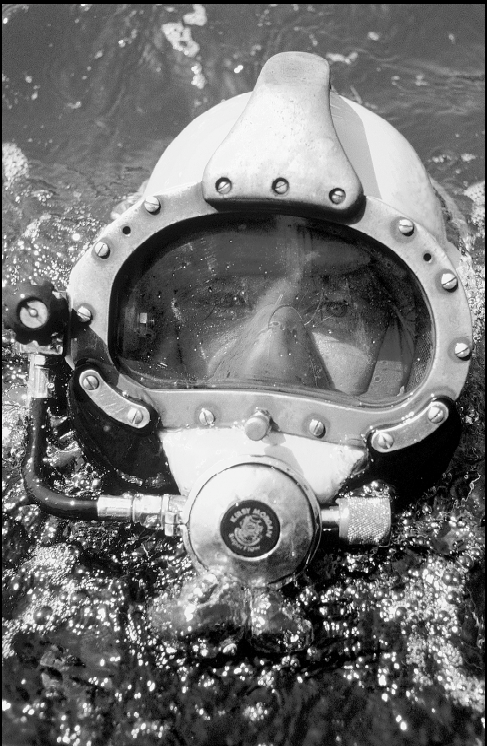
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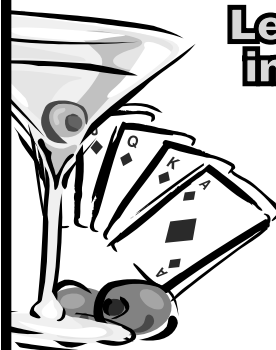


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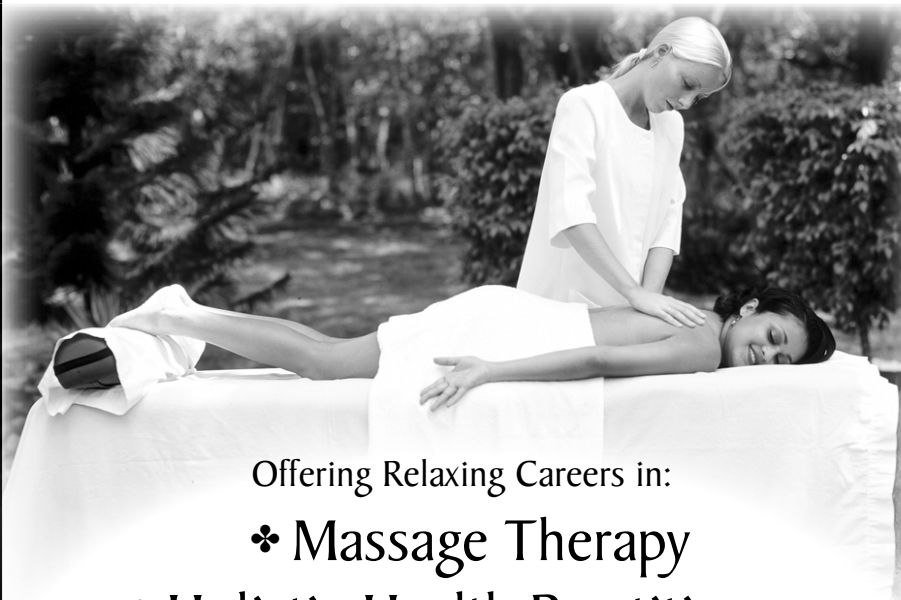
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1. Morning brew

5. Guy who gets a lot of attention

10. Nursery rhyme girl

14. Not a duplicate: Abbr.

15. ____-ground missile

16. “Back ____!” (“Likewise!”)

17. Owe

20. Org. for Magic and Wizards

21. Snap result?

22. Eisenhower’s Secretary of State

23. One with class?

24. Auntie of Broadway

25. Oh

31. Be the front runner again

32. They’re tops

33. “Miss Saigon” setting, in brief

34. Eastern sashes

35. Advocating

36. Billy of “Titanic”

37. Bk. after Exodus

38. Sink alternative

40. Pierce

42. Eau

45. “... ____ saw Elba”

46. Minute amount

47. One who might give you a lift

50. Wrinkly fruit

51. Four in a dollar: Abbr.

54. O

57. Like some vaccines

58. Avignon aunt

59. Verdi heroine

60. Hardly ubiquitous

61. Result of a leadoff walk

62. Wall Street intros

26. Kalamata, e.g.

27. It helps you see plays

28. Thunderstruck

29. More lucid

30. Retired, as a 23-Across

31. Massage deeply

35. Stereotypical poodle name

36. Sixth in the Greek alphabet

38. Loose rock debris

39. Chauffeur’s question

40. Puffed up

41. Actress Holmes

43. Annoy

44. “But of course!”

47. ____ effort

48. Former Italian money

49. Miles off

50. Magazine of reprints

51. Canal cleaner

52. Fix up

53. Titles for esposas: Abbr.

55. Bert Bobbsey’s twin

56. Mai ____

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7. One entry per person.

Down

1. With 24-Down, “Our National Parks” author

2. Saudi citizen

3. “ ____ Las Vegas”

4. Carbon dating determination

5. Boys reach it but girls don’t

6. Scam

7. Sitter’s headache

8. “Is ____?” (Last Supper question)

9. Father of modern rocketry

10. Turnkey

11. “ ____ be a cold day ...”

12. Singer Lovett

13. Maiden

18. Abbr. on a food label

19. Displaces

23. First Lady’s man: Abbr.

24. See 1-Down

25. Artist Max

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 11/24/04.

- Of the 89 entrants, 83 were correct.
- The winners are:
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HOLIDAY TREAT! Fun, laughs, sharing. You: 57-68, white, nonsmoker, romantic, degreed, gentle(man), self-esteem, healthy, hugaholic, sincere. Me: vivacious, vixen, pretty, petite, smart, voluptuous, fun(ny), self-confident. (12/15) **☎**33701

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51, PRETTY, CHARMING, educated, sexy, blonde, European-American, wishes to meet 66+ nice gentleman, retired. Culture, dining out, financially secure, foreign country style. (12/15) **☎**33681

FRISKY GODDESS, 53; nature, ocean, gardening, science, art, cooking. Seeking adventurous, metaphysical gentleman; long-term relationship. You: 45-60, educated, open minded, healthy, handy, handsome, nonsmoker. (12/8) **☎**33663

JULIET NEEDS ROMEO! Perkily, confident, sensuous, curvaceous, voluptuous, humorous, degreed, petite. He-Man, 58-68, white, nonsmoker, funny, educated, kind, self-esteem, thoughtful. Laughter, romance, enjoyment, hugs, kisses. (12/8) **☎**33659

FAMILY, IDEAS, KIDS and love. World peace, quiet, and vegetarian food. Tranquil woman, 37, 140lbs. Seeking kindred spirit for hikes, health, exercise, a shared life. (12/15) **☎**33697

SEXY, EXOTIC VIXEN, energetic, 25, graduate student, cultured, spontaneous. Seeking affluent, generous, adventurous, educated, classy, older gentleman who can spoil me plus share intellectual conversations. (12/8) **☎**33676

LET'S SPEND THE HOLIDAYS together. I'm 48, active, intelligent, sweet, honest. I enjoy swimming, cycling, dining out, movies, yoga, meditation, self-awareness. Seeking conscious relationship. (12/15) **☎**33682

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE to spend time with, possibly build relationship. Me: 49, European blonde, educated, nice looking. If you call, I'll tell you everything. North. (12/8) **☎**33675

NORTH COUNTY MAN, 38-52, sought by shapely, educated, professional brunette, 38, for relationship. Seeking white collar, educated, cultured homeowner. Enjoys dining, theater, art, beach. (12/8) **☎**33669

EXCUSE ME, WOULD YOU like a cup of coffee? Good friend, widow, 60, seeks one good man, nondrinker, smoker OK. I smoke. Barona? (12/8) **☎**33670

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SEXY MODEL, SLIM, very pretty, loving, passionate sweetie. Seeking very affluent, upscale, 5'11+", handsome, muscular, classy, sincere, honest man for serious, loving, long-term relationship. (12/15) **☎**33704

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, 63, 5'7", intelligent, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, arts, nature, dining. You: 57-63, healthy, nonsmoker, life-loving for friendship, romance. San Diego preferred. (12/15) **☎**33688

CREATING EXTRAORDINARY, amazing relationship. Someone to get to know. Relationship filled with love, caring, greatness, peace. 5'7", attractive, 45, curvaceous, enthusiastic, fun loving, healthy, insightful. (12/8) **☎**33671

LOVING BLONDE, BLUE, 5'8", 120lbs., pretty, 48, caring, crazy, calm, sexy. Seeking neat man, not offended by comments. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, homebody, loves animals, adventures, self. (12/8) **☎**33656

SEXY, SASSY, CURVACEOUS, southern belle redhead, young 50ish. Need attractive, nonsmoker, outdoorsy, humorous, easygoing, adventurous, sincere, romantic, kind, caring, sensitive, loving, East County, honest man. (12/15) **☎**33686

SHALL WE DANCE? Affectionate, active senior lady of color from Central America wishes to meet classy gentleman to enjoy the holidays and New Year together. (12/15) **☎**33694

MOUNTAIN MAMA, CUTE, slim, musician, passionate, adventurous, positive attitude. Seeking 45+, tall, rugged, outdoorsman, creative genius, into playing music, togetherness, nature, travel, long-term fun. (12/15) **☎**33693

GOOD LOOKING, SUCCESSFUL, happy lady with panache has it all except you. If you are 58+, tall, fun loving, adventurous, time to play, please call. (12/8) **☎**33673

READY FOR A NEW CHAPTER? Family raised, life in order. My time to play! I'm 52, attractive, fit, active, accomplished and enjoy life. You? Nonsmoker. (12/8) **☎**33682

GOLDEN GIRL MEETS silver fox. Divorced, 63, fit, outgoing, explorative, outgoing, traveled, artistic, musical, ballroom. Seeking cultural, crafty, campfire,

family, language, gardener, life, learning, love. (12/15) **☎**33695

UNIQUE, 47, SECURE/STABLE professional searching for nonsmoker gent, secure/stable. If ready for great relationship, no games, call. You won't be disappointed. Race unimportant. (12/15) **☎**33700

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette. Very loving and sincere nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it big boy! (12/15) **☎**33680

SEXY, PETITE and intelligent, 32 years old. Seeking mature Caucasian male/companion who likes interesting conversations and having lots of fun! Interested? Then call me. (12/8) **☎**33661

37, WHITE FEMALE, outgoing, professional, financially secure. Seeking affectionate male, 35-40, for laughs, romance, adventure, compassion. Call me. (12/15) **☎**33703

SUCCESSFUL, CURVACEOUS, and fun female, 39, blonde, green eyed, adventurous, genuine, talented, positive. Seeking mate, shared views on life/travel, cooking/coaching together. E-mail. Ciao! (12/8) **☎**33667

LONELY CAUCASIAN, brown-haired, brown-eyed woman, 32 years old. Seeking serious relationship with Caucasian male who is financially and emotionally secure with himself. (12/15) **☎**33689

SEEKING HONEST, EMPLOYED, healthy, Asian, Caucasian, Latino, for low-maintenance dating, 48-59 years. I'm mid-50s, 5'3", 135lbs., attractive, professional. Call. (12/8) **☎**33658

TIRED OF THE ORDINARY? Extraordinary gal, pretty, petite little bundle, great smile, humorous, romantic, nature, honest, with pizzazz, good heart. Seeking male counterpart, 58-68, nonsmoker. (12/15) **☎**33705

DEL MAR DAMSEL seeks knight errant. Tall, sinewy 54, versed in Shakespeare to surfing. Seeking 6'2"+, erudite, educated, unencumbered, emotionally/financially secure, retired military officer. (12/8) **☎**33664

49-YEAR-OLD PETITE pretty lady, honest, sincere, caring. Enjoy movies, walks. Seeking caring, sincere gentleman, 50-

55, financially stable, ready for serious relationship. No games. (12/15) **☎**33691

PROFESSIONAL, BLOND/BLUE eyes. Seeking outdoors man for camping, horseback riding, travel, 40-50, nonsmoker, romance and fun, monogamous relationship. Honesty and communication a must. (12/15) **☎**33679

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual, nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (12/8) **☎**33668

RUSSIAN, INTELLIGENT, 42, young looking, career professional. Seeking intelligent, athletic, honest, handsome, 45-50 year old gentleman, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs. Enjoys music, theatre, travel. (12/15) **☎**33696

COSMETICIAN GRAM, MOM, friend, 65+, wish for friend around 70. Walk, talk, lunch, explore. Like good food; do you? What do you seek? Downtown wanderer. (12/8) **☎**33653

NEW TO AREA. 42, educated, articulate female seeks local male activity partner. Interests include culture, the arts, sight-seeing, dining and dancing. (12/15) **☎**33702

CHEMICALLY SENSITIVE friend/romance. Can a sunlit leaf bedazzle you? Must love parks, sun. You: drive. Me: 36, La Mesa, compassionate, spiritual, honest, cute. (12/15) **☎**33687

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE ASIAN, 49, 5'3", caring, loving and honest. Seeking 47-60-year-old serious minded, happy gentleman for love and compatibility. Friendship first. (12/8) **☎**33665

FEMALE, 56, HAPPY, sexy, loves life, outdoorish type. Seeking male, 54-62, for friendship, dating, good conversation. Only a gentleman need reply. No smokers please! (12/15) **☎**33707

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR. Petite lady, like to meet 70+ gent, active, nonsmoker. (12/8) **☎**33655

EASY ON THE EYES! 5'4", trim, East County lass. Seeking special someone for dining, dancing, romancing, outdoors, activities. You're active, healthy, in shape, 55-60, nonsmoker. (12/15) **☎**33706

BAD BOY? You've met your match. Tat-tooeed white trash? You and me both. This sexy bad girl needs to be tamed. You won't be disappointed. (12/8) **☎**33654

TRANSPLEATED NEW YORKER. 40s, playful, stylish, energetic, fit, nonsmoker who enjoys everything from nature to the arts. Seeking North County man to go out with and live it up. (12/15) **☎**33699

PRECIOUS, PERKY PETITE available. 5'2", eyes of blue, 50, outgoing, classy, humorous, 110lbs., professional, dancing, sports, North County Christian, theatre, travel, laughter, dining, marriage minded. (12/8) **☎**33657

VERY ATTRACTIVE, PETITE blonde, athletic, 5'4", 120lbs. Seeking attractive, actively fit male, 6', nonsmoker, Caucasian, 60-70, good sense of humor, loves sports, travel, music. (12/8) **☎**33674

LOVING CUBAN FEMALE, 46, 5'5", 146lbs., romantic with great morals. Seeking educated, romantic man that's seeking a rewarding relationship. Let's share everything life has together. (12/15) **☎**33690

FUN AND PRINCIPLES. What are yours? Cute, smart, caring female loves dialogue and enjoying life. Books, music, food, walks, relating. Sincerity a must, thinking preferred. (12/15) **☎**33708

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10"+, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (12/15) **☎**33677

CUTE CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, bikini looks, teacher. Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, skiing. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, romantic, fit, nonsmoking, music lover, 35-50. (12/8) **☎**33672

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AFFLUENT, TALL, HANDSOME, healthy widower. Retired successful business owner, homeowner, financially secure. Has everything! Seeks slim, attractive, curvy, affectionate, happy lady, 49-65. Dates, fun! (12/15) **☎**33324

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, 37, 160lbs., open minded, caring, romantic, outgoing. Looking for sexy, passionate, kind woman. Any age/race for some great times. Nonsmoker/nondrugs. Call. (12/15) **☎**33328

GUY NEXT DOOR, 40, seeks big lady for friendship, fun, a little romance leading to a long-term relationship. I am a good listener. (12/15) **☎**33330

LET'S MAJOR IN CHEMISTRY and look forward to mid-terms. I minor in cooking, movies, and your interests. Humorous North County guy, mid-50s. (12/8) **☎**33293

LARGE WHITE FEMALE WANTED. Attractive, intelligent black artist seeks devoted, passionate, monogamous, proportioned, attractive. Seeking a permanent relationship. (12/15) **☎**33334

CAREGIVER, SWEET, WHITE, 38 years and strong. Wanting Mexican or white, age/weight doesn't matter. You enjoy loving, movies, walks and togetherness. North County area. (12/8) **☎**33290

68, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, good natured. Enjoy cruises, movies, car trips, outdoors and retirement. Looking for quality time with a nice lady. East County. (12/15) **☎**33335

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoking. (12/15) **☎**33355

MALE, 52, TALL and healthy, nonsmoker, emotionally and financially secure, interested in athletics and symphonies. Seeking female, 38-48, not an animal lover. (12/8) **☎**33316

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GOOD COMMUNICATOR, sensual, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, mid-50s. You: 37-47, nice figure, childless, North County. (12/15) **☎**33329

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE. Physically fit, intelligent, humorous, caring, 52. Seeking woman, 40-50, with similar qualities for serious, honest relationship. North County. (12/15) **☎**33333

USHER-LIKE 47. Seeking dancing, 28-44, slim, beauty, into coconut body scrub, hot bubble baths, cuddling, good humor, undivided attention. Must like sports, hanging out. (12/15) **☎**33327

BLONDE, SMART, SLIM, FIT? Executive engineer, MBA, 42, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, handsome (ask my mom), well dressed, Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality. (12/15) **☎**33356

LUNCH OR DINNER? 47, Italian, green eyes, brown hair, secure financially, business owner. Seeking sexy female for relationship. Me: 5'10, 165lbs, athletic. Drives Corvette. (12/8) **☎**33298

HANDSOME, WELL ROUNDED, blonde, blue, healthy, humor, fun loving, 39 but look late 20s. Seeking petite Asian gal who's pretty, fun loving, friends first. (12/15) **☎**33323

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OUTDOORS, THE SIXTIES, new adventures. Me: 45, act 25, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, reliable. You: ideas, motivating, feminine, one-man woman, ready for sharing, caring relationship. (12/8) **☎**33295


GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 190lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 30-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (12/8) **☎**33317

I WOULD LIKE to meet an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, and fishing. (12/8) **☎**33307

RETIRED MARINE. Solid, fun, hip, 65, 6', 198lbs, laid back, but ready to jump up. Old dead head looking for friend, companion. Willing to explore. (12/15) **☎**33339

OPEN-MINDED single Hispanic male, 36, nice smile. Looking for sweet, tall, long legged, honest female, 21-35. Must love outdoors, skiing, dirt bikes and me. (12/15) **☎**33338

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HAPPY, ATTRACTIVE, young 58, fit, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure, nonsmoker, communicative, intelligent, Caucasian. You're younger, fit, curvy, bright, sincere, passionate, monogamous. Long-term relationship/marriage. (12/8) ☎33305

TALL, FUN-LOVING professional. 6'4", 52, well educated, open minded, spiritual, romantic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for fulfilling relationship. Let's grow together. 92101. (12/8) ☎33302

CHRISTIAN MALE looking for long-term relationship with lady, 45-55, country-girl type. East County. (12/15) ☎33351

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial African-American and white, 65, 6'4", 220lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (12/8) ☎33310

YOUNG RETIREE, 52, WHITE, 5'11", 175lbs. Humorous, affectionate, considerate, responsible, attractive. Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, cultural events, family, friends. You are slim-medium, 40-55. (12/15) ☎33326

WANTED: PERFECT BODY, perfect mind, passionate, young, slender, petite, spiritual lady for travel and life in Mexico with rich, eccentric, handsome, successful, 54, 5'8", entrepreneur. (12/8) ☎33297

LADIES, LADIES. Looking for someone who enjoys dining out, walks on the beach, movies and most of all, flowers. Lady of color desired. (12/8) ☎33313

LIKE HARLEYS AND TATTOOS. I'm looking for you, good-hearted biker. Looking for fit nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (12/8) ☎33291

TALL, ATHLETIC, professional, 43, 6'1", brown/blue, healthy lifestyle. Seeking thick, athletic lady, 30-48, for biking, tennis, sailing, hiking, etc. Thick legs a plus! (12/8) ☎33301

WHITE GENTLEMAN, good quality, 55, medium build, 5'9", well groomed. Romantic, playful, creative, fun loving, funny, wants relationship with playful, sexy, passionate, attractive, 42-62, monogamous. (12/8) ☎33292

COLORFUL GREEN/BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 40, 6'1", 215lbs., German-Irish, family oriented. Seeking attractive, intelligent, unencumbered white, 24-34, possessing inner/outer beauty. (12/15) ☎33352

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR, 29, 6'3", 190lbs., homeowner, very handsome, healthy, loves traveling, sailing, enjoys animals, and very romantic. Looking for life partner. (12/8) ☎33303

53, TALL, JEWISH, early sleeper/riser. Seeking sane, normal, low-to-medium

maintenance, slenderish woman of any background. Object: long-term relationship. (12/8) ☎33318

COMFORTING AND SINCERE Caucasian, 30, with a modest nature. Seeking mature, plus size woman. Conversation, friends, partner, or D, all of the above. Race unimportant. (12/8) ☎33311

HONEST, CAPRICORN, retired senior. Seeking attractive companion. Into sports, outdoors, travel, romance, hiking, movies, events, music, dining. Central San Diego. 5'10". Be unencumbered, like sunsets. (12/8) ☎33294

WIDOWER, 80s, seeks lady companion, 70s-80s, for friendship, dinners, theater, concerts, travel, and all other pleasurable pursuits. Sense of humor, positive attitude a big plus! (12/8) ☎33306

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, cats, fun at home. La Mesa area please. (12/15) ☎33321

TENDER HEARTED, humorous, fit, slender, father, 52, 6'1", degreed, mannered. Seeking 45-52, bright, trim, feminine, North County lady, attractive, nonsmoker, for conversation, outdoors, friendship. (12/8) ☎33309

ROMANTIC, YOUNG, 63, East County, very fit, nonsmoker, nice guy. Imagine Richard Dreyfuss, share life, love music, dining, movies, ideas. Seeking curvy, 5'6"ish soul mate. (12/15) ☎33349

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FUN COMPANION WANTED. I'm considerate, respectful, childless, nonsmoker, romantic, blond, 6', 220lbs. Enjoy conversation, travel, museums, theater, the zoo, SeaWorld, friendship/long term. Let's talk. (12/8) ☎33304

JEWISH, FIT, SUCCESSFUL, sincere, down to earth. Enjoy travel, nature. Seeking intelligent, attractive lady, 20s-30s, for long-term relationship. (12/8) ☎33315

LET'S BOTH LEARN to salsa. Young looking, attractive, fit, humorous, romantic, spontaneous. Seeking an intelligent, witty lady. I'm 38, 5'11", 165lbs., age and race unimportant. (12/15) ☎33346

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 60, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (12/15) ☎33319

TALL, LONG-HAIRED, open-minded, honest man, 49 years young. Wanting a fun-loving lady to enjoy some intimate and friendly fun with. (12/15) ☎33342

Nice Guy For Nice Lady

Please give a nice guy a try! Tall, slender, polite, educated gentleman seeks middle-aged lady for committed relationship. You'll like the respect. Thank you. (12/15) ☎33344

LIFE'S GOOD. 6'2", brown/blue, athletic, educated professional. Enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, dining, conversation, music. Seeking special girl, slim, 35-45, similar interests, friends first. (12/15) ☎33350

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic, stable, white male, 54, 180lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (12/15) ☎33341

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-40, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (12/8) ☎33300

SEEKING MISCHIEF, mayhem, earth trekking? Very attractive, successful Jewish guy from midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous younger woman. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (12/15) ☎33354

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ITALIAN, 45, HARD WORKER. Seeking lady for long term. Race open. Nonsmoker/nondrinker, no kids. Enjoy music, romantic, dining, sports. No games. Call me. Ciao. (12/15) ☎33348

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COMMERCIAL

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MOBILE HOME SPACE available. La Mesa. Clean and quiet park. Maximum 10'x50'. Please call 619-466-4322.

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MESSAGE ROOM and hair booth/manicurist booth rental available in upscale day spa in La Jolla. Affordable rental. Ask for Jade, 858-775-8843; 858-551-2864.

CARLSBAD. Nice offices, \$490-\$675, month-to-month, with free Internet access. Contact Dennis, 760-496-7777 or www.carlsbadoffice.com.

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RENTALS

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BALBOA PARK. 2 bedroom house. \$950. Laundry hookups. Carport. New stove. Available January. Fenced yard for pets. 619-574-0824.

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BAY PARK/CLAIREMONT. \$2095. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, remodeled, canyon view, off-street parking, storage, fireplace, large family room, washer/dryer. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

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CHULA VISTA. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Family room, covered patio, 2-car garage, quiet neighborhood. No pets. \$1750/month. \$1500 security. 550 Mariposa. Fox Properties, 858-292-1773.

CHULA VISTA. Newer Otay Ranch home. 5 bedroom, 3 bath, loft. View, corner lot. 3150 square feet. Refrigerator, washer/dryer. Close to freeways. \$2700/month. 619-993-1758.

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CLAIREMONT, SOUTH. Renovated 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, fenced yard. Best bay area, 1 block from ocean breeze. Walk to shops. No pets. \$1350. 619-275-3672.

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath house, 2-car garage, fenced yard, freeway access. Great location, must see! 8842 Geraldine Avenue. 858-597-6100, x321.

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COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$2200. 4 bedroom, 2 bath with pool, great yard. Big living room, dining room with fireplace. Includes appliances. Quiet neighborhood. Call with questions, 619-225-8909.

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IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1850. New 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1590 square feet. Granite counters. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 1160 Grove. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1475. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath, bay front with fantastic Downtown and bay views. Large front and back yards. Garage. Call 619-424-9832. 619-948-4118.

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KENSINGTON. \$2595. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, hardwood floors, fireplace, new appliances, wine cooler, washer/dryer, double garage, deck, patio, corner lot. 4993 Marlborough Drive. 619-281-4698.

KENSINGTON. \$1400. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. 2 story, washer/dryer hookups, refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, fireplace. Convenient location. No pets/smoking. 4380 Copeland. 619-280-2345.

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Gabe Ynostroza
Student
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I’ve been told that I look like Freddie Prinze Jr. I wouldn’t mind being him for a day either, since he’s married to that Sarah Michelle Gellar. Someone also said I look like Marc Anthony and he holds it down with Jennifer Lopez (and there’s always room for J-Lo). The actor who I think could do a good job would be Tom Welling from that show *Smallville*. He could sport the Superman costume, but he’d have to have a “G” on his chest; he’d also have to be ready to save some ladies in need like the original Gabe.



Brendan Farrelly
Waiter
Pacific Beach

As far as personality is concerned, I’d like Val Kilmer to reprise his character Doc Holiday from *Tombstone*. That was the role where I thought, *This guy is the ultimate badass*. He didn’t do too bad a job as Iceman in *Top Gun*, so I think I’d trust him to do a good representation. A friend of mine once told me that I resemble Ryan Phillippe. The opening scene from *Way of the Gun* remains in my mind as one of the best ways to begin a movie. For acting, Johnny Depp could probably do the best job.



Erin Nomoto
Substitute teacher
Kensington

There really aren’t that many Asian-American actresses in Hollywood, so it kind of narrows down my options. Of course my knee-jerk response would be Lucy Liu; she’s the most well known and she does her share of butt-kicking. An actress who isn’t as well known but still has presence is Kelly Hu. She was gorgeous in *Scorpion King*, and she was intimidating in *X-Men*. In the movie of my life, I’d also need to have Vin Diesel play my boyfriend Tim. Although Vin Diesel would have to learn how to talk more clearly because my boy doesn’t sound like that.



Kim Lunde
Barista
Mission Valley

I like Scarlet Johanson; she’s a really good up-and-coming actress. She was in *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *Lost in Translation*. She’s kind of quirky and I’m really quirky, so I think she’d do a good job. In the movie about my life, Scarlet would definitely have to be able to carry on conversations in her head. To play me, the actress would have to keep the consistently high energy level, but I’m not sure Scarlet could do that. Cameron Diaz could do [it]. If Scarlet isn’t available, I’d love Cameron to do it ‘cause she’s crazy, she’s a man’s woman, and she burps. It’s not true to form for me, but I’d write in a couple burping scenes just for Cameron.



Liz Alejandrino
Barista
Mission Valley

I’d have to cast Selma Blair. She was the dark-haired girl who hooked up with Sarah Michelle Gellar in the movie *Cruel Intentions*. I think that she must have a good sense of humor to play some of the roles that she does. I’ve really only seen her in one thing and I loved it. She was in a movie with Christina Applegate called *The Sweetest Thing*; it had a lot of girl humor. I’m not sure that the movie about my life would necessarily be a chick-flick, but there’d be some definite girl humor.



Pepper Lang
Beach lifeguard
Ocean Beach

Pauly Shore. My buddy’s girlfriend told me that I look like Pauly Shore a couple days ago so that’s why his name comes to mind. I also heard that Pauly Shore’s a bit of a man-slut; that part’s not necessarily true about me, so he’d have to control himself when acting as me. Now that I think of it, it kind of pissed me off when my buddy’s girlfriend said I have a Pauly Shore personality. A couple times I’ve actually gotten Seann William Scott, the guy who played Stifler in the *American Pie* movies. [Scott] could pull it off, but I don’t make as many dick jokes.

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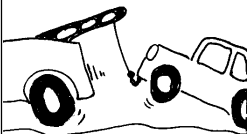
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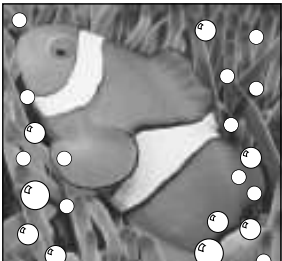


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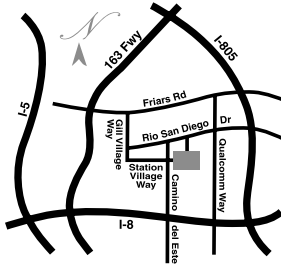


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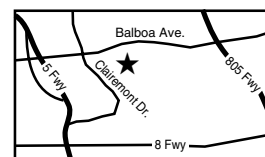
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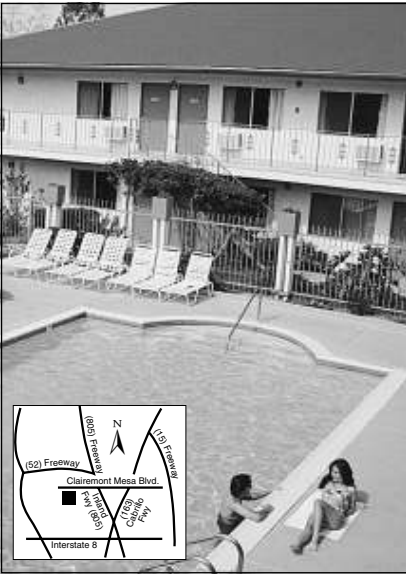
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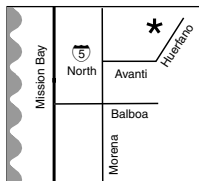
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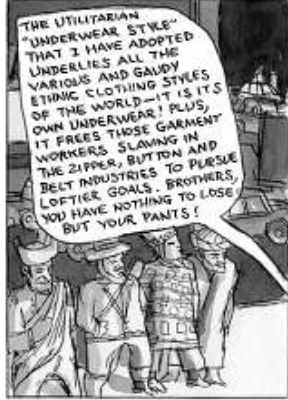
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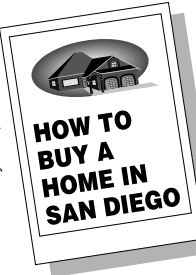
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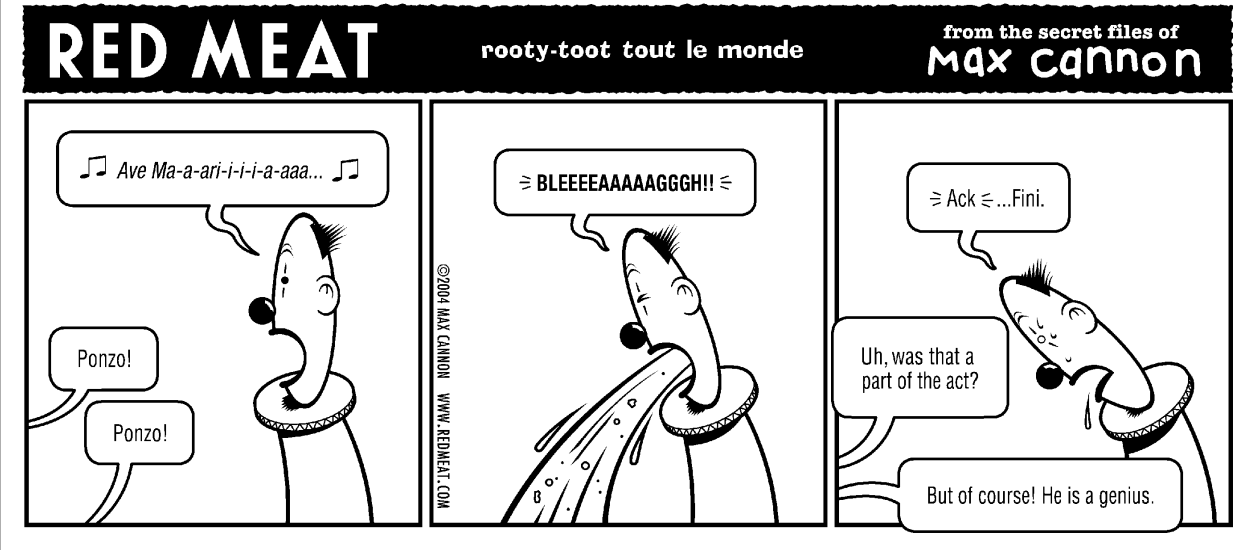
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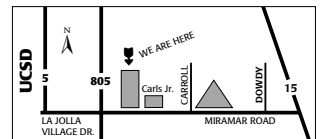
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LEAD STORY

— *New Scientist* magazine reported in October that psychologists seem to be reclassifying people who are permanently uninterested in sex from the old notion that such behavior was a disorder to the emerging position that it is a sexual preference of “none of the above.” Recent research estimated that 1 percent of the population is asexual, and in previous research, 40 percent of asexuals described themselves as “extremely” or “very” happy. An asexuality support group (AVEN) touts its best-selling T-shirt, “Asexuality: It’s not just for amoebas anymore.”

People Different From Us

— Jackie Lee Shrader, 49, and his son, Harley Lee, 24, had a brief shootout with .22-caliber handguns, provoked when the pair confronted each other over how to cook skinless chicken for dinner (Bluewell, W.Va., September). ... Niccolo Rossodivita, 62, shot Billy Cordova, 40, twice in the chest after Cordova followed him around their house prolonging their argument over Jesus Christ’s correct name (Wasilla, Alaska, September). ... Angela Morris, 19, was charged with assaulting her boyfriend by pouring boiling oil on him during an argument over a Bible verse the two had been reading together (Eugene, Ore., May).

More Scenes of the Surreal

— (1) According to a September *Washington Post* dispatch from a Culpeper, Va., conference of people obsessed with spotting the alleged seven-foot-tall Sasquatch, which is said to be roaming the woods of America, many attendees (of the “East Coast Bigfoot community”) seem consumed by the West Coast Bigfoot community’s supposed arrogance. That is, Western witnesses seem to regard Eastern witnesses as delusional in that Sasquatch obviously lives west of the Rockies. (2) Thomas Patrick Remo, 50, was arrested in September in Dallas and charged with practicing medicine (gynecology) without a license; Remo had a stream of female customers who apparently did not think it odd that the

exams were free and that he ran his office out of a self-storage locker.

Our Litigious Society

— Patricia Frankhouser filed a lawsuit in Jeanette, Pa., in November against the Norfolk Southern railway as a result of being hit by a train in January as she walked on railroad tracks. Frankhouser, who suffered various cuts and a broken finger, claimed in the lawsuit that Norfolk Southern should have posted signs alongside the tracks warning people not to walk on them. — In August, cardiologist Lawrence Poliner won \$366 million in damages from a federal court jury in Dallas because his practice was virtually shut down through word of mouth for seven months in 1998, a verdict that (after subtracting 25 percent in attorney fees) would reward him with earnings during the shutdown of \$39 million per month. The shutdown came after a hospital peer-review panel had found errors in 29 of 44 patient cases of Poliner (but he was reinstated after prominent cardiologists supported him, though the panel did not retract its initial finding). — Frederick Puglisi, 23, was awarded \$850,000 by a jury in Ramsey, N.J., for a disfigured hand caused by frostbite when he got drunk at a party, set out on foot, and passed out in a snow bank. The jury determined that his injuries were worth \$1 million in damages and that Puglisi was only 15 percent responsible. (Ramsey police and the Bergen county police bore greater fault because they had failed to respond quickly enough to a 911 call about a man passed out in a snow bank.)

Police Blotter

— From Wisconsin’s *New London Press-Star* police column, July 23, 2004: “1:15 p.m., a juvenile approached an officer at (Hortonville Police Department) complaining about having a lock stuck around his right testicle for three days and he didn’t know how to get it off.” The officer found a master key. “Having the master key in hand, the juvenile left the room for a moment and returned with the lock. The officer spoke to the juvenile about experimenting with sexuality and

how he needs to be more careful in the future.” — When the police chief in Springdale, Pa., allegedly used the “n” word while detaining two black teenagers, the boys’ parents charged racism, but the chief’s brother, police officer Mike Naviglia, came to his rescue. Officer Naviglia suddenly grabbed one of the boys in front of their mother and kissed him on the mouth. Said Naviglia, “Does that taste like racism?” According to the mother, Naviglia said, “I kissed him to show him that I wasn’t prejudiced.” The mother was undaunted and said she would proceed with her complaint.

Creme de la Weird

— Australian sleep-disorder expert Peter Buchanan caused a stir in October when he told reporters that the odd behavior of “sleep sex” (leaving home at night in a deep sleep and seeking random sex with strangers) would soon be regarded as an official sleep disorder and be included in the next version of the sleep-disorder manual. Said Buchanan, anticipating skepticism: “Incredulity is the first staging post for anyone involved in this [study].”

Least Competent Criminals

— Paul Michael Callahan, 32, was arrested in Boston in August after, according to police, a short career as a bank robber, which started badly when Callahan tried to hold up the copy shop at Boston University, believing it was a bank. The clerk asked, “Do you know you’re in a copy store and all we can give you is copies?” Callahan fled but allegedly robbed a Fleet Bank branch a few minutes later (getting less than \$200) and then a Citizen’s Bank branch, clearing about \$2500. However, the red-dye pack from Citizen’s exploded, distracting him, and then his getaway car got a flat tire, and police found him hiding in a gas station.

Update

— Among the recent idiosyncratic decrees by Turkmenistan’s megalomaniacal president-for-life, Saparmurat Niyazov: no public chewing of “nas” (the country’s popular drug, partly tobacco, slacked lime and chicken droppings); television-

show hosts cannot wear makeup (because the president said he has difficulty distinguishing heavily made-up males from females); and an ice palace will be built in the heart of the country’s extremely hot desert so that children can learn to ski.

Almost All True

— Three of these four things happened recently. Are you cynical enough to figure out the made-up story? (a) Municipal officials in Amsterdam tentatively approved a euthanasia-drug home-delivery service, provided that all orders are screened by a physician before the driver is dispatched. (b) Boston police arrested a wheelchair-confined bank robber, who had become paralyzed when shot during a previous bank robbery. (c) Police in Lagos, Nigeria, organized groups of officers into street choirs to help disperse unruly mobs by singing. (d) A British Medical Association official warned that hospitals have recently become “inundated” with serious knife and broken-bottle injuries among barroom-brawling women.

Readers’ Choice

— Initially, Florida artist Maria Alquilar refused to correct a series of misspelled names in a \$40,000 historical mural she did for the city of Livermore, Calif., claiming that “words” were not important to her art, comparing her errors to Michelangelo’s “David” (imperfect in the sense that one of the testicles is lower than the other). After receiving much hate mail from Livermore taxpayers, suggesting that she must have a learning disability for not detecting “[Albert] Einstein,” “[William] Shakespere,” “[Paul] Gaugan,” “[Vincent] Van Gough,” and seven other misspellings, Alquilar agreed to fix her mural in early 2005 (but wants an additional \$6000 for her trouble).

Answer to Almost All True: (b), (c), and (d) are true.

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Location: 1280 4th Avenue, Downtown
Time/Date: 1:35 p.m. on 11/22/04

Report: A white male wearing a baseball cap, sunglasses, a blue sweatshirt with yellow writing on the front, and blue jeans entered the Bank of the West and used a demand



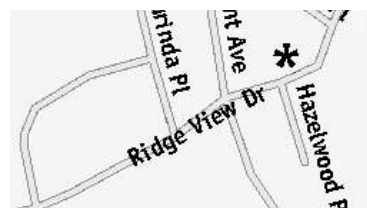
note to commit the robbery. He was seen fleeing to the Pickwick Hotel (132 West Broadway). Central,

Sheriffs, Astrea and Robbery responded. 49-year-old Jeffery E. was located sitting in the lounge area of the hotel and was arrested for the robbery without incident.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: [2000] Ridge View Drive, Encanto
Time/Date: 11:10 p.m. on 11/12/04

Investigation: One unknown male shot Victor C. several times with an unknown handgun. Officer Castillo and I responded to Mercy Hospital to monitor C.'s medical condition. C. was unconscious and undergoing surgery. Dr.



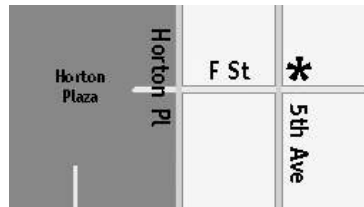
Kaminski was C.'s attending surgeon [and] listed C. in extremely critical condition. Officer

Castillo and I are currently assigned to San Diego Gang Suppression Team. Our duties include, but are not limited to, contacting and identifying gang members, following up on gang trends and whereabouts, and arresting subjects involved in criminal activities.

Per Dr. Kaminski, C. has a fractured femur, lacerated spleen that was removed, blown-out liver, three wounds to the stomach, a small portion of his small intestines removed, and a bullet lodged somewhere near the heart.

THEFT

Location: 801 5th Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter
Time/Date: 11:30 p.m. on 11/12/04



Report: I volunteered to investigate a possible petty theft incident at Mister Tiki Bar. Sgt. Hoffman was initially flagged down by the victim. Upon my arrival, I spoke with Valerie S.

Victim's Statement: I went into the Mister Tiki at around 10:30 p.m. To enter the club I had to show the doorman my ID. That was the last time I remembered seeing my wallet. My friends and I went into the club and when we went to pay the bill (11:30 p.m.), I noticed my wallet was missing. I left my purse unzipped while we were at the table. I did not see anyone near my purse and no strangers sat at our table during the evening. The only people besides my friends that were around our table were the waitress and the busboy.

Suspect's Statement: I didn't pay it because they had already kicked me out of the club. I was in a fight with three men earlier and that's why I was kicked out. I'm going to sue the W Hotel. It's going to be called "Stanley" Hotel when I'm done.

DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER

Location: 421 West B Street, Downtown
Time/Date: 1:30 a.m. on 11/13/04



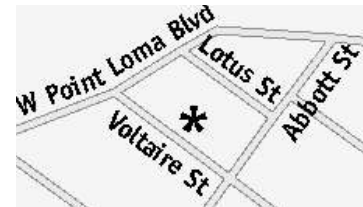
Investigation: I was flagged down by security staff at the W Hotel. They requested I help them with a customer who was refusing to pay a bar tab. The bartender told me that Stanley A. had attempted to pay a bar tab, \$39.50, with his credit card. The card had been rejected and A. had refused to pay.

I talked to A. He was intoxicated. I told him that he would be arrested if he did not pay. He said: "Then just take me to jail. Take me away. Just do it, dog. I'm not paying. They threw me out. Just take me to jail. I don't want to say anything else."

The bartender placed A. under citizen's arrest. I ordered A. to turn around and put his hands behind his back. I handcuffed him. I began a pat down. A. turned away from me, seemingly to avoid the pat down. He continued to spin and move to the side so that I was unable to search him. I then grabbed his upper left arm with both my hands and pushed him against the bar to keep him still. A. attempted to thrust himself away from the bar and away from me. I spun him away from the bar and prepared to pull him to the ground. I pulled him off balance. I then ordered him to get to the ground. He said, "O.K."

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Location: 5150 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach
Time/Date: 12:35 p.m. on 11/14/04



Investigation: Angelic J. gave me the following account of the incident. She said she was walking her dog to Dog Beach and she noticed a maroon Toyota Camry with a New Mexico license plate parked at the curb. As she walked about four or five feet away from the vehicle, she noticed a male sitting behind the steering wheel. She said he was naked and was masturbating with an erect penis. She said the windows of the vehicle were tinted and the sunshade was placed in front of the windshield. She said the front windows were rolled up but the driver's side rear window was down slightly. She recognized the vehicle. She said the same male was inside the same vehicle about three or four months ago, masturbating, but she didn't remember the tinted windows then. She said she would have had him arrested at that time, but she couldn't wait around for police.

J. called the police. She stood on the grass keeping an eye on the male so that he would not leave. She wanted him arrested for indecent exposure. The male, Marvin S., 41, was arrested.

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By John Brizzolara

It is 6:45 p.m., nearly full dark on a Friday evening in October. A platoon of homeless men and women lean against a fence — or pace back and forth past it — that encloses a tow yard full of bashed cars in close rows, like ranks of stunned, blank-eyed saurians. The fence stretches along the inside of the sidewalk on Commercial Street between 16th and 17th and is spray-paint stenciled at regular intervals with the words NO LOITERING. Between the chain-link and fiberglass-slatted barrier topped with coiled barbed wire is an earthen patch littered with small rocks, broken glass, and junk-food wrappers. In the dirt, under the NO LOITERING lettering are 19 people, some with shopping carts crammed with what appears at first to be the random accretions of the insane — the furnishings and utensils of what Richard Price in his novel *Freedomland* called “the half-cocked make-do world of the homeless.” Others have nothing but the clothes on their backs. Most spread filthy blankets, sleeping bags, or foam rubber pallets in the dirt. A few stretch out on the concrete. No one mentions the police, as if it were bad voodoo to even bring it up.

Juggler, the rock-cocaine dealer, will soon be around selling small nuggets of Friday-night-end-of-month-all-too-transient bliss just before the SSI and disability checks come in after the first. Juggler knows his clientele and who gets paid what and when; small handfuls of crack can be had for maybe a \$25 line of credit. Meanwhile, the men will roll cigarettes of Tops, Bugler, or Midnight Special tobacco. The women will smoke cheap, off-brand cigarettes like New York Filters (there will be bumming, swapping, and selling of these — at 25 cents each — a kind of currency, as in prison).

One guy rolls a slim blunt. He will, of necessity, have to share it or be evicted

by the ad hoc tenants committee. The sense of community is so tenuous as to be nonexistent under any test conditions. Everyone has a history; most include sound reasons not to trust anyone else.

Two black women confront a white guy seated on a thin, blue, foam-rubber cushion distributed by Catholic Charities. “You’re in my spot. That’s my rug!” She points to a mud-caked remnant obviously *in situ* for weeks.

“I’ve been in this spot for two weeks,” he says.

The younger black woman with Rasta locks, possibly stuffed with joints, vials, syringes (braided locks can hide a plethora of paraphernalia or “problematical artifacts”), shouts to her audience: “You lyin’ white-ass, sex-offendin’, child molestin’ motherfucker! How come white people gets to lie alla goddamn time?” She doesn’t seem to expect an answer as she waves an empty pint bottle of Potter gin in the air.

“Except for four days in county,” the white dude says. He looks like a shabby high-school guidance counselor. “For, you know, illegal lodging.” His words are drowned out by the 25th Street-bound trolleys on Commercial.

More curses until he gets off the rug.

Forty-ouncers of King Cobra malt liquor start appearing from paper bags. They come from the same place the gin came from: Logan Market and Liquor at 16th and K Streets. The 40s are about two dollars; the gin might be four. Much of this has been purchased with recycled-can money.

The black kid with the reefer is in dirt-, sweat-, and food-stained clothes, but his hair is in perfect Brilliantined tiers of cornrows glistening under the streetlights. It is likely he took a shower that morning at the Neil Good Day Center (or the No Good Day Center, as it is termed by some of its less grateful clients). “Never any towels there and the clothes dryer hasn’t worked for months,” is a recurring complaint. Most who shower will step back into their street-grimed threads. Everyone will be evicted from No Good at 4:00 p.m., and they are on their own on the street and many on drugs until 6:00 a.m. That is the magic hour when the police most often come around, and it’s time to line up again in front of the gates at Neil Good. Two hours early might ensure a spot on the cement where one can sleep relatively undisturbed when they open at 8:00 a.m., and the cycle begins again.

A bed opening at St. Vincent De Paul’s can break this cycle for those who want in: Father Joe’s Village. Lottery or an early-morning weekend can win a bed, phone applications on the info hotline. Free beds are filled as quickly as within ten minutes on the hotline. Many don’t want in and luxuriate in their perceived freedom on the street, even though subject to the daily routine or cycle being broken by arrest for outstanding warrants, usually for illegal lodging, open container, public urination. While misdemeanors, they can carry a five to ten thousand dollar bond — mind-boggling in its irony, even though only 10 percent of that bond is to be paid.

Another attraction at Neil Good is the big-screen television on which the eyesore, disenfranchised, misdemeanor actors can watch sports or DVD movies away from the scrutiny of squad cars.

Meanwhile, nights on Commercial include such attractions as crack dancing, a kind of spastic jive flailing of arms, legs, neck — uncontrollable, and the result of longtime rock-cocaine use. Crack dancing is usually accompanied by



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conversations either with the user himself, an imaginary companion, or another crack head. Always the conversations are rapid-fire with leap-frogging subjects that have no apparent segue, almost always punctuated by the kind of laughter you hear in locked mental facilities.

On this night, one man is well equipped with a shopping cart, steel wool for his crack pipe, blankets, cardboard for a makeshift pallet, a small television, DVD player, and video-game player the size of two packs of cigarettes. He is in the same spot every night, and if anyone attempts trespassing, they risk a beating with his cane. His only other use for the cane is to get to the front of the line among the disabled for lunch at St. Vinnie’s. He is no more disabled than the governor of California.

A girl with wildly smeared lipstick sells drinks out of her liter of Diet Coke at \$1 a piece. The soda is laced with vodka.

Another woman polices the block for empty booze containers. She has been on the street for five years and has elected herself mayor. Her administration is arbitrary, Draconian, whimsical/illogical, cruel, and authoritative for its own sake. She picks fights regularly, usually over imagined theft of belongings she will later remember she pawned.

At 7:30 p.m., the cops disperse everyone. One of the policemen, with a professional wrestler’s haircut, shouts like Custer or Teddy Roosevelt, “We’re making a stand here, men!” Most regroup under the I-5 overpass only a block away.

At 3:30 a.m. it begins to rain in earnest over San Diego. At 5 a.m. the police return. Everyone is again roused. Many are frozen against the concrete wall in the glare of a searchlight. Three escape. Some are arrested. The rest must fend for themselves in the downpour.

If you pass that block of Commercial on an evening these days, you will see no one. It is unclear what happened, but you will not even hear the ghostly echoes of the crack-dancing mad. And that is just how the police, the merchants, the residents, and the good citizens of San Diego prefer it.

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Amber's Smuggling Car

Amber Sprague drives a Mitsubishi. "I think it was drug car," she says. "There's a bunch of random holes in it. You can tell the glove box has been broken into. And there's a lot of little things. Like, a big burn hole in the backseat, and underneath the floor mat there's little compartments that I feel like things were hidden under. And in the trunk, when you open the trunk lid, there's all this foamy stuff."

"What was that for?"

"I have no idea. The people I bought it from said it was for a speaker system, so the trunk doesn't rattle. But I've taken my car to get stuff installed in it, and the installers say, 'What is this?' I'm, like, 'I don't know. It came like that.'"

"Have you looked at other Mitsubishi's, to see if they have the compartments under the floor mat?"

"Yeah. They don't have them." I ask, "Did you sense that the person you bought it from might be a drug smuggler?"

"They were a younger Spanish family," she says. "They didn't come across like being drug dealer-ish. The guy was a painter or something like that. I think he got it from one of his friends, and his friend bought it at a police auction or something like that. Well, that's what they said."

"Have you driven it across the border and back?"

"No," she says. "I'd probably get my car taken away from me."

"Why did you decide to buy it?"

"My parents gave me a budget. I had a GMC Jimmy, but it was old and the engine blew up, so I needed a new car. But my parents didn't want to spend a lot of money, and they wanted me to get a car and not an SUV. For better gas mileage. But my car still gets horrible gas mileage. My parents wanted to get me a Corolla, but I definitely did not fit."

"How tall are you?" "Six-foot-five. And some of my friends on the basketball team are tall."

"How many basketball players can you pack into a Mitsubishi?"

"Last night I had six in it," she says. "Two in the front seat and four in the back. Three sitting and one laying across the others' laps."

"Besides that it has a suspicious history and that it works for tall people, do you like the Mitsubishi?"

"Yeah. It makes funny noises sometimes. But that might be just because I don't know how to maintain a car. Like, when I start it, I hear this clicking noise, and it sounds like it's going to turn off, but it doesn't. And it doesn't get good gas mileage. Right around 200 miles to a tank."

"How big is the tank?"

"I don't know," Amber admits.

"And when I was driving in the rain one time, I turned right but my car didn't go right. It went straight, and I went up on the curb. And then I



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The male porcupine presents a mating dance to the female. It's a slow, gyrating, off-balance two-step. The steps are similar to the mating dance of the fat 8th-grade boy, interpreting the rhythm of Kenny Loggins's "Danger Zone" into movement.

But, the female is having none of it. This pudgy little rodent doing the Watusi before her must have two left feet because she decides to pass on his gracious offer. She shuffles to the left, and like office workers trying to pass through the same corridor the male mirrors her and continues with his shimmy-shimmy-shake.

Watching her turn to leave, the would-be Lothario gives it one last effort, one last-ditch attempt, and he unleashes a steaming rope of hot piss onto her head. As no surprise to me and my girlfriend, we watch the irritated porcupine with the wet forehead scamper back into the woods.

When the narrator switches subjects from porcupine mating to porcupine needles, I slowly roll my gaze over to Viv, my girlfriend. Our faces are frozen in exactly the same position, slack-jawed and wide-eyed. I jump up and do the porcupine dance.

"Sit down!"

"C'mon Viv," I start making paws. "Pay attention to me."

"Don't you dare!" she screams and covers her face with her hands. "Don't even think about it!"

"Viv." Now I'm working it, getting in touch with my porcupine within. "Don't!"

"Viv..." we both know what's next, "Viv, you know what I have to do, Viv," and I swing my haunches side-to-side and start humming a snake-charmer's tune, which seems oddly appropriate. "Nah dah dee dee dee. Nah dah dee dee dee dee."

"What is wrong with you?"

"You're going to get peed on if you don't get up and dance with me," the young, randy porcupine I am. "Where's my *Top Gun* soundtrack?"

WHAT I'LL WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2	10:00 P.M. DISCOVERY CHANNEL: 35 (COX) 182 (DISH)
10:00 P.M., FOX: 6 (COX) 6 (DISH)	American Chopper
The Simpsons	The "Comanche" episode I haven't seen. The Tuetels take a lot of heat for being sellouts, but I'd like to see how they built this progressive bike. I haven't watched in a couple of months, and to be honest the ol' man's bullshit was wearing a little thin with me. But, I'll give them another shot.
8:00 P.M., NBC: 7	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
Joey	8:00 P.M., CBS 8
I'm not going to tell you what time slot and channel this show stinks up. The jokes are about ten years past their shelf life, and the lovable character developed on <i>Friends</i> isn't enough to overcome the staleness.	Joan of Arcadia
	Friday night go to a happy hour with your coworkers. Talk to the girl from marketing who sits in the cubicle down the hall by the kitchenette — the girl with the softly curling hair and bright eyes. Sure she's married, but she's

unhappy and dying inside. Listen to her, touch her lightly on the shoulder — a bridge between friends shared over a joke, nothing sleazy. She's crying out for you, for someone. If not, go home and watch *Joan of Arcadia*.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 P.M., DISCOVERY CHANNEL: 35 (COX) 182 (DISH)

American Hot Rod

Don't know what this one's about, but I'm sure it will have something to do with an approaching deadline, mistakes made by young designers, and Boyd Coddington walking around doing exactly fuckall. I wish this were on earlier because nothing cures a hangover like some Gatorade and a show about building things.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

I'll tell you what I won't be watching: How Ron Howard Ruined Dr. Seuss's Grinch Story. I'm not telling you what channel it's on either, and since I believe in public ridicule, I'll list the producers and writers below. Being an atheist rarely affords "sacred" objects or texts. But what this book and annual cartoon meant to me as a kid is as important as any religious tomes — ironically it's about a religious holiday.

Producers: Todd Hallowell, Brian Grazer, Ron Howard.

Writers: Jeffrey Price, Peter S. Seaman (who should be nonviolently and publicly demeaned. Just that this movie exists is something they'll have to live with for the rest of their lives.)

MTV

5:00 OR 7:00 P.M., MTV: 30 (COX) 160 (DISH)

Oh, to be a punk asshole millionaire kid. It's probably a good thing I'm not a mega-rich pain-in-the-ass twentysomething because I'd get into a hell of a lot more trouble than just with my Mommy and Daddy. When Bam smashes his parents' cars or tears off their front

door, it's funny but growing old quickly. When my Lean Cuisine starts to kick in and I get drowsy, this is what will be playing when I fall asleep on the couch.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:30 P.M., CBS 8

Two and a Half Men

"Duckie" from *Pretty in Pink* and the erstwhile boozehound Charlie Sheen are my lone saving grace for Monday night. The premise is the same as *My Two Dads* only reengineered for robust DNA testing. The underlying homosexual currents of *My Two Dads* were put to a stop by the writers of *Two and a Half Men* by making the main male characters brothers — unless you're just sick and *really* looking for that sort of thing.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 P.M., CBS 8

The Amazing Race

A friend of mine wanted me to team up with him and try out for the *Amazing Race*. "You're perfect! You've traveled a lot and you're an asshole — we'll get so much camera time." Well, it's nice to be thought of.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 P.M., UPN 49

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