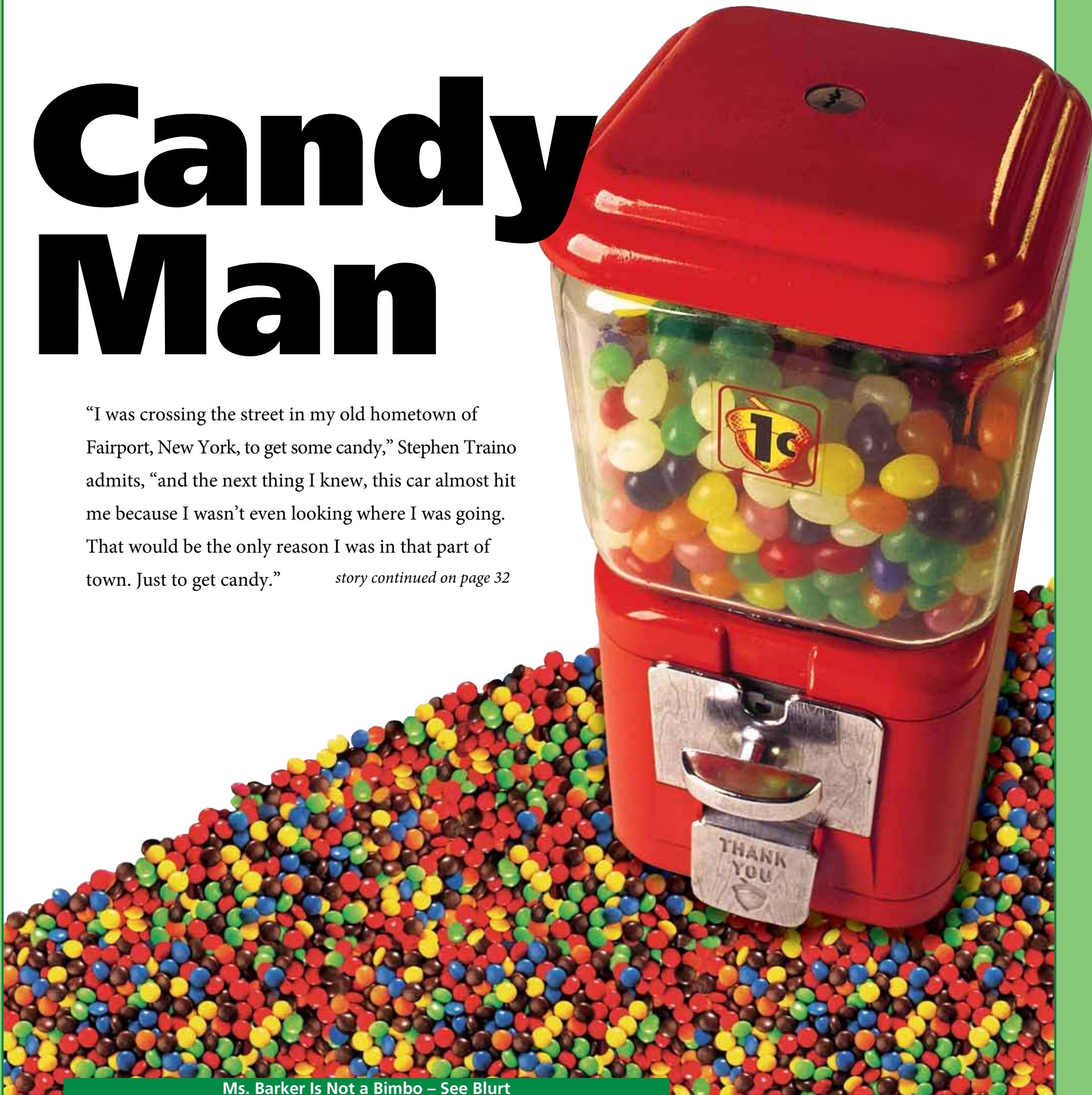


Reader

Candy Man

“I was crossing the street in my old hometown of Fairport, New York, to get some candy,” Stephen Traino admits, “and the next thing I knew, this car almost hit me because I wasn’t even looking where I was going. That would be the only reason I was in that part of town. Just to get candy.” *story continued on page 32*



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Cinnamon Confusion

Regarding your December 2 "Gifts for the Hot Kitchen" (Restaurant Review), Naomi Wise suggested to shop for Ceylonese Cassia cinnamon sticks. Good luck! Ceylon, or true cinnamon (*Cinnamomum verum*), and Chinese cassia (*Cinnamomum cassia*) are derived from two different species growing in different places. They can be quite easily distinguished: Ceylon cinnamon is thinner and rolled in from both ends; cassia is coarser and only rolled up from one end. Also, why put Saigon cinnamon into a bottle? Or was she referring to the oil?
Name Withheld
via e-mail

Nazbos Under The Sun

I was reading the "Sporting Box" in the December 2 issue about Pat Weber's San Diego Surfing Academy. He starts off talking about how they should call the sport "paddling" because so much time is spent doing so. Well, Pat, your decision to get into the "Surf Academy" business — thereby promoting surfing to every nazbo under the sun — is going to lead to more surfers in the water. And guess what? There won't be enough waves for everybody. Everybody will be paddling more than ever. There will be more frustration, there will be more fights, there will be no more fun. In the column, Weber himself acknowledges "surf rage," talking about avoiding Swami's, Windansea, and Sunset Cliffs because experienced surfers there get pissed when inexperienced kooks get in the way. Why this tandem-surfing champion (Pat Weber) chose to go into promoting surfing is beyond me. Didn't he even

think about these adverse effects? It's true, surfing's reputation as a solo, soulful sport is already in peril. Still, Weber's choice of business is only accelerating its demise. I try not to get mad at people who turn a buck off the surf industry (two words that should never be paired), but the ruination of the sport/pastime/lifestyle by people who claim to love it the most stinks to high heaven of irony. Why don't they smell it too?! Then, at the end of the column, I read that the guy is from Florida (go home!) and runs surf camps in Baja and Costa Rica. The guy is ruining surf spots that surfers go to to get away from surfers! I'm not going to call Weber any names or anything, but let me just say that he's ahead of his time...he's so far ahead of his time that he will undoubtedly see the end of surfing as he knew it.

Bob
O.B.

Nutjob Ravings

With so much information about immigration available in print and on the Internet from think tanks and government agencies like the Census Bureau and the Southern California Association of Governments, why would anyone believe the ravings of a nutjob like Raoul Lowery Contreras (Events Highlight, November 24)? The problems of immigration are basically the problems of poverty: higher crime, illiteracy, teenage pregnancy, and high school dropout rates; crumbling schools and neighborhoods; and overwhelmed social services. Mexican poverty is a double whammy because its cause, social and economic injustice in Mexico, is beyond our control or influence.

Contreras denies all this and calls immigration critics dishonest. In the 1960s, the U.S. government declared a war on poverty. Today the government promotes poverty through failed immigration laws and corrupt immigration policy and insists it's vital to our economy. What could be more dishonest than that?

Doug Bell
San Diego

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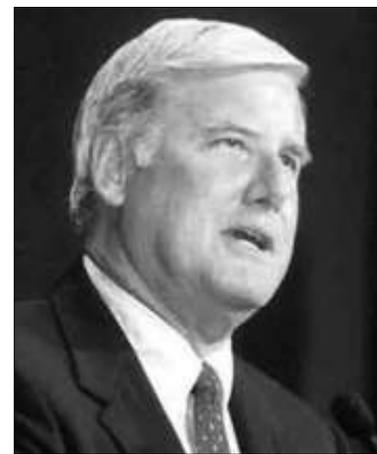
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He wakes every morning at 5:30 to feed five pet cats and take a shower. See page 2

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Media hogs The county's coffeehouses and convenience stores, already awash with just-started free newspapers that come and go each month, can count on one more newbie: *The South Bay Review*, operated by **Mike Inzunza**, brother of the clan that includes Democratic San Diego city councilman



Greg Cox

Ralph and National City mayor **Nick**. And — surprise — the cover hypes a famous Inzunza family mentor, GOP county supervisor **Greg Cox**, who once employed Nick and still sits on the board of Chula Vista-based Seacoast Commerce Bank with him. Cox, says the story, has “an all-encompassing ability to bring communities and people together with something called character.” Chula Vista planning chairman and ex-Cox staffer **Marco Polo Cortes**, another member of the Inzunzas’ extended political family who golfs regularly with Ralph, hails Cox as “a true statesman.” Readers also learn that the supervisor wakes every morning at 5:30 to feed five pet cats and take a shower. “He leads a consistent and stable life,” the story says. “He takes comfort in getting his monthly haircut from the same family of barbers for the last 30 years.” Wife **Cheryl**’s lobbying and political-consulting business, which has been raising South Bay eyebrows for years, is nowhere mentioned, but both she and Greg are touted for higher office. “Political insiders are rumoring a push for Cheryl to run for mayor of Chula Vista, while others see Greg Cox as a favorable candidate for Congress.” The paper’s advertisers include real estate woman **Pepper Coffey**, who was Ralph’s appointment to the board reviewing taxpayer financing for a new Chargers stadium ... It’s been another string of bad news for the *Union-Tribune*: hot on the heels of the walkout of anti-George W. Bush columnist **James O. Goldsborough**, the paper reported last Thursday that the *Los Angeles Times* (and not the *U-T*) had been the first to ask for a recount in the dizzying Frye-versus-Murphy San Diego mayoral race, quoting editor **Karin Winner** as saying the paper was consulting its lawyers about what to do. The next day the *U-T* reported it had finally gone ahead and submitted a request. But all is not lost. Local readers of *Newsweek* were recently treated to a full-page ad for the *U-T*’s Sunday “Currents” section, which Winner used to edit, featuring a black-and-white portrait of an elderly black man looking skyward, accompanied by haiku-like copy: “Sunday morning/ A story of a hero’s life/ That you tape to your child’s mirror/ To remind her of who she can be/ Sunday lasts forever.” The ad goes on to urge readers to “Pick yours up Sunday. From sections A to J, what you read, see and learn on Sunday will last forever.”

Pickled Herring It’s been revealed that he’s gotten personal legal advice courtesy of city taxpayers. Now it’s also come to light that deputy San Diego city manager **Bruce Herring**, who has for years served as a loyal soldier, stonewalling those who dared inquire about the financial foibles of mayors from **Maureen O’Connor** (Russian Arts Festival) to **Susan Golding** (1996 GOP conven-

tion, Chargers’ Qualcomm-stadium expansion) to Dick Murphy (Padres ballpark, new Chargers stadium, pension debacle), is looking for an exit strategy. According to a letter sent to him two weeks ago by the city’s ethics commission, Herring has been seeking “advice concerning the application of post-employment restrictions to ‘terminal’ employees.” The rule against employees taking jobs with private companies doing business with the city for 12 months after they leave city hall are, according to the letter, “designed to prevent former City Officials from ‘switching sides’ after they leave the City and working against the City’s interests for a private company concerning a pending municipal decision.” Thus, Herring has to wait on any city-related private gigs, the letter said, even if he uses some of his “terminal leave” or unused vacation time to bug out of his city job before he actually leaves the payroll. “Because employees who take terminal annual leave are entitled to accept new employment while they are on terminal leave, it follows that the post-employment restrictions must apply.” But if Herring gets a job with another public agency, the letter said, he won’t have to worry about those conflict-of-interest rules.

Inside of inside Look out, *Union-Tribune*, here comes **Neil Morgan**, who was fired by the paper this spring, and his old sidekick **Bob Witty**, who used to help Morgan run the Copley-owned, now-defunct *San Diego Tribune*. The pair, along with **Barbara Bry**, an ex-*L.A. Times* reporter and Harvard business school grad who married and later divorced millionaire Democratic La



Neil Morgan

Jolla developer **Pat Kruer**, are part of the nonprofit “Voice of San Diego,” a new website that sources say intends to take direct aim at the *U-T*’s *SignOn-SanDiego.com* Internet operation. Bankrolling the venture is said to be a foundation run by La Jolla fatcat venture-capital investor **Ralph B. “Buzz” Woolley**, owner of Coronado’s Glorietta Bay Inn, among other concerns. Woolley last popped onto the public stage in March, when he was identified in a *San Francisco Chronicle* article along with Walmart heir **John Walton** as financial backers of Bay Area Democrat **Ted Lempert**’s 11th district state senate primary campaign. Both Woolley and Walton were reported by the paper to be big fans of using taxpayer-funded vouchers to pay for private-school tuition. Lempert lost his legislative bid badly. Key participants in the new website have close ties to UCSD, including Morgan, whose wife **Judith**, a freelance travel writer, is a longtime member of the institution’s PR advisory board; Woolley, whose wife, lawyer **Ann Parode**, is university counsel; and Bry, who once worked for Connect, UCSD’s so-called tech transfer arm founded by the late **Bill Otterson** and overseen by UCSD extension dean **Mary Walshok**.

— Matt Potter

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World-Class Liars

By Don Bauder

The moniker “America’s Finest City” is tarnished. Don’t be surprised if city spinmeisters turn up the hyperbole volume, christening San Diego as a “World-Class City.” Keep in mind that the “America’s Finest City” honorific was pushed by then-mayor Pete

On November 25, “Enron-by-the-Sea” was in the headline of a damning story in *The Economist*. (A Reader headline writer should take

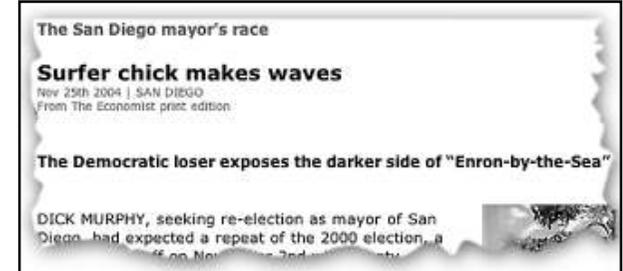
San Diego now ‘Enron by the Sea’

By John Ritter, USA TODAY

SAN DIEGO — This laid-back city seems to have it all — stunning beaches, best weather this side of Honolulu, a national image as a vacation playground and top convention destination.

Wilson after the city got national headlines for business and government corruption and lost the 1972 Republican Convention in a scandal. Rather than air the dirty linen and clean it up, the city chose to cover it up with a promotional campaign.

Now the corruption is deeper and the national press more biting. On September 7, a headline in the *New York Times* correctly labeled San Diego “Enron-by-the-Sea.” On October 24, the same words were in the headline of a scathing story about the city’s finances in *USA Today*.



a bow. Way back on February 5, we used the head “Our Enron-Style Scandal.”

My first hint of what may be afoot came last month, when San Diego’s Competitive Edge Research released the findings of a local “self-perception poll.” Four hun-

dred county residents were asked their impression of San Diego. A full 88 percent had a favorable opinion — 68 percent very favorable. Only 7 percent had a negative impression.

People were asked if Wilson’s “America’s Finest City” appellation was still an apt description. Some 57.1 percent said the label still fits, and 20.9 percent said the city was only a bit short of qualifying. So even though the city is on the financial brink, its citizenry thinks it’s the best place in the country. The sunshine does it. Seventy percent cited the climate and beaches as San Diego’s best attributes. Other qualities, such as tourism and culture, were cited by a mere 5 or 6 percent. Sometimes I think San

Diego’s perfect climate is its worst enemy; it diverts residents’ attention from the

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What Happens in The Next Big Storm?

By Joe Deegan

Scott Tulloch, director of San Diego's Metropolitan Wastewater Department, believes that the 2.66 inches of rain on October 27 showed how effective improvements to the city's sewer system have been over the past three years. In a November 3 report to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's executive officer, John Robertus, Tulloch wrote: "I am pleased to in-

form you that other than an issue with the influent screens, the system functioned as designed through a period of unprecedented high rains and flows." But the claim appears in the middle of the second page of the three-page letter, whose main purpose is to describe a 2.26-million-gallon raw sewage spill.

Before the workday of October 27 was over, deputy city manager Richard Mendes had written to Mayor Murphy and the San Diego City Council describing what happened. "The most serious event occurred at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant around noon today when increased flows resulted in a shutdown of screens used to remove material from the incoming

sewage." Mendes went on to note that 175 million gallons per day is the normal flow at the plant, and 432 million gallons is its capacity. "Flows had reached 428 MGD," he writes, "when the screens shut down.... (For reference, the previous historic peak flow at the plant was 413 MGD).

"Sewage overflowed into the ocean for approximately 21 minutes while emergency

bypass gates were being opened.... In addition, an overflow structure in the San Diego River released an estimated 1200 gallons of sewage into the river adjacent to the Pacific Coast Highway bridge....

"Another incident," Mendes continues, "occurred in a canyon downstream from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar due to inflow from sewer and storm drain

systems located on the base.... Crews responded to alarms early this morning, but while preparing the pumps, storm flows washed away a pump inlet hose, and an estimated spill of 10,000 gallons occurred while crews were restoring the bypass operation."

At the end of his letter, Mendes speculates that people opening manhole covers to relieve flooding in their

neighborhoods might have caused the "enormous surge in flow" that caused all the problems. He finishes by telling councilmembers that the San Diego County Health Department was already posting signs alerting citizens to stay away from the spills. The rains on October 27 started at 1:00 in the morning. Documents on file at the wastewater department show that at Lindbergh Field they increased to their highest point of the day, a little over .7 of an inch per hour, between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. After that the rains fell off rapidly but continued at a rate of approximately .2 of an inch per hour until close to 9:00 a.m.

In its November 6 edition, the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* Terry Rodgers quotes Dave Hanson, a sewer-spill investigator for the Regional Water Quality Control Board, as saying, "Any spill that goes to surface water [*sic*] and results in contamination postings would automatically get a notice of violation." And that means that the incident at the Point Loma treatment facility will cost San Diego's wastewater department a fine. The amount of the fine has yet to be determined.

In the opening paragraph of his report to the water-quality board on the October 27 sewage spill, the wastewater department's Tulloch says that he was taking the opportunity to "cover



Point Loma wastewater facility



Scott Tulloch



Tree uprooted due to storm, Oak Park, 10/27/04

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World-class liars

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corrupt leaders picking their pockets.

Then the respondents were asked whether San

Diego was — or could be — a world-class city. An astonishing 30.6 percent said San Diego is already world-class. Another 42.3 percent said it has the potential to become world-class. Only 22.7 percent said San Diego was not

world-class — and that was okay with them.

KPBS radio had a show on the question of whether San Diego could be called world-class. I was the only panelist expressing strong skepticism. Frankly, I think

the notion is preposterous — certainly for now and coming decades. But I would hardly be surprised if our local pols and publicists start pushing the idea. After all, among the cities that consider themselves world-class

are Detroit, St. Louis, Miami, Indianapolis, Colorado Springs, Charlotte, and Columbus, Ohio. Ugh.

What cities are considered truly world-class? According to the Globalization and

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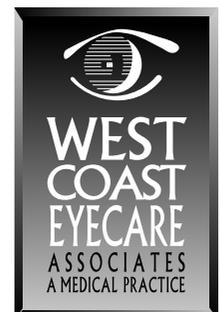
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World Cities Study Group & Network, the first tier consists of London, New York, Paris, and Tokyo. In the second tier are Chicago, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Milan, and Singapore. Next come San Francisco, Sydney, Toronto, and Zurich.

What are the characteristics of a world-class city? International familiarity tops the list; people talk of Paris without mentioning that it is in France. Some other characteristics: an advanced transportation system, including a mass-transit network; international financial institutions, corporations, and stock exchanges; world-renowned cultural institutions and universities; internationally known nonchain restaurants, retailers, and hotels; science and technological excellence; an international airport; respected architecture and urban planning; tourist attractions; spectacular natural surroundings and government financial stability.

San Diego might qualify in science and technology — Scripps, Salk, and the University of California-San Diego are recognized for research. San Diego is becoming better known as a tourist destination, thanks greatly to the ocean and weather, but if weather were a criterion, Tijuana would be world-class. San Diego's cultural life is improving, but the area has neither the population nor the wealth to be anywhere near the upper tiers. The city's natural beauty spots, such as canyons and hills, are being chewed up by developers.

The city's financial instability is now known around the world. But most articles err by saying that up until recently, San Diego was a model of fiscal rectitude. Not so. The city's pension deficit dates back at least to the late 1980s, and phony pension accounting became the norm in the early 1990s, according to Diann Shipione, the pension-board whistleblower who has incurred the wrath of her colleagues for informing the city and national media of the truth.

During the late 1990s,

when ballpark boosters proclaimed that a brilliantly managed city was flush with cash, only a few people dared point out that it wasn't so. The "America's Finest City" sobriquet helped feed local euphoria.

With its public-relations campaigns going full blast, city government developed a culture of secrecy. It's legal for politicians and bureaucrats to lie to voters, but it's not legal to lie to potential bond investors. Government

criminal and civil investigators are probing inaccuracies about pension deficits in bond prospectuses dating back to 1996. Audits for 2003 and 2004 have not been completed. As a result, the city cannot get financing. So

capital improvements — the ones neglected during the faux fat years — must be delayed, if not cancelled, putting the city in violation of state and federal mandates. Meanwhile, the overlords have been trying to

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Next big storm

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actions initiated to determine the cause(s) of the incident and to prevent further problems in the future." He starts

by mentioning how rains earlier in the month had "already saturated the ground and established conditions that would magnify the effects of any additional rain." Indeed, at 4.98 inches, the month had the heaviest rain-

fall ever in San Diego history.

Tulloch then acknowledged the work of his staff on the day of the spill at such pump stations upstream from Point Loma as those in Sorrento Valley, on South Harbor Drive, and on Har-

bor Drive near Lindbergh Field. The references make the point that employees did all the right things. Tulloch finally gets around to the spill site. "At 0930 hours, Point Loma staff prepared for high flows by making both influ-

ent channels available to take flow. They also put all five of their influent screens on manual mode to insure constant cycling of the raking mechanism....

"Because of the very high flow level, debris started accumulating on the screens, slowing down the flow going through them," writes Tulloch. "When this happened, the control system to the plant went into a high-level alarm at the screens and shut them down to protect the motors. Within one minute, the screens had built up enough debris to limit the flow going through them, forcing flows to escape rapidly at the screen structure. Point Loma Operations personnel responded and manually released the bypass gates so that flows could go over the screen structure, thereby bypassing the influent screens.... Within 20 minutes, they had all five bypass gates open, and the spill ceased."

In other words, we should be grateful that the spill was not a lot worse. But what happens in the next big storm? At the time of this writing, no one at Metropolitan Wastewater was available to answer my question. But Tulloch's report does contain a hazy indication of the department's thinking. "[The Point Loma] staff," he says, "is assessing potential changes to the operation of the screens and/or bypass channel in extremely high-flow situations. Distributed Control System monitoring systems are also being evaluated for additions or operational changes that could reduce the possibility of overflows by additional alarms or modified operational protocols."

And what about the two other incidents that city manager office's Mendes called to the attention of the city council? Tulloch mentions the San Diego River spill in his report to the Water Quality Board but calls it "a small spill...as the system became surcharged." He fails to mention the 10,000-gallon canyon spill that resulted from storm drains and sewers emptying out of the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Perhaps that's because the spill didn't go into the ocean, and his department can't be fined for it. ■

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Hey Matt:

If I were to go to all the laundromats in San Diego County and collect all of the lint from the dryers, would I be able to make it into articles of clothing or does the material physically change property?

— Fashion Conscious in Clairemont

Hankering for a hand-loomed lint sweater? Cool. In that universal vacuum-cleaner-bag-dirt gray color, right? Oh, actually, I hope you weren't planning on knitting some for Christmas gifts. A little late for '04. But for '05, you're all set. So gather up your lint-picking equipment while we explain the situation. We dialed up spinmaster Lorraine Powell of Back Country Spinners in Ramona. Lorraine suggests that pretty much anything stringy can be spun into a yarn, and that would include dryer lint, the little cotton wads in the tops of aspirin bottles, and pet hair. Lint is just free-range fuzz scraped off our clothes, so why couldn't we recycle it into new duds?

The easiest fiber to spin, apparently, is wool, because each strand is a column of overlapping scales, like a human hair, that lock into one another as they are twisted and spun into a thread. That makes a nice strong yarn that's easy to handle. Something like polyester has no scale surface, so it's trickier to work with, and you generally need to twist it very tightly as you spin it, then make a two- or three-ply thread out of it to have enough bulk and strength in the finished product. Dryer lint is a jumble of the scaly and the slick, so other than being made up of tiny bits that would be hard to work with, it would make a so-so yarn. Lorraine suggests carding the lint before you spin, maybe, to get all the random bits going in the same direction and to clean out paper shreds and other pocket junk that ends up in lint traps. And I gather she speaks from experience when she says you can spin golden retriever yarn from your sweet, dopey-faced pet; and you can knit a golden retriever sweater from that yarn; but it will probably always smell like golden retriever — so spin it, knit it, put it back on dog.

Heeeey, man...

Like, there's this place in, um, up north — what's it? — Kern. Kern County, man. Waaaaay up there. No beach. No.... Hey, got some Doritos, man? Goldfish crackers, maybe. Oh, uh — yeah. This place. Reefer City. On a map I saw someplace. Check the laundry basket. The Doritos were in there. So, Reefer City, man. Is it, like, a real reefer city? Can I maybe get up there? Probably have to take the bus, huh? I can sleep real good on the bus. Oh, yeah, Reefer. Is it a real place? Uh, could you give me a ride, man? Can we stop at McDonald's first? That's pretty funny, man.

— Uh, like...

Okay, I say I never make up these questions. And I didn't make up this question; I just kinda rewrote it. Every once in a while Grandma Alice has a clean-out of the work area. One year, all the elves had to go back to the DMV to have their drivers licenses replaced. What a nightmare. This week all we lost was our Reefer City question, e-mailed from, um, Oceanside, as I recall. Sorry. If we don't have the original question, we definitely do have the original answer.

So was there ever reefer in Reefer City? Probably lots. According to a 30-year-old article from the *Los Angeles Times*, Reefer City was founded in 1933. It was never incorporated, but R.C. was an official mailing address for decades. What kicked things off was the discovery of gold along a slope of Soledad Mountain, about six miles south of Mojave. A South African mining company swooped down on it and started hauling out metal, hand over fist.

Rather than build accommodations for several hundred miners, to supplement their dormitories the company went to the Southern Pacific railroad and said, "We'll buy as many old refrigerated rail cars as you can find." The SoPac found 50. They were wood, sturdy, 43 feet long, maybe 10 feet wide, and very well insulated against the heat. The mining company gathered all the reefers (as they're known in the train trade) and pulled them out into the sand. Miners moved in, built porches and extra rooms, wallpapered, laid carpet, put up fences, planted gardens. It was an all-reefer community with (eventually) electricity, piped-in water, school buses...a real Wally and the Beave sorta town.

The mine played out by 1942, but in its place we had a big war. Much better, economically. Marines and later Air Force personnel from Edwards AFB rented the reefers from the new owners until the early '60s, when enough housing was available in the town of Mojave. For a decade Reefer City was home to hippies, runaways, and desert rats. In 1971 the place was leveled by a private salvage company, which really just wanted exclusive rights to the fortune rumored to have been buried on the site by a legendary 90-year-old recluse miner. So Reefer City had reefer plus the obligatory mysterious hermit with a secret fortune. Classic Americana.

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By Patrick Daugherty

400 Arrows Per Day

As it is, probably about \$1700," says Norman Aguon. "It" is a Martin Cougar III Magnum archery bow, which, according to the manufacturer, comes with "14-inch straight glass composite limbs... measures 42 inches between the axles, has a 6 1/4-inch brace height, and is rated at 308 fps...and draw-length modules that can be adjusted over the entire range of lengths without affecting the draw weight...75 percent letoff. Mass weight 3 lb., 15 oz."

There is more — a Ph.D. more — but you get the idea: bows are as complicated as anything else. Think video games, think Robin Hood mutated into a Conan the Barbarian flexing his steroid-saturated biceps and shooting arrows at 3000 mph through the bloodless heart of a 12-foot-tall titanium-plated, hammer-headed, drooling alien/bug thing.

That's the Martin Cougar III Magnum archery bow! Ta-dah!

Martin Cougar Magnum, Aguon, and a half-dozen other archers are recreating at an off-road, mountain-side archery course. The course is set at the bottom of a wide gully that has a steep rise on its north side. Bales of hay are stacked 20, 30, 50, 60, and 100 yards away from the shooting line. Each bale is home to a set of four blue-and-white target bullseyes.

Participants have requested anonymity; some have snuck off from work. All have no desire to advertise their underused, well-equipped, and beautiful archery playground. Mr. Aguon has been coming here for 17 years.

Studying Aguon's bow and busting myself as an idiot rookie, I ask, "What is the purpose of different draw strings?" I have no idea what "different draw strings" means, of course; to me, the bow's cabling looks similar to the inner workings of a garage door. I am merely making noise, hoping that Norman will answer me with something that makes sense.

He does. "Well, this is a bow string," Aguon says, gently pointing out that what I saw as "strings" is actually one length. "These are the cables, and this is called the split cable. Some only have one side. Then, there's a rod that moves it up, out of the way, but it's just to maintain tension."

I nod my head as if his words perfectly explain where babies come from. There is silence. More silence. More silence.

"This is a compound bow," Aguon says. "And a compound bow has wheels on it called cams. So when you draw back, when the string rolls over the

cam, you're actually holding only 20 percent of the full draw weight of the bow, and therefore you can aim longer."

I understand none of this. "And this is a level of some kind?" I'm referring to a thingy attached to the little ledge where, presumably, the arrow's shaft rests.

"No," Aguon says. "It's an adjustable sight and a scope. The sight is calibrated. All the information is in my home computer and my Palm Pilot."

Aguon pulls out a Palm Pilot from his back pocket and beams. "The aerodynamics of the arrow are the shaft diameter, and the fletching, which is kind of the wind resistance, and the weight, which includes the tip weight and the weight of the shaft. So, this arrow weighs about 271.4 grains, and my computer knows that. At full draw you measure the distance between the peep sight and the scope and the peep sight and the arrow. Once the computer knows the triangulation, knows the weight and the aerodynamics of the arrow and the speed of the arrow coming out of the bow, it can calculate how much the arrow is going to drop over distance."

Can I get a beer?

"All that information is in the computer. And, by a method of experimentation, I've been able to come up with this sight table. The speed of my bow is 237.1 feet per second; that's the exit speed. The sight table tells me what the elevation is; that's how high I have to raise the bow according to the distance to the target."

I've got to make this stop. "How accurate are your tables?"

"At 30 yards, the group is within an inch all the way around. I can shoot accurately anywhere from 7 feet all the way out to 120 yards."

I offer a long grunt, indicating agreement and belief. "How many hours a week do top archers practice?"

"Very, very good archers practice three or four hours a day," Aguon says. "They like to talk about how many arrows they shoot. The best archers shoot between 300 and 400 arrows a day. For practice. They spend a lot of time shooting into a blank bale, just to perfect their release. With archery, it's developing the right technique and then developing the right muscle memory."

I close my eyes and imagine shooting 300 arrows. Silence. More silence. "What's the fun part?"

"I like the feel of pulling a bow and shooting an arrow. And I enjoy being out here." Aguon smiles. "The outdoors and shooting."

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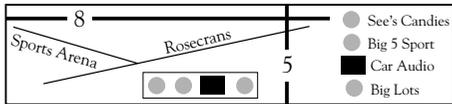
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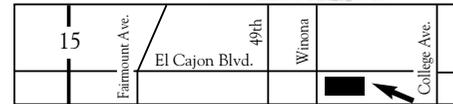
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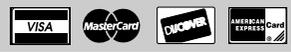
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Senior pastor: Pastor Rich McCullen
Congregation size: 130
Staff size: 4
Sunday school enrollment: no
Annual budget: \$157,000
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Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: white
Sunday worship: 7 p.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 1/2 hours
Website: www.missiongathering.com

The sound of rock music filled the night air as I approached the Mission Gathering service. Outside, two young adults standing under heat lamps greeted me at the entry. The evening was cool for those of us spoiled by warm San Diego weather. After exchanging pleasantries, the greeters handed me an informational brochure about the church, and I entered the dark chapel.

Mission Gathering's evening service meets in an Italian Renaissance-style chapel at Torrey Pines Christian Church. The exterior brick façade is decorated with a rose-stained glass window. A cross stands on the roof. Upon entering through solid wood doors, a long narrow nave is revealed, lined with dark wood pews. Romanesque arches run along either side of the chapel, leading up to gabled timber beams on the ceiling high above.

Inside the room, votive candles flickered red, yellow, and green. A projection screen showed a video of a candle floating in the air. The self-described "coffee-house band" played "God of Wonders."

A vocalist, two guitarists, and a drummer played the music loud for the crowd. Looking around the dark room, I made out 70 or so worshippers; most appeared to be teenagers or people in their 20s. During the last song, a young, tank-topped girl holding a candle lighter walked down the aisle and lit the advent candles.

After the worship music stopped, a young man walked forward to pray for the offering. As offering plates were passed around the room, signs were placed where there was empty pew space. The signs encouraged people to invite guests. The sign next to me read, "This seat was intended for your friends. Will you bring them?"

Ryan Petty walked forward to preach, filling the pulpit for Pastor Rich McCullen for the evening's sermon. Petty's sermon focused on rebuilding for the Christmas season. He said, "We should rebuild our faith, relationships, hope, and love." Petty used *Extreme House Makeover* as an illustration of the hope these families receive when their home is rebuilt. Petty reminded the congregants that hope and rebuilding are what the Christmas season prepares us for.

"One of Mission Gatherings values is to be a multisensory experience," remarked Petty as he

put on a tool belt. To help illustrate his point, Petty began to nail together wooden 2-by-4s. Each board had something written on it that symbolized an area in which people could rebuild their faith. Petty's suggestions included: coming on Sunday, inviting a friend, forgiving ourselves, or apologizing to someone. At the end of the sermon, Petty constructed a wooden manger, which, unfortunately, fell apart. The sermon was allegedly based on an earlier reading of Acts chapter 15:15-18. However, during Petty's 45-minute sermon no time was spent examining the scripture.

Pastor McCullen came forward after the sermon to pray for communion. McCullen encouraged people to "light a candle and connect to God." The congregants formed lines as they broke off a piece of bread from a loaf and sipped their choice of wine or juice. People dispersed throughout the room to light a candle, find a quiet place to pray or sit quietly. After communion, the band walked forward to close the evening service with several songs.

After service people gathered to talk while enjoying coffee, tea, donuts, and cookies. As we

huddled around the food table, I asked Oggy, who recently began attending, why he chose this church. Oggy said, "I like it here. Everyone speaks from their heart." Larry also began attending recently. When asked why he attended, he told me, "A girl invited me. I thought it would be cool to come check the place out. I like the feel here."

Ben Donaghy, the lead singer and worship leader, told me about their music style. "We have an unplugged, acoustic-based sound. Mission Gathering plays a lot of songs other churches wouldn't touch with a ten-foot pole." I asked Donaghy what he meant. "Well, we've performed a lot of secular music. Artists like Sarah McLachlin and Dave Matthews Band. Our goal is to create a comfortable place for both believers and non-Christians."

Pastor McCullen spoke to me about the vision of their church. McCullen's desire is to build a church that is a doorway for people to find spirituality, to allow people to be spiritual seekers, without giving them the answers. All of this involves the senses. These senses, as McCullen puts it, are "the taste of communion, sight of the candles, touch of someone's hand, smell of incense, and the sixth sense of spirituality."

Each week, I ask the pastor what he or she believes happens after someone dies. Pastor McCullen shared his views, saying, "After death, people have an encounter with God. As to what happens, I don't know. I can't judge anyone. I believe in Heaven."

I asked Pastor McCullen what he believed about Hell. McCullen thought for a moment, "Do I believe in Hell? These are hard questions. I don't know. I used to think so. I just don't want to give you the evangelical answer." McCullen paused for a moment longer. You could sense his struggle in taking a stance on this position. He replied, "Yes. I believe in Hell. But only for Hitler."

— Drew E. Goodmanson



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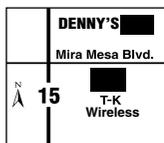
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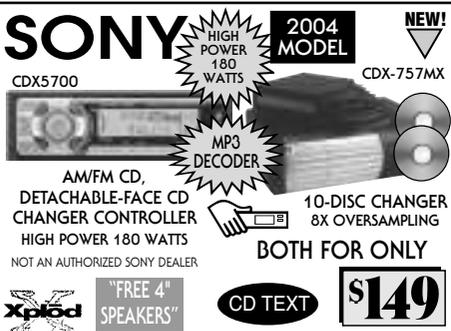
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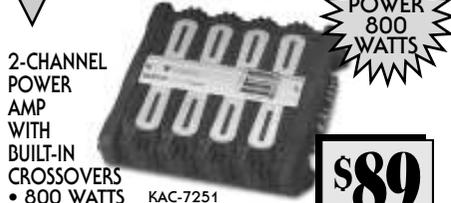
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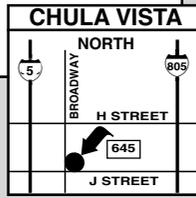
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Dear Saffron,

My laptop computer, whose name is Spike, and I are best friends. We go everywhere together. Over Thanksgiving a friend I was traveling with asked if she could borrow Spike to check her e-mail, as if we were at some public terminal. Like, "Move over, boy." I said no and she got all weird, like I was the most selfish person in the world. I said Spike doesn't want anyone else touching him except me, and my friend said, "You're crazy, also irritating," and I said, "Look, do you see his blinking red icon? That's him saying, 'No one but you, Luke.'" The subject's kind of over, and my friend thinks I'm kidding, but I'm not. I don't want anyone else using Spike, and Spike appreciates my protecting him from nosey fingers. My question is: What do I do about my friend and her violation of my privacy? I should say this is not the first time this has happened. Most people I travel with don't bring their computers on the road and think it's perfectly natural to invade my private world. Am I a freak?

LUKE OF LA JOLLA

Dear Luke,

Some of us never learned to share toys when we were tots. Are you one of those MINE, MINE, MINE, guys? Or merely a full-on computer nerd who views his laptop as a sacrosanct region of his brain where no trespassing is tolerated? If you're unbendable about nobody else touching your machine, then maybe friends who travel with you should be forewarned. That way, instead of assuming you'll be cool with them checking e-mail on your handy laptop, they can locate cyber-cafés or libraries at your destination ahead of time, so there isn't a wrestling match when they want to commune with their contacts while on the road. And if I locate a sharing-skills clinic for adults, I'll print the info in this column so you can think about signing up.

Dear Saffron,

We got called in for a conference at my daughter's junior high. The word is that the principal and several of her teachers think "Jen" is depressed and want my wife and I to send her to a therapist. If we don't do this, they would like our permission to have Jen talk to the school psychologist once a week and want us to sign something saying this is all right. Jen's grades are decent (they used to be better, but she's still passing everything and getting some Bs). She's not using drugs — I keep a real close watch on her. When I got home and tried to talk to her about this stuff, she said little. Her hair is in her eyes all the time and it's hard to see what kind of a look is on her face. I asked if she was depressed. She said,

"I'm fine." She's quiet and shy. When I asked if she wanted to see a therapist, she shrugged. Being a teenager can be rocky, but I trust she'll tough it out and outgrow it like everybody else. No one in my or my wife's family has ever seen a therapist. My instinct is to say no — we're not rolling in cash and I'm not spending my hard-earned money so Jen can lie on a couch and talk to some stuffy guy with a bunch of degrees. We have three other kids who have needs. I also feel she doesn't need to see the school counselor. She can talk to us. I think the principal is making a big thing out of nothing. Am I missing something?

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You might be. Consider giving the principal's suggestion a chance. The school is making it super easy for you. Money is tight, and you don't have to hire a private shrink. Meet the school psychologist. If you think that person is competent and smart, let Jen have a few sessions. Where's the harm? It sounds like because you're unfamiliar with psychotherapy, you automatically assume it's bogus. If the principal and several teachers are concerned about your kid, I bet they have sound reason. Sometimes it's more comfortable for an adolescent to talk to a stranger, much as they may love their parents. Shy and quiet people can have difficulty expressing themselves, and in some cases it takes someone who's experienced and specially trained to draw them out. Depression in adolescents can be tricky, hard to recognize, and quite dangerous. I don't think you have anything to fear from letting Jen chat with the school counselor a few times. Be open-minded. You might be surprised to find there's a lot to be gained by allowing your daughter to have a few conversations with an empathetic professional.

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— EVE KELLY

I'm a lefty. Among other things, that means I'm not too deft with a standard pair of scissors. In grammar school, I was never the one picked to help the teacher cut stuff out for the bulletin board. And while Mom taught me a lot of things, she soon gave up trying to impart her mastery of gift-wrapping. She just couldn't translate her genius to fit my left-handedness. As a result, I give an awful lot of gift bags at Christmas. This year, I decided to face my fears and present personal, elegantly wrapped presents to at least a few lucky loved ones. And, I reasoned, just as a successful meal depends first and foremost on good ingredients, a perfect wrap job needs exactly the right materials. After figuring out who was getting what, I set out in search of primo paper and ribbons.

I grinned as I strolled into India Ink Papers in Little Italy (619-233-4203). Stacy, one of the owners, showed me the gift papers, starting with oversized wallpaper-style prints in either red or black on a white background (\$4 for a 24x18-inch sheet). The colors were so bright they barely stayed on the paper. "These are hand-screened," said Stacy. "It's like a fine paint on the paper, so the color is really vivid. You can feel the raised ink." From there, my eye darted to a pea-green cotton paper covered with rose-pink calligraphy detailing the goodies given during the 12 days of Christmas (\$4.50 for a 21x28-inch sheet). I could have gotten it in steel blue with gold lettering, but I'm a sucker for pea-green.

"Here is crepe paper [\$9.50 for a 20x96-inch sheet, lime, hot pink, or magenta] imported from Germany," said Stacy, warming up to her task. "It's right from our youth. It's fun to wrap with, even if it doesn't tape well — you need glue. But with the right item, you can just tie ribbons at the ends of the gift, and it'll stay. Over here is bingo paper [\$1 for a 24x24.5-inch sheet]. It's just newsprint with multiple bingo cards printed on it."

The ribbons were even more varied than the papers, with prices ranging from \$.50-\$3 a yard. "We've got lots of ready-to-buy styles: silk with wire, plaid, cut velvet, pom-poms or butterflies on wires, double-sided satin, candy stripe in a bunch of different color combos." (Also available for custom order: hand-dyed silk ribbons for \$1.65-\$6 a yard.) Fun Fringe (\$5 for 25 feet), a multi-colored paper ribbon, made for a change of pace, as did the clip-on glitter buckle on a band of black or bright red velvet ribbon (\$7.50). "You could put it around one large gift or a stack of smaller gifts," suggested Stacy. Another employee, Heidi, pointed out a collection of paper boxes in the form of oval river rocks (\$7-\$11, depending on size). "The little one could pose as a lump of coal in someone's stocking, but have a piece of jewelry inside." I was charmed — naughty and nice at the same time.

Several of the gifts at India Ink had been wrapped by visual merchandiser Alice Sharp (the5sharps@cox.net). I was impressed enough

"I might use bingo paper and some old Scrabble tiles."

to give her a call. "For me, the gift inside indicates what I use on the outside," she explained. "If I was giving someone a game, I might use the bingo paper and some old Scrabble tiles to make the person's name on the present. I collect a lot of things — vintage things, new things, things like yarn and laces. Old buckles from belts are great — just pin them on the ribbon. I've glued on zippers before — say, on a gift of clothing. One thing I was going to do was open a zipper, stitch it onto the paper in the open position, then add an insert of another color of paper in the open part."

I started running down my own list. A pipe lighter? "Start with a smoke theme. I have matchbook wrapping paper. Or you could go to a cigar place and get a cigar box. They have stacks of them, wooden ones or bright paper ones. If it's a good-looking box, you can just add a ribbon." A book? "It would be fun to enlarge one of the pages on a Xerox machine — say, the table of contents — and wrap it in that." A fishing rod? "The simplest thing would be to get an enormous tube from The Container Store and a rubber stamp of a fish, then kind of decoupage it." Girls' dress-up clothes?

"Do them in a hat box." Kids' skate shoes? "They could be wrapped in a sports poster. And I once bought a bag of old shoelaces; it would be fun to use them as ribbon. Tie all kinds and colors of laces together, or tie them in layers."

Sharp left me with a general design suggestion and a practical tip. "Sometimes, I use a really wide ribbon on a really small box, so that I'm almost covering the box. Or I'll use a narrow ribbon on a really big box. And double-stick tape is a good tip. You're trying to get a clean edge on the box."

Besides India Ink, I paid a visit to the Paperie in the Gaslamp (619-234-5457). Creative designer Patima squirmed me through the shop's astonishing array of wood block press papers (\$4-\$4.75 for a 24x36-inch sheet), marble papers (\$4.50 for 25x37- or 24x36-inch sheets), handmade papers with leaves and flowers pressed into them (\$3.50 for 22x30-inch sheets or \$4.50 for 23x35-inch sheets), and on and on. Patima loved the plant-a-note paper (\$6.50 for a 13x19-inch sheet). "There are wildflower seeds in the paper. After someone is done with it, they can plant it and get a little set of wildflowers." But I fell for the embroidered paper with metallic chain-link stitching (\$12 for a 19x27-inch sheet). Perfect for my husband Patrick.

Not everything was so luxury-priced. "These lace papers from Japan [\$2.75 for a 31x22-inch sheet] are amazing for wrapping. The laces have a certain translucence and texture; you can go get a plain roll of red or green paper, then use the lace as an overlay. It adds flair to the wrapping without breaking the bank. And you can use the laces to replace tissue paper around the gift itself. They're soft and silky instead of crunchy, and have a nice, welcoming feel." The Paperie also carried numerous ribbons, \$.50-\$3.85 a yard. "I like to overlay organdy ribbons with satin," suggested Patima. "If you don't want to spend too much, just wrap the ribbon around one way."

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Thirty Years Ago

I am the Santa Claus in the Mission Valley Shopping Center. I get paid three dollars an hour and work a 40-hour week. I'm an actor and a mime, so it's just another job to get money to live. I hold kids on my lap and ask them what they want for Christmas. A pretty simple way to make money.

— **"SANTA EXPOSED!"** Mark Wenzel,
December 19, 1974

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Overused words and phrases of 1979

Most overused word: disco.

Most overused phrase in Southern California: no problem.

Most overused phrase in the Seventies: the Sixties.

Most overused phrase in music: new wave.

Most overused word and phrase in baseball: flake, free agent.

Most overused phrase in football: knee injury.

Most overused word in contemporary art: performance.

Most overused word in motion picture advertising: event.

Most overused buzzword: buzzword.

Most overused phrase at Mom's Saloon: hit on.

— **YEAR IN REVIEW,** Carlos Bey, December 20, 1979

Twenty Years Ago

One Sunday afternoon a couple of weeks ago, Patty M. stopped by the Four Corners Tavern on the northwest corner of 30th and Upas streets in North Park for a few drinks.

So that Sunday, Patty thought nothing of it when two officers showed up at the bar's entrance and began walking down the center aisle past where she was sitting. Then she recognized one of the officers, Jim Stewart, as a long-time friend whom she hadn't seen in more than a year. Initial pleasantries soon turned sour, however, "when he asked me what I was doing in a 'sleazebag' place like this," Patty recalls. "That made me mad, and after we exchanged words he stormed out, telling me he's made it his new project to close the place down because he didn't like 'biker scum.'"

— **CITY LIGHTS: "COPS KNOCK OFF FOUR CORNERS,"**
Thomas K. Arnold, December 20, 1984

Fifteen Years Ago

Great Moments in Public Relations, Vol. MCXVIII

When Kandu the killer whale was slain in a whale fight, Sea World PR people rushed to protect the image of the surviving whale, Corky, one of two adult corporate logos alive at the park. Officials defended Corky by insisting that the easygoing Kandu had started the rumble, a fish tale served up by the local press. Left unreported was the theory that she was trying to protect her newborn calf from Corky, who in 1982 roughed up her own offspring a few days before the calf died.



San Diego Reader, December 15, 1994

Rock Around the Couch

At a hearing on noise violations at the Belly Up Tavern, the nightclub's supporters testified that much of the racket was caused by patients undergoing primal scream therapy at a nearby psychologist's office. "They were undergoing aggression-release therapy, and it was intense and loud," one of the witnesses testified.

— **CITY LIGHTS: "YEAR IN REVIEW,"** Paul Krueger,
Neal Matthews, and Bill Owens, December 21, 1989

Ten Years Ago

Beat seems much more like, has much more at heart to do with, Punk (hey, it wasn't hedonism; it wasn't flowers, it was more, y'know, beat). It's arguable that those Beats who played a participatory role in early Hippie (with the exception of Neal Cassady, who was just *digging it* — while fucking and chauffeuring it — and Sanders, who was young enough to have his own band), e.g., Allen Ginsberg, Gary Snyder, Michael McClure, were simply SEDUCED by its paradise-now easy ride (not to mention the elder statesman preeminence it for ten minutes afforded them — before casting them in the over-30 geezer slag heap with everybody else), but this seduction had no more basis in Universal Oompah than kids voting for McGovern over Nixon (f' rinstance), like why the hell not?

— **"BEAT LIT WRIT LARGE,"** Richard Meltzer,
December 15, 1994

Five Years Ago

Spare me the glib poverty tourism of John Brizzolara ("The Zen of Flop," December 9). He hasn't been there; he hasn't been trapped in it; and he hasn't *lived* what he prattles about, except when he goes to TJ to get laid. In a word, he's slumming. Brizzolara is a white hunter in a pith helmet traipsing through the forests of the damned and sneering at the wogs without a clue of what really goes on in their minds or lives.

— **LETTERS: "SHALLOW TRAVELOGUE,"** G. Solov,
December 16, 1999

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by Josh Board

my grandmother thought I was the worst Jew. I didn't know a word of Yiddish. I didn't go to synagogue or wear a Star of David, and I didn't care about the religion of the women I dated. Other non-Jewish things I do would include: picking up the check when I'm out with friends, thinking the cross should stay on Mount Soledad, and not even knowing how to spell Hanukkah (my editor fixed it when I turned in the story). I love Christmas decorations and lights and think it's ridiculous that Balboa Park now calls their Christmas event "December Nights" so they don't offend any other religions.

The night December Nights started, I was going to go with my friend Anne. But I was invited to a Hanukkah party. I figured, if my grandmother is looking down on me, this would be the one decision I've made that will make her proud. I headed up to Encinitas to party with some Jews.

The party was in a gated community and it took me ten minutes to figure out how to get buzzed in. Actually, I never did figure it out. The guy in the car behind me got out and was surprisingly nice as he said, "Here, I'll do it."



As I pulled in looking for a parking space, I got a kick out of watching an SUV-style limo trying to get out. It took the driver about ten minutes also.

I walked into this gorgeous house and talked with Kori Clark, who was throwing the party with her husband Steve. She was eight and a half months pregnant. I told her I'd never had anyone go into labor at a party I was writing about, and it would make for an interesting

"Kori, can you make more of those McHash Browns?"

story. She didn't go into labor, but several other women at the party were also pregnant.

There was lots of food. I wanted to head to the dessert table right away. It had cookies, brownies, German chocolate



Hannukah party

cake, and ingredients to make s'mores at the fire pit outside. Then I saw the table with all the Jewish food. Like a typical Jewish mother, Kori's mom immediately put a bowl of matzo ball soup in my hands. It was good,

but just like when my grandmother made it, I couldn't figure out why anyone bothered with these big balls that have no flavor at all. It would be so much easier just to fix noodles and chicken and call it chicken

soup. (Wait a second, did I write "big balls" a few sentences ago?)

I asked Kori about the food and she said, "We have brisket, gefilte fish, salad, cheeses, and potato latkes." I thought that was an Andy Kaufman character. But those sounded like the safest bet. I tried a few and they were delicious. A woman named Lynn said, "Those are delicious. They taste like the hash browns at McDonald's." Kori said, "They taste better than those!" I don't think she realized it was a compliment. They tasted just like McDonald's, and I ate a bunch. I

laughed when, near the end of the party, Lynn asked "Kori, can you make more of those McHash Browns?" Kori rolled her eyes and put another batch in the oven.

I left the matzo ball in my bowl of soup, wondering how many carbs it had. It's not that I'm concerned about my weight. But I would feel less guilty when I attacked the dessert table.

This was the most Jewish food I had ever eaten. My previous Jewish meal consisted of a corned beef on rye at D.Z. Akin's a year ago.

As I walked around, I saw a kids' book called *Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah*. The Clarks have a son who looked to be about four, the perfect age for such a book.

I noticed a lot of the presents for the gift exchange had Star of David wrapping paper. I didn't know there were so many different styles. For Christmas, you can have trees, Santa Claus, snow, stockings, and so many other things. The Hanukkah wrapping paper either has a star or a menorah. But there were lots of different colors of paper.

I asked Steve Clark, who resembled Rick Moranis, about the gift exchange. He said, "When we started this nine

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years ago, nobody had money. The gifts weren't as nice, and sometimes people would bring the gifts back the following year. We had a brain once. Someone called it Spock's brain, because of an episode of *Star Trek*. It was tradition for that to come back each year. We also got a James Brown that sang and danced. That made a few return visits." I thought that if I got the James Brown, I'd keep it. Maybe a singing fish I'd throw back, but never the hardest working man in show business. He'd always be welcome on my desk.

Lynn's husband Tim was talking about Sony PlayStation with some people. He works for Sony, and she told me people are always asking him questions. He doesn't like to talk about it all the time. That reminded me of my friend Dan Roos, who's a sheriff in Vista. When we see him at parties, we complain about the tickets cops have given us. And we gripe about traffic laws that should be changed.

Lynn said, "But with him working at PlayStation, sometimes we can get video games for a gift. People usually like those, and it's inexpensive for us."

When Lynn invited me to this party, she told me she'd bring an extra gift for me so I could participate in the gift exchange. It was two DVDs: the Adam Sandler movie *Eight Crazy Nights*, which is about a Jewish boy, and a documentary on Jesus. We both thought that would be good for a few laughs.

One guy had lost his voice, but he told a lot of funny stories about the previous parties. Half the time I had to say "Excuse me?" and lean in close to him.

He was carrying around his baby, and his wife had another one on the way. A few times he has built things for the gift exchange. I was told by others that he's great at making crafts. He told me about building a five-foot-high Jenga game. As I was taking his picture, he said,

"Don't get my bald spot." I told him I didn't notice a bald spot. But later, during the gift exchange, I told him I noticed it when he grabbed a gift. I said, "In a few more years, it will look like you're wearing a yarmulke."

I talked to Steve's

mom a lot about games. She mentioned knowing somebody who plays backgammon professionally. I didn't know there was such a thing. I mentioned meeting Richard Lederer at a party in Scripps Ranch, and she knew his two kids. They are always

on ESPN in professional poker tournaments. His daughter Annie Duke recently won two million dollars in the World Series of Poker and appeared the next day on Letterman. We ended up discussing various poker and blackjack strategies.

A little after 9:00 p.m. Steve made everyone go into the room with the presents. Everyone was given a number and that was the order for picking presents. I was surprised at all the strategies. I overheard one couple going into great detail about how to get the

best present. They were saying, "Grab the biggest one — it will always have good stuff." Another woman said she always gets the ones with Jewish wrapping paper, because those gifts always seem to be the best. I said, "If this was a real Jewish party, the

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receipt would be given along with the gift."

Steve explained the rules. Basically, when it was your turn to pick a gift, you could do that, or you could steal a previous gift someone had opened. He said, "One year we had a bunch of lottery tickets, and

everyone kept stealing those." I said, "If someone tried to steal those from me, I'd scratch them off first." He replied, "You wouldn't be invited back."

The gifts started off slow. There was a stuffed Elmo from *Sesame Street*. There was a Sewing Genie.

A few people laughed, because that was a gift from the previous year. There was a Darth Vader mask that said different things when you pressed different buttons. Steve reminded everyone, "If you bring a gift that requires batteries, have batteries in

it, so we can see exactly what it does." There was a box with lingerie, and one of the pregnant women at the party got this gift. Early on, there was a boom box. That gift ended up being stolen at least 18 times. Another popular gift was a big red bowl that had silver

around the edges. An older guy brought that and said, "I didn't know it would be so popular. I saw it when I was walking down the aisle at Costco." One box contained a tequila-making kit. That made the rounds a few times.

There was an anatomi-

cally correct torso that looked like something you would see at a Jeffrey Dahmer party. I jokingly said, "Can I borrow that for the weekend?" Nobody laughed. I later heard a woman say to her husband, "Get your hands off my torso." That got a laugh.

In the middle of the gift exchange, Tim and I went into the kitchen to get some chocolate chip cookies. We both agreed the dessert table was a better place to be than the crowded living room.

Of course, we made it back in time to pick our gifts. He got a giant stuffed Shrek with a *Shrek 2* DVD.

When it was my turn to pick, I stole the stereo. It was pointless, because I knew it would soon be taken from me. I said, "Look, I am going to donate this stereo to the Toys for Tots program. So if any of you steal this gift from me, you're really stealing it from a child." Nobody bought it. I was hit in the head with wrapping paper thrown by at least five different people.

The next person took my stereo. I picked another gift and got a crême brûlée set. Lynn wanted that, so we made a trade. I got her husband's stuffed Shrek with the DVD.

Didi was a cute Asian girl who showed up late. She had a big bag that contained different lotions. That gift was stolen a few times. When she stole the stereo, one woman came up to her next and said, "Didi, it's so great to see you!" Didi was saying, "Thanks, great to see you too." The woman continued, with her arms out, "It's so nice to see you." Didi looked at her, confused. The gal said, "I'm taking your stereo." Everyone laughed.

With all the numbers involved, it reminded me of my fantasy-football draft. But with a good pick there, you only get a Marshall Faulk. You don't get a stereo!

One of the gifts was a remote-control truck. The guy who got that seemed stoked. There was also a

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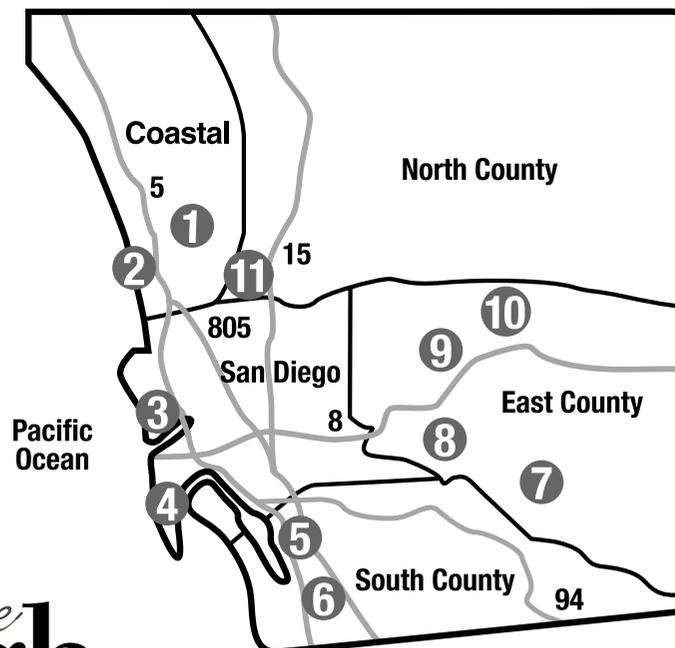
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volcano kit. It looked like fun. One guy said, "Part of me thinks this will be educational for my kids. Another part of me wonders if my garage will blow up." I looked on the box to see if it came with lava. As people walked around looking at gifts to steal, this guy would say, "You can take this and make volcanoes in your living room." Nobody stole it.

The last gift chosen was the funniest. The person who picked it was the person who'd brought it. It was a Bar Master. I'm not sure what that even is.

After the gifts were given out, people vigorously made trades with each other. It was fun listening to the negotiations.

Steve and Kori gave out prizes to the people who brought the top three presents. One of the things they gave was a case of Jewish beer. It was called He Brew. The guy who won that said, "I'm not even a drinker." Someone else said, "It's time to start. Or

you can break those out now and we can try some."

People were starting to leave. I heard one guy say, "Shalom, dude." I heard another say he was so happy to get the remote-control truck.

I found out it was Steve and Kori who provided the stereo. I thought that was nice, considering they probably spent so much on the party to begin with.

One guy asked me if I knew any good Jewish jokes. I told him the first two that popped into my mind. "A Jew walks into a bar. And buys it." The other one was "Why do Jews get circumcised? They like 30 percent off everything." He laughed. And as I walked to my car, with the rain soaking my Shrek doll, I wondered how many complaints I'd get if I ended this column with those jokes. ■

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The man who goes alone can start today, but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready.

— Henry David Thoreau

I'm what you might call a "jet-setter." According to *dictionary.com*, a jet-setter is one who travels internationally, "from one fashionable place to another," in the pursuit of pleasure. Though I received my first passport last week, I still think I qualify.

David has told me I'm more of a "flower," quick to wilt at the slightest change in the weather, altitude, or time.

For example, an invitation to an exclusive party or an urge to see a particular piece of art are each compelling enough reasons to justify a quick trip to New York, just as my desire to see snow on New Year's Eve is excuse aplenty to send me and my man to Vermont the week after Christmas. We haven't begun to party internationally yet, but we hop all over the country, either for David's gallery openings or simply because we feel like it.

Why am I telling you this? Well, many of you will be traveling for the holidays, and as a frequent flyer (that's more than 25,000 miles a year, baby), I can offer you occasional-event flyers some tips on how this diva does it.

Flying over 50,000 miles a year worldwide, my father is a natural. Far from being the prima donna his daughter is, Dad's rules are simple — if it's a long flight, upgrade to first class with the many miles under your belt, drink a handful of free alcoholic beverages, and sleep the whole way, which will have you arriving sprightly at your destination. He tells me — through chor-tles and grins, similar to how he might communicate a racquetball victory — how his younger fellow sojourners are consistently dragged down by

jet lag and travel exhaustion. Dad has never experienced jet lag because his circadian rhythms are not bothered by something as inconsequential as the local time.

David has told me I'm more of a "flower," quick to wilt at the slightest change in weather, altitude, or time. Like a good boy, he's always striving to make my journey more comfortable. Last year, he surprised me with a new experience, flying in first class, thereby forever ruining me for coach (or as David would say, "steerage").

It took me years to learn the secret to being handled with kid gloves in the air, but I'll share it with you now because I like you: become a loyal customer. Pick one airline and stick with it, even if a few of the flights end up costing more than other airlines. After you choose your company, become a member of whatever frequent-flyer program it offers. Dad, David, and I all fly United. And because of our loyalty and accrued miles, we are treated like royalty. We are allowed to check in and board first and can trade in our collected miles to upgrade our asses to first-class seats for long hauls, which is what I now do when flying back East. Once a flight is booked, I like to ruminate on what to pack. I don't know why I bother doing this, because the night before a flight, I stuff *everything* into any portable container in sight. My father has the same problem; maybe it's genetic. Our bags are so overstuffed that David and I have to weigh our luggage before leaving for the airport — 50

pounds is the max a bag can weigh before they charge you extra. I try, I really do, but inevitably, after I have smartly sorted my necessities, this voice hisses from the back of my mind, "*What if you want to wear those cute, dangly earrings?*" You're right, I think, but then, after every piece of jewelry I own is packed away, the voice desperately moans, "Shouldn't you have more shoe options?"

It's not worth arguing with the voice inside my head for two reasons: For one, I'd hate to freak out David with a verbal solo squabble...again. But more importantly, that voice is ultimately me, and if I don't bring what I think I might need, I will be a no-fun neurotic mess for the duration of the trip, eventually forcing myself into a position in which I *do* need said object left behind so that I can experience my expected horror for having failed to bring it.

David never forgets his own pillowcase and a couple of tiny toys. The pillowcase, lightweight and compact, offers a scent of home, not to mention the comforting softness of high thread counts. The toys are not for David, but for screaming, seemingly inconsolable children. It is my firm belief that airlines should offer (if they are ever able to pull their heads out from under this perpetual almost-out-of-business state) separate flights for children and their parents. Think about it — Mom and Dad don't have to feel embarrassed because their whiny kid is ruining several hours for 150 people, and traveling childless adults don't have to suffer for long



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periods of time while projecting negative energy onto the world as they secretly hope, "Maybe it will die, and we'll finally have some fucking peace and quiet."

But until separate flights are possible, David will continue to arm himself with toys — his silver bullet for dealing with the little howlers. He allows the child to scream for 10 minutes, hoping the parents will quiet the kid with whatever parental voodoo they normally use in such situations. However, after 15 minutes, intervention is called for. This is when David pulls a small toy suitable for sucking upon from his bag, and without a word, walks down the aisle and presents it to the crying culprit. Thus ending the reign of irritation. Once, after applying his superherolike power, grateful passengers shook his hand, thanked him profusely, and offered to buy him drinks. If you're feeling less altruistic and seeking only personal relief, an MP3 player and inner-ear canal headphones (such as those from Shure or Etymotic) will banish the offending sounds.

Seating is important, and when booking, you must consult with seatguru.com, a website that color codes every seat for every plane, complete with measurements, so you can be assured you're getting the best. Sitting closer to the front is a smoother ride (and if you're lucky enough to get a meal on the flight, they won't run out of options before they get to you); exit rows have more legroom, but the seats don't recline. More such facts are available on the website.

When we travel together, David and I book a window and middle seat, hoping until the doors are locked that the remaining seat stays vacant.

When we're not so lucky, I make David sit in the middle, and I stay in the window seat. Like a true gentleman, he refuses my empty offer to switch seats (though he still huffs and puffs for the first 30 seconds). When no one shows up, we use the middle tray to hold our ongoing Scrabble games. Delays are to be celebrated when you have with you one Travel Scrabble and one other person willing to play. We have marathons, playing three games in a row, surprised when the pilot announces an impending landing ("What, already?"). The fabulous word game is the closest thing to a time machine I've found. But I've saved the most important tip for last.

Despite bad weather, regardless of how many assholes surround you, no matter the length of time you must wait, or what evil hardships have befallen you, when you get in front of an airline representative, remain calm, smile, and be nice. Shit happens that even they can't control, and if you are the relief from the stress, if you are the fresh air in a room full of irate gas, everything that can be done will be done. Being a Mister Cranky Pants gets you nowhere, whereas being sympathetic, understanding, and going with the flow have gotten us upgrades, improved seats, and three times the effort given to the dickhead who was in front of us. In the very least, it has spared a handful of people from having to feel bad, including us. This tip, of course, goes for any type of business you deal with. If you want to be treated like a princess, you need to treat the woman in front of you like a queen. ■

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Candy Man

We're talking at a fold-up card table in the impromptu conference room of a warehouse in National City. Every month, several thousand pounds of sweets pass through here, the hub of Traino's Internet business venture, Candy Direct. Traino has been regaling me for over an hour about his two great loves: business and candy.

"The guy in the car swerved, and he stopped and got mad at me, and he yelled." Traino speaks fast, as if in hot pursuit of his own thoughts. He sports a five o'clock shadow, though it's only 11 a.m. His eyes are wide and roundly brown. "You know, I'm glad the guy got mad at me. I thought he was a jerk at the time, and I was just a little kid." Traino's arms jump and wave in counterpoint to his words, and I can't help but get spurred by his enthusiasm. "*You look both ways before you cross the street.* I learned that lesson because of candy."

Stephen Traino runs a candy business, yes, but calling him a businessman doesn't seem right: he's a Candy Man, a modern

day Willie Wonka. Candy Direct's website gives the impression of offering most every confection ever made (which is almost true). Traino takes a rainbow, wraps it in a sigh, soaks it in the sun and makes a groovy lemon pie. While he's at it, he looks both ways and runs a fine business.

"I love candy," Traino explains, savoring the "o" in "love" as if it were one of his sugary confections. "When I was a kid, we'd ride our bikes for no other reason: just to look for candy. One store we went to was called Clausen's. We'd go through this thing called The Trolley Bed, where the old trolleys used to go through. It was just this big, dirt path, you know, but we'd call it The Trolley Bed. We'd go down on





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Stephen Traino

Traino is sweetest on nostalgic candies. The Candy Direct website revisits such venerable bonbons as Bit-O-Honey, Abba-Zaba, Nut Goodie, Look! Bar, and Charleston Chew.

our bikes, going over the rocks.”

His voice trails off, he seems far away for a moment, wistfully pedaling into his candied past. Then he starts up again in a friendly upstate–New York accent, his excitement building, the arms waving like a conductor’s.

“We’d take a left at this road, and go on a few more miles to the store. And when we got there we’d spend probably fifteen or twenty minutes looking at candies, maybe more. I remember they used to make this big long candy bar called the Marathon Bar — they don’t make it anymore, discontinued in 1983 — and it had a little ruler on it, so you could see how long it was in inches, and it was twirly, and I remember going to this store just to get that candy bar.” Traino is so unguarded as he tells me about these candies past, so ingenuous with his details, that I find it difficult to believe this childlike fellow sitting before me cuts shrewd business deals.

“Another time, my brother told me, ‘stop by Northside,’ because that was a store where they had this thing called Bottle Caps. They still make these, but they used to be in these big packages. Now they come in kind of small packages.”

Traino is sweetest on nostalgic candies. The Candy Direct website revisits such venerable bonbons as Bit-O-Honey, Abba-Zaba, Nut Goodie, Look! Bar, and Charleston Chew. Traino’s got the Golden Ticket to most every new and old confection imaginable. He’s on a roll now, and I’m starting to get hungry.

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Let me confess, before this goes any further, that when it comes to sugar, I am a regular user. I lose control when faced with the temptations of Sweet. Candy comforts, at least until conscience kicks in. Many sorrows have I buried beneath ice cream, chocolate, and sugary treats of all sorts. At times I believe that glutting my body can lighten my soul. At least — or so I tell myself — the demons of candy aren't *too* destructive.

What is it about sweetness? What does it do in mind and mouth that we love it so? Is this a foolish question? One may as well ask why harmonious sounds soothe while dissonant ones grate. Why do some colors pacify, while others incite? When we say someone is

sweet, we mean they are kind; we mean they exercise compassion. Does sugar somehow care for our well-being? And if so, then how can it possibly be bad for us? (Ah, so much like love.) I taste irony in the fact that sweet flavors are picked up by buds on the front of the tongue, yet when I can't think of a word, when the word is right *there*, right on this tongue tip of mine, then that frustrated feeling doesn't register as very sweet.

The history of candy dates back thousands of years — at least as far back as the Egyptians, who gorged themselves on treats made from fruit and nuts in honey. Making candy is pretty simple: you dissolve sugar in water. The amount of heat applied to the mixture determines



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the type of candy produced: hot temperatures make hard candy, moderate heat

makes soft candy, and cool temperatures make chewy candy. According to one

source, the average American consumes more than 25 pounds of confectionery per year. And Stephen Traino is responsible for moving literally tons of the stuff. What kind of man gets to do this for a living?

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Traino, now 35, is a born entrepreneur. He has sold frozen yogurt, bathtubs, Xeroxes, and even, as a youngster, junk from out of his own garage.

"Ever since I was a kid, I've been really good at creating new business ideas," he says. "It's like second nature for me. I just always think of business ideas. And I'm always scatterbrained, trying all these different ideas." But he knows a good thing when he sees it, and when the Internet

came along he was inspired to twin his two loves, candy and e-business, into one strong braid.

"I came up with Candy Direct just by looking around," he declares. "I was wondering, you know, what has no one else done? Well, books is being done, CDs and music's being done, travel's being done."

Traino grew up near Lake Ontario and attended college in Plattsburg, New York, just south of Montreal. He studied business, but not the way most people study business. He found accounting impossibly dull, and was frustrated when he realized that they don't teach numbers in marketing class. So he got permission from his professors to create his own major and design a unique course of study.



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After graduating, Traino stayed in Plattsburg and worked for a company that imported bathtubs from a franchise up in Canada. The bathtub business wasn't so great, though, because Traino wanted to be a franchisee himself. He started interning for a consulting company at the same time, helping Canadian executives earn green cards so they could start businesses in the United States.

Eventually, Traino tried his hand at running a frozen-yogurt company. When that business failed, he moved back in with his parents for six or seven months. He was 23, and like any driven, young entrepreneur, he was looking to start his own enterprise. The only problem was that he didn't have much money. "I decided to move out to California," he states. "You know, 'Go west, young man.'"

He landed in Santa Ana, in Orange County, and worked for Xerox for about a year and a half but he hated it. "Good people, and they really wanted to improve the company, but it was just too rigid, too rigorous, and you know, too much politics and all that crap." The next company he worked for, Realm Internet Systems, also went belly-up, but while there he gained a fluency with the Internet that would serve him well down the road.

"That was a good job, but the boss just really didn't get along with people very well. I understood him, but a lot of people didn't. He did give me latitude, and I liked that, and I was learning from entrepreneurs

who were smarter than I am."

Traino is grateful to have had mentors, but he now knows that he can only work for himself. "It's the old cliché: you work for yourself, you

make your own hours, and it's true to an extent. I don't have to take orders from anyone. I can't take orders."

Independence aside, why do people start their own

businesses?

"So you can make money, and support your family, and pursue the dream of getting rich, which is very rare, very rare in small business."

For all his appar-

ent ambition, Traino is partial to underdogs.

"You know, you read a hundred articles of successful people, and there are probably a thousand more people who

weren't successful. Whenever I read an article about a small business owner, I want to know about the first million. How did they make their first million? Who cares about Lee

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Iacocca, and what's-his-name from General Electric? They always want to interview these guys when they're already successful. But the question is, how do you get that first million? That is the hardest thing."

Traino breaks down the numbers and makes being a millionaire sound like a burden.

"Even if you make a million dollars in your company, or two million dollars in your company, you get taxed. You get taxed like 40 or 50 percent. You know, you have 35 or 40 percent federal, and then 9 percent state. You know, and I'm not going to get into



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politics or anything like that, I'm just saying you get taxed. So how do you become a millionaire? It's very

hard to do. You need a really good idea. So I take an interest in how the successful people made their

first million, and how the unsuccessful ones failed, and I try to learn from their risks and their mistakes."

Candy Direct was a really good idea, and it started small in 1996. "Out of my apartment, actually." Traino smiles sheepishly. Trucks would back up to his apartment to make deliveries and pickups before he had saved enough to move into a small office. Later, he opened a store in the Mission Gorge area, where he refined his concept before he finally settled here in National City about a year and a half ago. "And that's where we're at."

Traino is humble when he describes how he negotiated those first deals with the giant candy companies. "We had an arrangement with

several suppliers in Southern California who would supply us."

We? Wasn't he the only employee?

"Oh," he says. "You know, we, yeah, that's a good question. You know, why do you say 'we'? I always talk that way. I like talking in 'we's' because, you know, it's our company, it's a business. But I guess you're right, it wasn't 'we,' it was me." He laughs, and then continues.

"I think my first employee was hired in '99, so it was about a year and a half, two years, where it was just me, and I'd take all the pictures, I'd do all the customer service, I'd do all the

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"We started buying from all these distributors," (that odd royal we was back, but I let him be) "and then what you start doing is you start buying direct, because then you've got more clout and money. So we started buying direct, from Nestlé, from Hershey's, from Necco.

"We started with \$500, maybe. It was nothing. But there was no one doing it at the time. I mean, there were a few small candy stores, but they weren't doing it seriously. But you have to build slowly. You always hear about the dot-com entrepreneurs, but you never hear about the little guys starting out. You have to stick with it. And it's depressing, for the first couple of years."

This year, the gross sales at Candy Direct have topped \$2 million. He calls himself "an employee of the business," but he's also the chief operating officer, so he makes all the decisions, including the matter of his own salary. "But I pretty much reinvest all my money back into the business," he says, "because I want to grow. I want to keep building this thing into a bigger business. I want to have multiple locations; I want to maybe start stores, or start franchise stores. I've got all kinds of ideas."

Candy Direct is a success, but I wonder whether a man with such a restless temperament can be satisfied. "At first I said I wanted to be a millionaire at 30. And then I said I wanted to be a millionaire at 35. Well, now I'm 35, and I'm not a millionaire. So my goal now is to be healthy

and happy, and money is just a tool to be happy. But, you know, we're all going to die. We're all going to become dust. Seriously. We're just here for a short time, not to get into

religion or anything, but we're all the same, and we're all going to die and become dust. But in the meantime, I enjoy creating new things. I enjoy creating businesses. I'd do

it just for fun. I guess it's always just still my goal: to be an entrepreneur. You know, you read where people retire and they go away to the islands for six months, and then

they come back, and they start another business. That's just it. That's what we are. That's what I am. I am an entrepreneur. Other people are writers. Other people are actors. But that's

just what I do. I create businesses."

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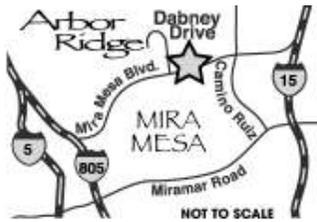
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water River, Candy Direct operates out of a nondescript storefront. Through the narrow entryway where I've been interviewing Traino, the candy-crammed fan-cooled warehouse opens out in back. The storage space is small, perhaps 1,000 square feet. Upstairs is an office stuffed with computers and telephones and snaking wires.

A portable stereo softly plays 91X while I watch a driver in a white Jelly Belly truck pull up and unload Dragon Fire, Money Licorice, Pop Shot Baseball Bats, and Candy Love Beads Jewelry Kits. Three members of Traino's staff pack PayDays, Jolly Ranchers, Super Starlites and Wack-o-Wax into boxes. Monique Tatino selects candy from the shelves and car-

ries it to Che Jones, who stuffs it into foam. Then Kinner Horn seals the boxes and affixes mailing labels. A few hundred thousand pieces of candy away, Rita Sancen arranges artful, mood-brightening

happy, because I'm not bugging them all the time, and I'm happy because I can do my own job."

Traino knows how to get the most out of the people around him — he seems to be a dream

"You know, being a millionaire shouldn't be everybody's goal. There's all kinds of goals in life. Being a millionaire is not all it's cracked up to be."

candy bouquets. Her arrangements are the pride and joy of Candy Direct.

"I love to delegate; I don't like to micromanage," Traino explains.

"That way, these guys can do their own thing, and they're

manager — and he does so effortlessly. An air of calm happiness pervades the Candy Direct operation, and I daresay it isn't just the presence of so many chocolates and fruit-flavored sweets. While I wander around watching

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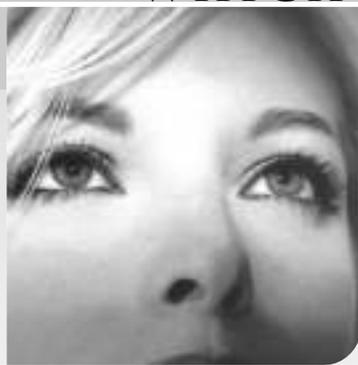
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everyone work, Traino is off being industrious at his own computer, letting everybody do his or her thing.

And my thing, at that moment, is to marvel at the countless permutations of sugar. It's amazing the amount of creativity human beings have lavished on sweets. In Traino's warehouse I spy Tart N Tinys, Fluffy Stuff, Panic Buttons, Long Boys, CoffeeGo, Rain-Blo, Rip Rolls, Pixy Stix, Nik-L-Nip, Runts, Nerds, Razzles, Spree, Spooky Eyes, Crazy Dips, and Chick-O-Stick. Then there are the old standbys: Hershey's Bars, Tootsie Rolls, Baby Ruths, and so on. A veritable candy kingdom. And the king himself has granted me the freedom to wander in the treasure trove just as I please, a fantasy

browse.

I stand there for some time, watching people work, imagining the contents of various wrappers. Eventually Traino pops his head around the corner, probably to make sure that I

"No I don't," Traino aw-shuckses, "I don't get you pizza enough."

How did Traino manage to preserve such humility as he gnawed his way through the vicious world of business? He

"I don't get it. Registering domains? What for? Why pay \$8.95 to register a name and \$800 per year to maintain one's claim on it?"

haven't contracted a case of contact-diabetes. When I remark on the relaxed, comfortable atmosphere Traino seems to foster, Monique Tatino glances up from a pile of Oh Henry! bars. "He gets us pizza for lunch ... sometimes."

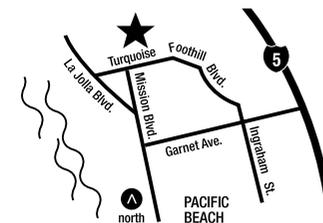
whips up a tale of long hours and hard work, of slow successes earned through taking on arduous tasks on his own.

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I'd throw all my boxes in there, and I'd drive it to the post office, and I literally couldn't see out of my window. And I'd go to the stupid post office, and stand in line, and during tax season especially people hated me. It would take forever, and there were other sellers there from places like eBay, doing the same thing I was. It wasn't fun."

If Traino has found his calling, he concedes that it has left him little time for a personal life. But he's newly married, and ready to embark on yet one more chapter of his life. I ask him if he enjoys himself, if he devotes time to other inter-

ests. "I'm pretty narrow-minded in that way. I'm trying to expand my horizons."

At times he sounds a refrain familiar to many

"There are some candies that will last forever, of course: there's the Hershey's Bar, the Gobstopper."

thirty-somethings. "It's horrifying. I mean, I really should be doing some kind of sport, or mountain climbing, or whatever. I do love business, but you can't be that narrow-minded, and I'm starting to

learn that. But it's hard. You really have to be here all the time. If the computers go down, then I have to be here to fix them, because they

don't know how to do that."

Traino grows reflective, and a sage look stirs in his dark eyes. "You know, being a millionaire shouldn't be everybody's goal. There's all kinds of goals in

life. Being a millionaire is not all it's cracked up to be. And I'm not a millionaire, but what if you don't have your health? What about the rest of life? Is it really worth it to work so hard to be a millionaire? I don't know. But now, Candy Direct is starting to run itself, and I can enjoy life, so I really need to start taking advantage of that."

But then, with scarcely a pause, Traino's distinguishing plumage begins to ruffle once again. "I do get restless. Very

restless," he says. "I'm always coming up with ideas. I'll have a great idea, but I'm always trying to tie stuff into candy. And I do have another

great idea for candy, but I can't talk about it yet. It's not in the candy business, but it's related to candy, and I think it's a very, very good idea."

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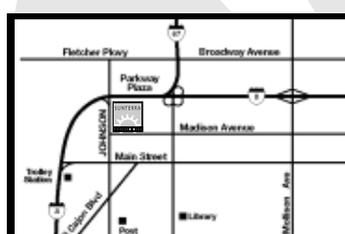
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Traino doesn't eat nearly as much candy as he used to — the allure went bland once he could get it any time, all of the time (in this I sensed a certain wisdom) — but he does admit to one addiction among his vices. The man is a compulsive domain name registerer.

"Boy, back in the day you could really register domain names," he says. "I mean, AltaVista.com, Loans.com. Loans.com sold for

\$3,000,000. All someone did was register a little domain name. That's it. They're rich." There go the hands again, the arms.

"Candy Direct was a good name back then. I mean, it still is. Most of the candy businesses are called CandyExpressToYou.com or something. I have like 75 different domain names that I've registered over the years. You can sell domain names, or rent them

out, but I register them just for me. Just because I think it's important to have all

kind of addicted."

But I don't get it. Registering domains? What for? Why pay

"I heard about a woman who's suing some candy company for rotting her kids' teeth," Traino says matter-of-factly.

those domain names for different businesses that are related to candy. I guess I'm

\$8.95 to register a name, and \$800 per year to maintain one's claim on it?

"My domain names could be worth money some day, or they can be used for different businesses related to candy. CandyDirect.com is a valuable piece of real estate," he says. "People can remember how to get to me easier. I have CandyStore.com, which is a very, very valuable domain name."

Traino then explains something that makes sense to anyone who's ever conducted a Google

search.

"It's all about type-in traffic. If you're ever sitting there, and you get desperate on the Internet and you're looking for something, and you're just like, 'I can't find this on a search engine,' and you type in 'Books.com,' or something like that, well, there you go. People type in, maybe not 'Candy Direct,' but they type in 'CandyStore.com,' and they find me, and I

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can make money doing nothing, just by type-in traffic. Why do I need CandyGalore.com? Why do I need CandyVillage.com? Partially addiction, and partially because I can create several different stores."

Traino and candy are a good fit, and not just because he is himself sweet. "Candy is always changing, always changing, constantly," Traino says, though it seems to me he might just as well be talking about himself. "It's kind of the most innovative industry. It's colorful,

it's fun. I mean, just look at the packaging. It's neat. The graphics ... people are always creating these new ideas. But the life span of ideas in the candy industry is very short."

Traino's voice takes on a prophetic air. "But there are some candies that will last forever, of course: there's the Hershey's Bar, the Gobstopper. But then other things like the Rip Rolls? They'll be here for a couple more years and then they'll go away."

I ask Traino whether he ever feels troubled about selling a product that could prove addictive, and that in any case isn't particularly good for people.

"I heard about a woman who's suing some candy company for rotting her kids' teeth," Traino says matter-of-factly. "And I guess if you eat too much candy then that's not a good thing. But too much of anything can be bad. And besides, what about all those memories we associate with candy? What

about all the fun it gave us when we were kids? I guess I hope that the good of candy sort of outweighs that bad."

I confess that I like this justification. I hope Traino's right. But before I've had a chance to reflect on his words, I thank him and reluctantly prepare to wrap up our interview.

"Oh my gosh!" Traino gasps. "I haven't given you any candy!" And then, anticipating my (feigned) protests, he assures me, "It's not just because you're

writing about me. I give lots of candy to the mailman too, and the UPS guy, everybody."

And then I live a little dream. The King of Candy, Willie Wonka in the flesh, Stephen Traino, the entrepreneur, The Candy Man, grabs two shoebox-sized boxes and starts filling them with exotic treats.

"Have you ever tried these?" he asks, seizing a handful of his favorite bonbon, chocolate-covered Gummi Bears. "How about this stuff? You

like Necco wafers?" He inches me through his colorful cache of spoils, candy by candy, stuffing the boxes. I'm giddy. By the time I leave, hauling great plenty, I'm a big, dumb, smiling kid again, dizzy with expectation. Weeks and weeks of sweets!

For a moment I feel like I did before I ever worried much, when it took only a few sugary delights to transport me, back when I was young and successful and in the business of being happy. ■

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Well up the winding reaches of Soledad Mountain Road, four very different people have come together on a sultry August night to share wine, lasagne, the sunset, and their skills as musicians. Forty-one-year-old Ken Jerahian plays first violin; 42-year-old Sarah Agler provides vocals and second violin; Gordon Grubbs, 35, contributes cello, while Karen Childress-Evans, 45, provides viola and musical direction for Pacifica Strings, one of San Diego’s few long-lived string quartets.

Grubbs, a lean, bespectacled black man, wears shorts, a dark polo shirt, socks, and dress shoes. He seems to be the



Pacifica Strings

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comedian of the group, yet the most elusive and private. As the musicians tune (that four-note sawing and occasional skirling associated with clearing one’s throat and fanning oneself with the program before the houselights dim), Grubbs, originally from Wichita, Kansas, is rattling off personal and musical jokes in a shorthand recognizable only to his fellow quartet members. Childress-Evans is the quickest to laugh, while Agler chuckles silently and Jerahian beams with pleasure. Grubbs is speaking so quickly, those outside the musical circle are at a loss as to what’s so funny.

Grubbs teaches music for a living and performs pro-

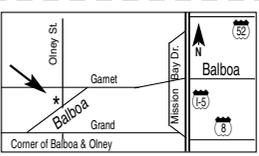
fessionally whenever possible, often without the other quartet members and frequently in Mexico — La Paz, Mazatlán, and Ensenada, for example.

Jerahian is dressed in a white, button-down collared shirt, Levi’s, and sneakers. His two leg braces (a legacy from childhood polio) rest against a wall near his chair. The first violinist, with his thick, black hair streaked with traces of gray; deep-set, smiling dark eyes; and shoe-brush Armenian mustache has the appearance of a benevolent Uncle Joe Stalin. An electronics technician during the day, repairing such devices as TVs, stereos, VCRs, and video game players, Jer-



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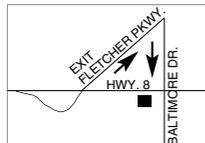


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ahian has been playing violin since he was seven years old. He holds a B.A. in music from University of San Diego.

Jerahian has played "in most of the local orchestras — uh, La Jolla Civic, USD orchestra. From the age of 13 to 25, I played with the San Diego Youth Symphony."

Grubbs and Childress-Evans are searching for misplaced sheet music to a Bach piece they'll perform at an upcoming wedding. The violist is a petite, attractive blonde wearing a red blouse, a gray-and-red checked skirt, and red shoes. She finds the piece and sets it on her stand: "Air" by J.S. Bach. Childress-Evans plays a few tentative notes. She is accompanied immediately by four-year-old Sean Agler, who contributes a wheezing musical non sequitur on his child-size starter violin. His brother, two-year-old Nicky Agler, is offstage (that is, in his bedroom, not in the living room where the action is), crying operatically. Evidently, he has inherited his mother's lung capacity, diaphragm control, and tonal dexterity.

Discussion of which Mozart pieces to perform ("Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"), whether or not to include the Pachelbel Canon ("yeah, we have to"), Handel's "Water Music," the "Quartet versions of 2, 3, and 6," "Hawaiian Wedding Song," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "The Vivaldi" (Four Seasons), "Trumpet Voluntary" (the Clarke), and/or "that wedding thing by the guy from Peter, Paul, and Mary" ("There Is Love") resolves with a tentative list and the decision to run through Bach's "Air."

The piece is processional. The words "stately" or "courtly" are hard to avoid. Grubbs's cello marks time with a descending scale of slow octaves beginning in the key of C. Jerahian and Agler sustain a middle C in unison and then part ways in a harmonic pavane away from the tonic note that grows increasingly complex and flows into A-major and then D-major scales — a pattern thoroughly familiar to audiences of a thousand popular love songs. Pacifica Strings render the piece with a grace and soulfulness I don't usually associate with Bach, thinking of

his music more in terms of prancing, mathematical, clockwork patterns than a slow ballet of emotion.

Agler, Jerahian, Grubbs, and Childress-Evans indeed seem to be sculpting "air."

Sarah Agler is a round woman with a ready laugh

and a smile behind large-framed glasses. She wears a blue floral print dress to her ankles. When she stands to sing, one might envision her in a horned Viking helmet and armor breastplate; when she opens her mouth, she can break your heart. As a violinist she is superb,

which raises the question: Why second violin? The answer is that everyone in the quartet is very, very good and *someone* has to play the second violin parts. The term "second fiddle" is clearly a misnomer here since what Agler plays is hardly less accomplished than the first

violin parts — merely different, harmonic, contrapuntal, and without which the center would not hold.

Agler has been playing since the age of eight and received a bachelor's degree in violin from the University of Nevada in Reno, followed by a master's in voice

performance from Indiana University.

"I didn't tell anybody I was a violinist for eight years," the musician-singer and mother of two says. "I was only singing. But there was more of a need for violinists than sopranos. I did a lot of moving around, per-

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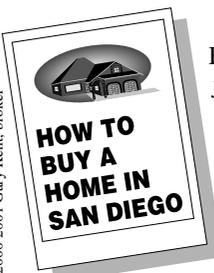
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forming in operas.” Agler moved to San Diego in 1984 and won first place in the Met (San Diego Metropolitan Opera) auditions in 1986. Agler met Childress-Evans while playing with the Grossmont Symphony.

Karen Childress-Evans started playing violin in the fourth grade in Yakima, Washington. “I had a wonderful teacher there,” she says. “This woman started off a whole bunch of violinists, and I realized right off I wasn't going to be able to sit first chair so I decided

I would start off with viola.” She laughs; the quartet members find this funny as well. “No,” she says, protesting the unlikeliness of the situation. “It's true. I decided to play the viola because I wanted to go to All Northwest and All State and All City. And if you're just one of several violins...” she trails off. “And I wanted to go to all of them and I did. It was a wonderful experience.”

The 45-year-old Pacifica Strings director also plays with the La Jolla Symphony. She got her under-

graduate degree in music at Washington State University and her graduate work at Western Washington State University in music education. “It was a double major,” she explains, “a music degree and an education degree. Up until this year I taught strings for 24 years. I teach in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, and I teach at Parkway Middle School. Several years ago, I went back and got my degree in social science so I can teach other subjects. They decided to take me out of strings and put me in social science for this year, and that broke my heart. So I decided to go back and proceed with my doctorate in educational leadership. I decided that since I can't do what I love the most, and

that's teach strings, I'm gonna go be a principal and I'm gonna hire Gordon and Sarah and Ken.” This concept is met with much laughter and approval from her prospective employees.

“Fabulous!” Grubbs chuckles.

“I'm serious,” says Childress-Evans. “I wouldn't have anybody else teaching my cellos. It will be the School of the New Century.”

“We go back,” she continues, “maybe ten years — well, a good seven or eight, but not in this incarnation. I found Sarah through an ad. We got Ken involved. We had another cellist at that time, and Ken brought Gordon into it. As Sarah says, this is our best group. Do we like each other? I like each other,” chuckling at her grammatical negligence. “Gordon is kind of a pain in the butt, you know, but...” She trails off, joined by four-

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way laughter.

The rehearsal resumes.

"You're gonna do the four," Childress-Evans says to Jerahian about the "Ave Maria."

"Actually, they should both do it," says Grubbs. "You should both play in D."

The violin and viola carve a five-note figure, which climbs half a step in key every time the phrase is completed. Beneath them, the cello sustains single-root notes anchoring the violin's counterpoint to Agler's slow, true soprano. "Ave Maree-eeeyaaahhhh." The five-note figure falters as Childress-Evans and Jerahian tumble their notes onto each other in slightly separate tempos. The effect is supposed to be a flowing one but instead is that of a lurching vehicle with mismatched tires.

"It sounds as if this is a difficult piece to pull off," I suggest.

"It is, but we have the skills," laughs Childress-Evans. "Believe it or not."

"We may have left them someplace," says Grubbs, "but we have the skills."

"Isn't there something

like three or four verses to this thing?" asks Jerahian.

"Yeah, but we're not gonna do 'em," announces the violist, and the others laugh with relief.

"Yeah, let's not," says Agler.

"I went to a wedding," Jerahian recalls, "and a band was singing this, and in the second verse the guy's voice broke, started cracking. I felt terrible for the guy." He looks through his sheet music. "This says, 'From Walter Scott's 'Lady in the Lake.' Which one is this?" asks the teacher/violist.

"This is the Schubert," Agler explains. "I sang them both for her [their employer

for the upcoming wedding], and she liked this one better. And this is easier for us to play."

"Should we do this smoother? More *legato*?" asks Grubb. "Or maybe even, well, some kind of a brush-stroke? Somewhere in between? As long as we stay together..."

"Let's just do it smooth," Childress-Evans suggests, and that seems to be the final word on the matter.

Another run-through and someone is striking sharp notes, though it is not apparent, at least to me, who it is.

"Sorry," says the squint-violinist, "I can't read this."

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Later, one member of the quartet will express dissatisfaction with Childress-Evans's organization and handling of the sheet music.

"In terms of what music means to me in my life, that has changed over the years," says Jerahian, the first violinist and former technician with Maxwell Laboratories. "When you do things

for a living, sometimes it gets to be a grind, and you don't enjoy it. Music now for me is just relaxation and enjoyment. I don't use it to make a full-time living.

"I don't know if anybody's flat-out put it in an article, but the arts have never really been supported in San Diego," Jerahian says. "The plays, the Old Globe, are too expensive, and there's a lack of support for the San Diego Symphony. It's not a poor town either; they can

afford it, but their priorities go into other areas. We [the quartet] all have other jobs and don't have time to get together as often as we'd like."

When asked, Jerahian says his mother most influenced the violinist's nascent career.

"She used to play the piano, nothing amazing, but she had an incredible love of music, especially the violin. I had three sisters who were all trained on the piano,

so I was the one who got the violin. To be honest with you, I don't really think I had a desire at first to play the violin. I was inspired by my mother. At one point it was a toss-up between electrical engineering and music, and I just so happened to go into music, not only because of my love of music, but I also received a music scholarship to the University of San Diego, where I went to school. It was a good opportunity to get an education and 99 percent of it was paid for, so I went that route. USD isn't really a top-notch school for majoring in music; it's good for minor-ing in music; it's good for teachers, and throughout it's a very good education, but nothing like a music conservatory."

Was childhood polio a factor in learning the violin, the hours of being forced to be sedentary?

"I was in second grade," Jerahian remembers. "It was just before my first music lesson. I was one of those rare cases that contracted

it from the vaccine. So, yeah, music was a good thing for me to pursue full-time because you're sitting and all that, but believe it or not, I actually feel better mobile—sitting is what really kills me. People see me on crutches and right away they say, 'Hey, do you want a chair?' while my back is screaming, 'No!'

"Actually, string players develop all these ailments, so even if you're okay when you start out..." Jerahian laughs. "They develop all kinds of problems with their shoulders. It's very taxing on your body. Especially violin or viola because of the awkward position you hold your instrument. I don't think cellists are as affected. One woman I know of in the San Diego Symphony had to give up playing after years because of all kinds of major problems. It affected her arms especially."

Has Pacifica Strings ever toured?

"No. We really haven't outside of San Diego. What's popular right now is your

coffee shops. That seems to be the big thing, where a lot of San Diego's music is happening. I'm trying to break into those coffee shops—" Jerahian laughs, realizing that what he said sounds illegal, "—with classical music, I mean, which doesn't seem to be that prevalent in these coffee shops."

Jerahian and Grubbs will perform as a duet at A Better World this fall, and he hopes to appear there eventually with the entire quartet. "I don't think there's that much money in it, but it's good for the publicity end of it—to play and advertise what you do, get the word out."

Does Jerahian remember the first piece of music he heard as a kid that turned him on and set him on his course?

"Yeah, probably a lot of people's favorite and that's the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in D or D minor, I forgot which."

What kind of music does Pacifica Strings perform best?

"In my opinion [the wedding pieces] are the most rotten stuff. That doesn't comprise any of what we really do except maybe during the ceremony. Those are little pieces that are stuck in for a candlelighting, or we'll do the Pachelbel Canon during a processional, and maybe we'll do some upbeat light classical for the recession. A lot of people want the traditional, so we let them have it. I would say our best stuff is light clas-

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est we'll get is Beethoven, and we tend not to do too much Beethoven."

Does Jerahian find that the audience as a rule will ignore the quartet? Comment on the music? Look over the musicians' shoulders? Could he characterize a general reaction to the music of Pacifica Strings?

"Maybe you can throw this into words and make it somehow that nobody's offended," Jerahian laughs; his mustache widens, his eyes narrow. "I would say that in general, the people that can least afford us are definitely the most appreciative. They're the ones that struggle to get the money to have our group, and they are the ones who are the

sical in the vein of 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik' or Haydn. When you get into some of your Beethoven or Brahms, that's more like 'sit and listen' — it's real deep. That's not the kind of thing we usually play at a wedding reception. Schubert is kind of on the lighter side, and Schumann. We don't do a lot of baroque-type stuff. As you heard, we occasionally do Bach; we'll do the Brandenburg No. 3. We also do things like Scott Joplin rags."

Also in the Pacifica Strings repertoire are such unlikely numbers as "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers, "Wind Beneath My Wings" (if you insist), and the Andrews Sisters' "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

"We do those things very well," Jerahian says.

"We'll maybe do some of them at A Better World. But I'm not really super fond of contemporary music; that's just always the way I've been.

"Most of the people we

play for are sipping on champagne, getting ready for dinner after the wedding, so the light classical is fine. It's usually pretty understandable to people. The heavi-

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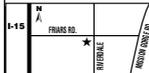
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"To be honest with you, I can think of at least two or three instances playing in La Jolla and here around Soledad Mountain Road where we've been stuck in a corner and nobody even said a word to us. We were there for the scenery; it was the elite thing to do. That was fine; we got paid very well. At one job, even though

there was a large buffet and tons of food, we were not invited to eat. I've learned to make sure you get something to eat during the breaks." Jerahian laughs again, but at himself, not his thoughtless employers. "A job is a job, and I don't stipulate in the contract that we have to be fed, but sometimes we have a three-and-a-half- or four-hour job and we don't get a chance to duck out and get something to eat. About 80 percent of

the time we *are* invited to eat. We never push ourselves on anyone, though."

How affordable is the quartet?

"For a basic wedding we charge \$300, and that involves music while people are arriving, say 15, 20 minutes. We play the whole ceremony, which is about 20 minutes to a half-hour. We'll play as people are walking out of the church. Then we'll play as they head for the champagne and hors d'oeu-

vres, which is another 15 minutes. So they get roughly an hour or hour and 15 minutes' worth of music for \$300. We add on for every additional hour, so it comes out to between \$300 and \$500. For a full, blowout wedding where we play a three-hour reception, it's \$500."

How is Jerahian's relationship with the other musicians? His response is primarily about Gordon Grubbs. "He also plays harp, you know? He went to a music conservatory and he's a very..." Jerahian pauses, "...talented cellist. It's kind of a bummer he doesn't have a driver's license, so somebody has to pick him up, and that kind of makes it hard. His cello playing makes up for the inconvenience, and he's a good friend, a good guy."

"We had another cellist, but you've got to really want to do it. You've got to have four people that really want to play who don't bitch and complain. Whiners, you know? People to whom you have to say, 'I'll pay you extra if you play 15 minutes more,' and they say, 'No, I've got to leave.' It's not like they're really committed to it. It's like, *bam*, and they're out of there — give-me-the-money-and-run kind of thing. Everybody wants to be paid and everything, but at the same time, you've got to be diplomatic about it."

The sun is setting out to sea through a shredded marine layer and shadows spread through the Aglers' wooded back yard. Lights are turned on in the living room as the members of the quartet take their seats. The smell of lasagne and tobacco (from Agler's husband's pipe) fills the house, along with the famous 18 opening notes of Mozart's "A Little Night Music." Pacifica Strings begin the piece spontaneously; smiling and nodding at each other with satisfaction and amusement that the same selection was on everyone's mind as darkness fell.

The centuries are erased and Mozart's music feels as relevant as it was 200 years ago, as relevant as the moment, the summer night. ■

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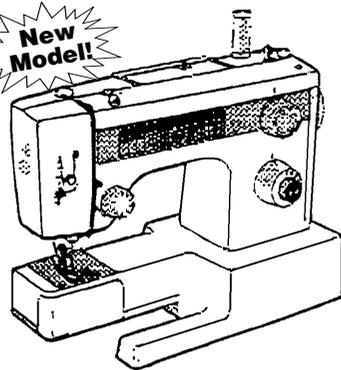
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What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I'm not doing anything to save the planet, unfortunately. I don't litter. I could probably do with wasting less water."

What do you think is the biggest waste of resources in the nation? "I think water is the biggest waste of resources. We use water for everything. We take so many showers, we leave it on when we brush our teeth — we use way, way, too much."

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "I don't know. I don't think about it... It hasn't affected me yet, so it's hard for me to really imagine what the biggest waste of resources is. I know that bad things are happening to the environment, but I guess I won't notice or budge from my bubble until the consequences slap me in the face."

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Sally Reda

People who have these kinds of cars just for show or just for the sake of having a 'big car' are really just living in excess and need a reality check."

Can the American people trust the government with the protection of our environment? "I don't think people can really trust the environment in the hands of politicians. [The environment] would be in ruin before the government takes action, without the force of the American people."

What has the government done to protect the environment? "All I know is what I learned in my U.S. history class; I know there was an environmental movement, but as far as our modern government, I don't know how they are reacting to environmental groups. The Bush administration does not scream 'environmentally friendly' to me. I would never count on them."

Do you think it's worthwhile to drill for oil in nature preserves? "I don't think it's worthwhile. When do we stop? There has to be an end, and we need to start preparing for that rather than sucking more oil out of the earth."

Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "No, I have not. I don't know what kind of groups are out there and the environment is not a major issue for me. I do sort of perceive environmental groups as being rather extremist; they have a just cause but they may be unrealistic. I think I might volunteer my time."

Robert Vadiyants, 18, likes to spend time with his girlfriend. He'd like to have a career as a stock broker.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I could start some sort of group [like] save the whales...but I don't feel



Robert Vadiyants

like it."

What do you believe is the biggest waste of resources in the United States? "We waste everything; take your pick."

What do you believe is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "Our oceans are a trash can. There are signs everywhere warning people; it's just disgusting. We can't even swim at the beach."

Do you hang dry your laundry? "I don't; it takes too much time."

How many years do you think it will take before solar-powered cars become more popular? "Once we realize how crazy the pollution and oil problems are in this country, we might take heed. But until then, people are going to be using gas. Solar-powered, hybrid, etcetera, just seems like too big of a jump for people."

Do you think eight-cylinder SUVs are practical? "These cars are nice, but they don't have a practical purpose. They are a total waste of money and resources."

Can citizens trust the government to protect the environment? "The government will screw you over. They lie, they steal; it's about money. Why would they help save the environment?"

How has the government protected the environment? "I don't know of anything. To be honest, I would attribute any sort of advances in environmental protection to the people pressuring the government. It's about getting votes, not protecting the planet. They have money for war, all these things, but not the environment. It's a cold shoulder to something that is definitely important."

Would you allow oil-drilling in a wildlife preserve? "Absolutely not. If we are trying to make the environment better, why would we take a step back? If oil is running out, that's a sign that we need to head in a new direction."

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Would you donate your time to an environmental cause or group? "I don't have the time, but if I did I might."

Tyrus McGowen, a 17-year-old senior at Helix High, says his favorite pastime is practicing martial arts. He wants to be a writer.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "Sitting



Tyrus McGowen

at home on the Internet, reading about it. I try to stay educated, but I guess I don't actually go out and do anything about it."

What is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? "Lumber [industry]; cutting down forests is bad for the ecosystem."

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "Beaches; it seems like they're becoming contaminated more often."

Do you know of any families that hang laundry on a clothesline? "My own; my mom occasionally does it. Otherwise, no."

Why do you think more people don't hang laundry to dry? "It can take more time than the dryer, and people are generally restless and want things done; the quicker the better."

In how many years will there be solar-powered cars? "Probably never; by the time people realize that solar-powered cars are useful, a new type of fuel will probably have been discovered."

Why do you think we don't yet have solar-powered cars? "It takes time for change to occur, and it appears as a far-off idea. Not everyone wants a solar-powered car, despite that it's better for the earth."

Does your family own an eight-cylinder SUV? "Yes, my dad drives an SUV. It's much better than what he used to be driv-



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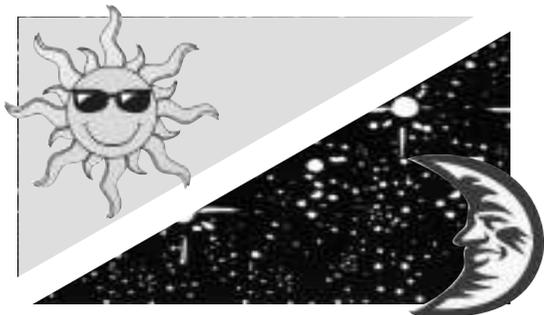
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ing; however, my older brother now drives that car. It's impractical; both are gas hogs. It just happens to be that my dad's less of a gas hog."

Can citizens trust the government to take care of the environment? "No; there's not sufficient drive in the U.S. or within the government for the environment. There is some work done, but it's nowhere near what is needed."

How has the government taken steps to preserve the environment? "National parks were created for a reason, and there are a lot of national parks dedicated to this purpose. However, the government needs to get the word out there about how some are being destroyed."

How has the government neglected the environment? "Allowing the destruction of forest in states like Washington and Oregon and in Northern California. In Canada, everything is recyclable, as

opposed to here in the U.S., where it's not."

Do you think it's worthwhile to allow oil-drilling in wildlife preserves? "No; it can be dangerous for animals in the area to breathe fumes from the drilling."

Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "No. Like I said, I educate myself on the issues, but I don't dedicate myself to the actual issues...at least to a degree that would qualify me as an 'activist.'"

Jesse DiCarlo-Wagner, a 17-year-old senior at USD High, lists "writing, driving, listening to music, biking, and being with friends" as her favorite pastimes. "I am hoping to enter into a career that involves writing and traveling," she says.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I know it may sound cliché, but I always throw my trash away and I recycle newspapers and bottles. I am sure that I could do more,



Jesse DiCarlo-Wagner

though — we all could do more."

What is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? "Paper, I suppose; so much is produced and so much is wasted. The rainforests are disappearing like crazy and the earth is going to become one large monstrous corporate building project!"

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "Not sure... Probably oil because of all the SUVs driven."

Do you know of any families that hang laundry on a clothesline? "Nope."

Why do you think more people don't hang laundry to dry? "Technol-

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ogy such as laundry dryers make it easier for lazy Americans to efficiently dry their clothes in less time with less wrinkles. Hey, I guess I am a lazy American too, because I'm not sure if I would really like to take the time to pin up each article of clothing and wait hours for them to dry."

In how many years will there be solar-powered cars? "I would hope some-time in my lifetime...maybe 20 years or so."

Why do you think we don't yet have solar-powered cars? "This question stumps me a bit. We have solar-powered microwaves and calculators...but something as necessary as a car can't be solar-powered? Maybe science has yet to create such a car. On the other hand, the oil companies thrive on the money spent on our gas guzzlers and I'm sure a lot of corporate funding and profit is made from cars that are especially not solar-powered."

Do either one of your parents drive an eight-cylinder SUV? "Nope; they're not practical, either. Did you know that driving a 13-mile-per-gallon SUV for a year will waste more energy than if you left your fridge door open for six years, left your TV turned on for 28 years, left your bathroom light to burn for 30 years? That's from earthonempty.com."

Can citizens trust the U.S. government to take care of the environment? "I don't believe so. The government is controlled by corporations; corporations use any means necessary to profit. If killing the environment is in their favor, then they'll do it."

How has the government taken steps to preserve precious environments throughout the country? "National parks, wildlife preserves, etcetera."

How has the government neglected the environment? "They expand money-wise with their housing projects, by stripping the rainforest."

Do you think it's worthwhile to allow oil-drilling in wildlife preserves? "Not worth it — causing more pollutants into the atmosphere and onto the earth. Maybe it's beneficial in the present, but it will be most detrimental in the future."

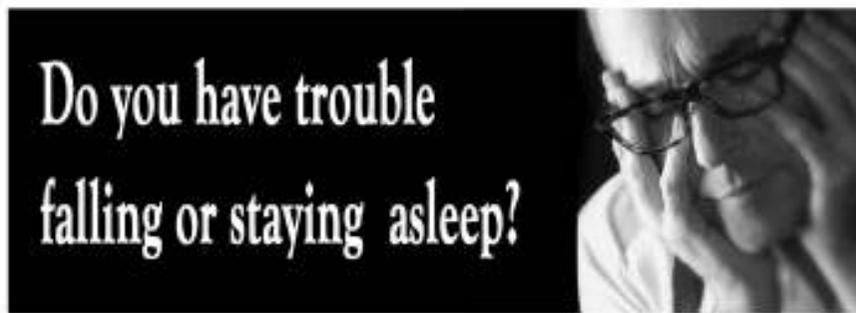
Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "I participated in a trash-picking a few years ago."

Helix Charter High senior Nikoli Kerr, 17, says kickboxing is her favorite pastime. For a career, she'd like to be a designer of movies and video games.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I occasionally recycle, but I don't really make an effort."

What do you think is the biggest waste of resources in the United States? "Emphasis on disposable products and plastics."

What do you think is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "In



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San Diego, there is a lot of dumping in the water. I hear about a lot of people getting sick from just swimming in the water. The ocean is a natural resource, and if we are destroying it, then it's definitely a waste."

Do you know anyone who hangs their laundry to dry? "No. I don't know anyone who hangs laundry. I think a lot of people have just grown accustomed to washer/dryer, and some people don't have space for it."

How long do you believe it will take until solar-powered cars are more popular? "Twenty to 25 years. Companies that produce cars don't want to make gas cars obsolete. Oil companies also have a strong influence on these issues. Until people are just totally fed up with paying

so much for gas, I think there will always be gas cars."

Do you think SUVs are practical? "I think you don't need eight-cylinder SUVs to drive around the city, but if it's used for working, I guess they are practical. But these cars are too luxurious for working."

Can the citizens of this country trust the government to protect the environment? "People need to place checks on the government, not leave it alone. The government is driven by money, and that's not good for the environment."

In what ways do you know the government has protected the environment? "I guess they protect our national parks, but that's all that I am aware of."

How has government neglected the environment?

"There seems to be an endless supply of wood. Where does it all come from? It must be from forests, and it's hard to believe they are replenishing at a fast-enough rate."

Do you believe that it is worthwhile to drill for oil in nature preserves? "Drilling on land is terrible for the environment.... But if it was a small station and a small road, I suppose it would be okay if it's absolutely necessary, but I don't really think it would ever be."

Have you volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "No, I haven't. I don't have a lot of information about environmental issues. I just don't know that these kinds of things are going on." ■

— Scott Reed
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That place had a revolving door. After two years of sifting through roommates (and their respective felines), my head ached when Janice, roommate No. 6, told me she was moving out — and moving in with her boyfriend. I wanted to cry. She was cool, and her cat was the only one that hadn’t felt the desire to mark its territory all over the flat. Luckily, however, somewhere down the line my brother had moved in, so I gave him the oh-so-much-fun task of finding a new person to live with us. *Big mistake.*

Anjeanette (phonetically pronounced Ahn-jah-net; said only with a breathy, 1-900-HOT-TALK voice) showed up shortly there-

after. She was a 23-year-old transplanted model from New York, or so she said, and the first time I saw her I knew she was trouble. She was about six feet tall and probably weighed 120 pounds. She had dark hair with perfectly spiraled curls and those abnormally full “model lips.” She was also wearing skintight suede pants with a halter top, cowboy boots, and a leather jacket that had a few too many spikes. Her skin was pale, and her huge brown eyes looked sunken into her face. She looked hungry. I almost felt like I was supposed to feed her, like she was a lost puppy or something.

Since my brother had already

told her she could move in, I decided to give it a shot and welcomed her into our home. She and I actually talked a few times, when she wasn’t locked in her room or the bathroom we shared.

After approximately a week, the “men” started showing up. The first one, I thought, was for sure her dad. He looked to be at least in his 50s, and he was very polite. He came to pick up Ahn-jah-net for dinner and brought her home at a decent hour. That’s when she told me he was her “friend.” She had a lot of other “friends,” too. They came in all shapes and sizes, but most were at least ten years her senior.

and profanities that shocked even my not-so-virgin ears. This is normal behavior for a 54-year-old man, right? He lived in Southern California, and I never thought he’d actually come visit.

This man was scary. He had bushy, white hair and a fake tan and looked like a leaner version of my mean history teacher from high school. He stayed for a weekend, and Ahn-jah-net didn’t warn us he was coming. I didn’t even know he was there until I went to walk past her room toward the kitchen one morning and heard his voice inside as I approached. The door was open, so I glanced in. That’s when I saw him. He was standing there drunk

SHE WAS USING MY TOOTHPASTE. THEN I FOUND BLACK CURLY HAIRS IN MY DEODORANT. (EEEW!)

Her “ex-husband” was the most memorable, though. He’d call and leave messages on her constantly too-loud answering machine at 3:00 a.m. When he’d find she wasn’t home, he would always go into a drunken bantering of curses

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okay. She was using the shower gel, the shampoo, and toilet paper. Whatever. I figured she'd buy some after we ran out. Wrong. So I bought some more, and more, and more.

Then she was using my toothpaste. *Then I found*

black curly hairs in my deodorant. (EEEW!) But when that special time of month came, and I discovered she'd been into my tampons — I was *pissed*. You know, I figured that since I bought them and always had stock on hand (or so I thought) that they'd be there in my time of need. NOT.

How do you diplomatically ask someone, “So, why did you use all my tampons?” Should I have walked up to her and said, “I see you like Playtex.” Or how about, “Can you tell me where to find some feminine protection around here? Mine seems to have disappeared.” I could actually feel my nerves grinding against each other. It wasn't pretty.

I felt personally invaded in a way I'd never imagined, but it didn't even come close to my next discovery — my *wet toothbrush*. Who in their

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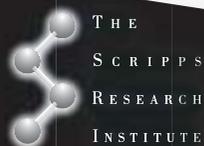
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right mind would use somebody else's toothbrush? Especially someone you don't know all that well? That is SO GROSS.

At that moment, my heart surged up into my throat, but rather than gag and possibly choke to death from the sheer nausea of knowing MY toothbrush had been in Ahn-jah-net's mouth (or worse, one of her "friends'" mouths), I went to the opposite extreme. I took everything out of there. I took my shower gel, my shampoo and conditioner in one, my deodorant, toothpaste, and everything in the bathroom, including toilet paper, and hid it in my room (which I locked). The only thing I left was the garbage can with the empty tampon box and defaced toothbrush in it and my towel and facecloth.

I figured she'd be forced into buying her own stuff. But for the last month I lived there, as I carried my toilet paper or toothbrush with me each time I needed to use that dreadful room, I found nothing. I had no idea what she'd been using for toilet paper. After a week I feared my towel or facecloth may have been elected and replaced them. What was she using to brush her teeth? WAS she brushing her teeth? Did she buy new bathroom stuff and keep it in her room, too? I didn't know. I never would have even looked in her room again for fear of what else I might see besides the hideous "ex" until... the kitten.

Ahn-jah-net brought home this little gray kitten that was way too young to be taken from its mother. She said she got it from her "friend" who lived up the coast. The little thing could fit in my hand, and I am a petite person. It couldn't even lift its own head up by itself for longer than a few seconds. So it would be logical to lock it in one's room with nothing but Purina Cat Chow and a newspaper with dirt on it, right? Ahn-jah-net thought so and left it home that weekend while she traveled back up the coast or wherever the hell she went.

The second she left, I opened the door to this sweet little meowing thing to let it out and spoon-feed it some milk (as I'd been doing for the past few days when Ahn-jah-net wasn't

around). It was so tiny, though, I didn't think it was going to live. It slept with me that whole weekend, on my pillow.

During that final month I let Ahn-jah-net go

ahead and think the kitten was here, that it was actually eating Cat Chow — but it was mine. Then she announced she would be moving out at the same time I did, back to her "ex-

husband," as charming as he was. That was when I informed her that I was taking the kitten with me. She predictably didn't object. That was also when my brother's typewriter and

binoculars "disappeared," and we never heard from Ahn-jah-net again. ■

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Meat in the Belly; Meat on the Mind; Meat in the Cages

THE BIG STORM OF THE DAY BEFORE (30 NOVEMBER) marked the first time in its 66-year history bad weather closed the San Diego Zoo. Fifteen large trees blew down. Several animals panicked, crashed into concrete walls and wire fences. The Arabian oryx “yesterday had a shade tree, and today, a log,” the tour bus driver told passengers. “The oryx are delighted. They’ve been chewing eucalyptus leaves all day.”

No zebras came out. Big cats, including the Himalayan snow leopard, were shut away. Except for a lone polar bear, all bears were shut in. The tree kangaroos’ tree snapped. They stayed in. Giraffes were locked in the giraffe barn. “If a tree goes down when the giraffes are out front, they’ll go bananas and bolt...over, or into a wall. A lot of characteristics, like the ability to move instantly,” the driver told riders, among whom

were soldiers from the Taiwanese Army, “don’t do animals in the zoo a whole lot of good.”

During midmorning of 1 December, weather came on like a jungle fever. In fits of shivering, recurring waves of storm continued to trouble the zoo. Shakes of racking, chilly wind carried rain, a rain that popped out like cold sweats. Between shudders and shivers that shook eucalyptus leaves off branches, that skittered leaves down sidewalks, a smooth sheet of flat calm (that offered, each time, to last forever) gave off odors: leaf and flower petal, mulch, popcorn, wet beast. This calm stretched tight as a drumhead between wind and rain squalls, and sounds bounced off its halcyon membrane, phosphoresced against cars like champagne bubbles, popping, will fizzle on noses, surprising and startling: quacking, clicking, hissing from ducks, guinea hens, peacocks that, in a rotogravure of bright feathers, shifted along the



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spongy earth, taking worms.

“Man is the animal,” German philosopher Martin Heidegger wrote, “who knows he must die.” On the *night* of 1 December, in Salt Lake City, Barney Clark, a 61-year-old dentist from Seattle, had been rushed into surgery. The Jarvik Model-7 aluminum-and-plastic heart, powered by pulses of compressed air, was implanted in Clark’s chest.

Clark’s heart transplant flung a landscape-chilling shadow, a black scarf, backward over the stormy day of 1 December. The TV newscast from Salt Lake City hummed basso continuo through the memories of the day. This deep thrumming resonated through the whole body. It vibrated cilia, burned and buzzed like dentist Clark’s drill. The cells shook like leaves. Above the rapidly throbbing

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bing bass, suspended in the day's memories like a hummingbird treading air at the lip of hibiscus, was this further item from the broadcaster's script: "The Marquis de Sade died on this day in 1814 in an asylum." In memory, this shadow, this heart news, stuck with de Sade's squill from history, mixes with storm, fallen leaves, and is stammered out in hideous leitmotifs, rapid-repeating attacks of god-awful weltschmerz. This Bad News, coming up from behind and reiterated, with wind and rain, after each slough of calm met,

head-on, a sinking sense of mortality's irremediability.

All this became compounded from a day at the zoo. The compound was a mix of frustration with zoo, with self, and intensified as the day went on. The cage of the self would not open. The zoo...although barless...stayed behind bars; and self-imprisoned, increasingly tense, the longing to be at one with beast increased, a longing to get loose, for a six-pack of Budweiser and kick-ass rock and roll.

But the heart news was still twelve hours away; and

the wind blew. Clark was not scheduled for surgery until the next day, and only because his blood pressure dropped perilously low and his own once-for-a-lifetime, disease-scarred heart developed a rapid irregular ventricular tachycardia that turned his skin sky-blue cyanotic, did the surgical team (that played Ravel's monomelodic, repetitive "Bolero" on a tape recorder during the eight-hour operation) take Clark in early, on Wednesday night.

Khaki-uniformed and civilian-dressed zoo employees hurried out of rain and

cold wind into the warm, ivory-painted, brick-walled staff dining room. They ate 11 o'clock lunches of roast beef slices and brown gravy (meat in the belly; meat on the mind; meat in the cages). "Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?" asked the gray-suited man across the wood-laminate table. White, sectioned paper plates became ashtrays, gravy sopping cigarette butts, soaking down tobacco embers. The lavender-suited woman laughed, said, "Hey, is it Christmas Eve yet?"

You tell me why, what, keeps my stub-toed Frye

boot from kicking, jabbing the open-toed lavender sandals, nylon-encased toes; what stays the hand from grabbing the gray-suit lapels, from turning that wood-laminate table over; what keeps the mouth, tongue from yowling, screaming, howling; what holds a person back from breaking out, breaking up, breaking loose. Those paper cups of coffee with Cremora stirred lazily in; those paper plates holding blobs of beefed-up broths of beast, gelatinizing and spiked with Viceroy butts, looking like a half-crown of thorns; they

would have slipped, slid right onto the endlessly same vinyl-tiled floor. The khaki-dressed guard, hips rolling lasciviously in tight trousers and belly girdled, girded by the three-inch wide belt, would grab my arms at the wrist, grip the delicate bones, crunch them up behind the small of the back, growl, "What in hell are you doing, lady? Huh? HUH?" Don't tell me, "Fear of incarceration"; or that "good manners," consideration, Valium, or eons of civilization keep that set of nyloned-in toes unkicked. Don't. "Philos-

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As long as two million years ago the hunt already offered more to hunters than food and skins. Hairy, shaggy votives, oblations, thank-offerings, Eucharists, expiations, scapegoats were slaughtered, flayed, burned, lifted up, adored. Hearts and livers and chitterlings were ritually shared, chewed, and swallowed. Animals mediated between sublunary and superlunary worlds, praising and evoking, thanking, glad-handing, subduing in every savan-

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arches back. His shuddering snakes in, around, the boys' higher-pitched bird-like *aiieees*. Then, the first breeze of dawn and voices rise, leaves shatter, and the little spine shakes as the priest severs the carotid. The reflected eyes roll. Bowels go. The penis stiffens. The acolyte, goat smell on his palms and bare, fuzzi-haired chest, shivers in the knee-deep grass, dew stinging his bug bites.

Animals make intercession between man and his origin. The tree kangaroos' tree would *still* have fallen had you not been there. But that white goat, had you not been there, would not have lain across

granite, nor the boy — his testicles drawn up in the early dawn cold — have scrubbed black hooves. Nor would you be at the zoo.

Diogenes of Sinope walked one morning in the Fourth Century B.C. through the calamitously noisy agora in Athens (to which he had been exiled). Hawkers competed, and shoppers wedged, elbowed up to stalls of heaped cloth, garlicks, amphoras of oil, ready-to-kill tethered lambs. Dins of commerce stung Diogenes like black flies, produced a cacophonous lick of pinpoint agonies along the harp of his inner ear. Standing in the mid-morning sunshine, his very

being seemed to drain from head to heart to sandaled feet, like warm bath water.

How many moments passed in this ontologic eclipse, Diogenes would say later, "I never knew." The ammoniac scent of lamb piss, like a smelling salt, brought back his name, his purpose, to his flesh. "That lamb," he pointed to a hobbled beast, "is closer to reality than this." A sweep of hand indicated sellers and shoppers.

"But how else *could* we live, except according to the custom of our times?" Diogenes's protégé asked.

"By the laws of nature. Go back to them," Diogenes said, lamb piss smell deto-

nating like a broken-open popper, vibrating hairs in his flaring nostrils. "Abandon all that man added to nature, everything man invented or discovered. Live like the dogs live."

Diogenes undressed, strode out into the Athenian countryside, dug a shallow hole and let his bowels luxuriously, inch-by-inch, move out a fecal coil, and near where whorls of cypress hung off lichenous hillsides, Diogenes found a discarded wine bottle the size of a modern-day packing box, and took up house-keeping within the green glass. He lapped water from ditches, as cattle do, took his foods raw, and women

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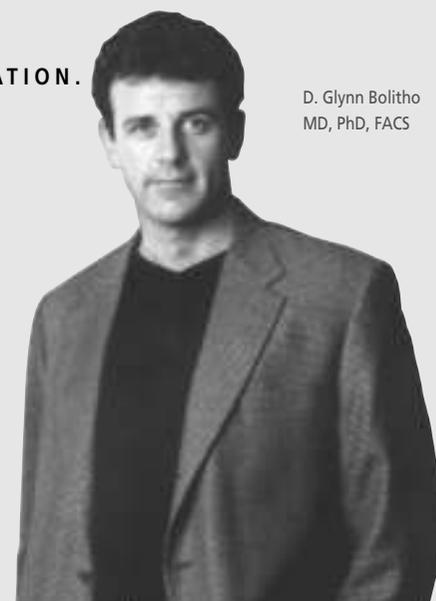
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where he found them, and from behind.

Diogenes-the-Dog, he came to be called. From the Greek, for dog... *kunos*... came his appellation, and that of his followers: Cynics. Diogenes is one of the first men listed by the scholar George Boas among those from whom Boas in 1933 coined the term "theriophilic," meaning, Boas says, "those who admire animals, and their ways."

Gregory of Nyssa, born 650 years after Diogenes, and the first person to use the simile of the fishhook by which the Devil was baited, reflects the change, on an officially codified level in the years after Christ,

of man's view of animals. "The animals' state of nature," Gregory wrote, "is indeed pathetic. What is more pitiful than to be deprived of reason? And yet they have no awareness of their misery, and they pass their lives in a sort of pleasure. The horses prance, the bull raises the dust, the boar's back bristles, puppies play and calves frolic. We can see each species of animal expressing their pleasure in different ways. Yet if they had any inkling of the gift of reason, they would not pass their dumb and miserable lives in pleasure."

Gregory's gold-and-cobalt-blue, illuminated notes mark the effort, under-

way on an official level, to quash man's fleshly instincts in order that his ethereal qualities might be forced heavenward, ahead of schedule, precisely as florists force lilies to bloom in time for Easter. The church doctors encouraged a rapid rise from Adam to angel by giving their blessing to an anorexia of the instincts while at the same time spoon-feeding hormones to the spindly soul. The Dark Ages was thus lit by a greenhouse effect. On the books, at least, it was a bad time for animals...for the animal within.

It got worse almost a thousand years later and a thousand miles away in the

village of Montaillou, a Pyrenees town between France and Spain. Jacques Fournier, Bishop of Palmiers (1318-1325), became determined to burn the last of the Albigenian heretics. To this end he launched a rigorous inquisition, taking depositions which still survive.

Bernard Benet informed the inquisitor, "Guillaume Bélot brought Guillaume Authé the heretic to the place where my father, Guillaume Benet, lay ill. It was in the part of the house where cattle slept." Montaillouans did not shave, Delousing was an ingredient of intimacy. The heretical woman, Guillemette Benet, who

shut her oxen up in the living room after they came home from plowing, was sitting on the flat roof being deloused by her daughter when Vuissane Tesaniere passed by and reported this conversation to the inquisitor: "Guillemette was asking, 'How can people manage to bear the pain when they are burning at the stake?' To which her daughter replied, 'Ignorant creature! God takes the pain upon himself, of course!'"

Descartes, in the 1600s, sat before his wood stove and came out with, *Cogito, ergo sum*. "I think, therefore I am." "Descartes," art critic John Berger writes, "internalized, *within man*,

the dualism implied in the human relation to animals. In dividing absolutely body from soul, he bequeathed the body to the laws of physics and mechanics, and, since animals were soulless, the animal was reduced to the model of a machine."

A century later, in 1781, the composer Mozart is faced with his father's disapproval of his choice of brides. Ingenuously, young Mozart uses the Cartesian argument as a mode for frightening his father, telling Papa Mozart that it's better to marry a woman disliked by the family than to burn.

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tones, derby curling upward around the brim, wrinkles cutting his cheeks. Imagine his beard, white, a snow-frosted spade covering all but the tips of his cloak's velvet collar. The cloak is buttoned and his hands rest inside its warmth, laying across his belly, comforting the writhing intestines with rhythmic pats, mothering his pain.

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Home again in England, considering those finches, Darwin added this sentence to his journal: "Seeing this gradation and diversity of structure in one small, intimately related groups of birds, one might really fancy that from an original paucity of birds in this archipelago one species had taken and modified for different ends." To his friend, the botanist J.D. Hooker, Darwin said, when *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* was finally published in 1859: "I am almost convinced (quite contrary to the opinion I started with) that species are not (it is like confessing to murder) immutable." Since that date, the horizon against which men lived would continue to look, *apparently*, just the same. But for an increasing number of persons who considered Darwin's reflections, the flesh of man, the meat itself, had suddenly become tainted. The lump of clay that God had fashioned into his own image had blown his breath into, was, after all, only a hairy, foul-smelling, knuckle-dragging, lusty, inchoate ape.

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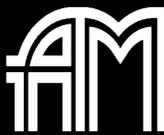
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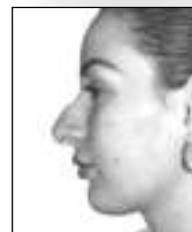
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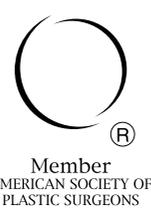


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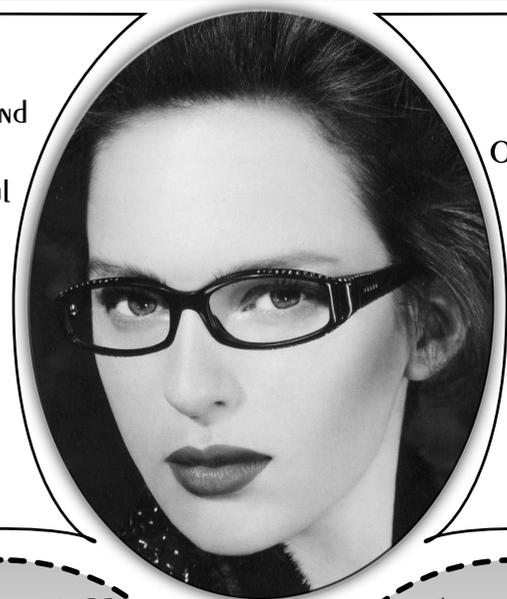
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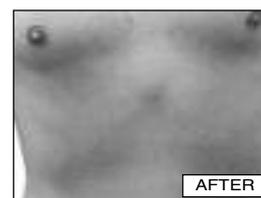
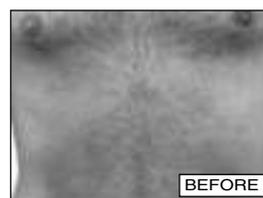
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fabrics that cover the vaguely guilty conscience. Contingency-freaked, gun-shy wanderers, whom Sartre catches in moments of observing one another drowning in shame, the bond between us an honor among thieves, *you* tell me why, at the zoo, it is almost impossible to *look*, to let the outside in. *You* tell me what keeps that Frye boot on its own side of the table, that stays the hand, that keeps the exhausted, habituated, always liminally provoked flesh from splitting its seams and yowling. Americans keep 40 million dogs, 40 million cats, 15 million cage birds, 10 million other pets. The household pet continues to multiply rather than dissipate. In the pet's overbred crookedness and increasingly eccentric exterior anatomy, it is withdrawn with us into our urban and suburban cages. The pet is isolated from others of its species, fed with canned foods, as bound from natural movements as T'ang dynasty maidens, and conditioned through its depen-

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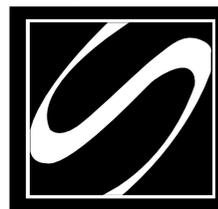
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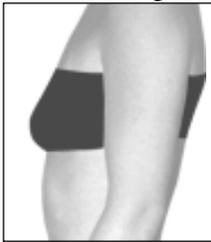


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ing washes over you. You have seen nothing yet, at the zoo. You know it. You no longer, by midafternoon, have any heart for the shaggy brown animals; and the snakes, curled in front of their painted backdrops, frighten you, not because of who they are fabulized to be, but because of who you are; and the birds seem to hop incessantly, to make long piercing scratches behind your temples. The zebras are put away; and the giraffes are locked in the giraffe barn; and the wind is cold. You want to look at elephants, and have twice now, walked past the yard, and can hardly bear to look their way.

By December the light

begins to go by four in the afternoon. On the first of December, with clouds thick along the Pacific coast, the degrees of fade were few, and subtle, along the spectrum between light and darkness. Except for the violet light, you would hardly know twilight had taken midday's space. The wind came up again. The two days' fallen leaves scudded along the tiles set by hand into the walkway of the reptile house arcade. Peacocks swept across the leaves, tall feathers ground level, swishing sibilantly across the stems, the leaf edges. The walkway, by then, no longer echoed with visitors' footsteps, conversation, giggling. Even the Taiwanese

Army had gone.

Far back in the violet-hued distance, a chainsaw whined; and below the violet, the freeway filled with the beginnings of workday traffic, going home. A zoo employee walked by, whistling.

The light from exhibition boxes glimmered. You do not want to get up from the red granite bench, walk to the wall, lean against the tiles, look; and even less so after you read the sign. "Venomous serpents are indicated by a red dot."

The fear that *you* will bite is as fear-provoking as your fear of being bitten. You edge to the lit window of *Crotalus ruber ruber*. The eye does not "glitter malev-

olently." How increasingly, this day at the zoo, what you see is what you are.

"Ruber, ruber," you love to say it. "Rue-burr, roo-ber..." and with the arcade cleared of the day's visitors, and the whistling now far off in the violet, purpling distance, you say, sing, "Ruber ruber ruber crotalus ruber ruber." How though, to get past the name of the thing, as past the joyousness of saying it, to the thing itself.

Because you are disappointed. You are dismayed by your pathetic need for speech. Earlier that afternoon, during a break in the clouds, you *ran* toward the macaw, hearing its "Hello, hello, hello," to a sailor and

his girl.

Perhaps nothing shows the shattered instinct, the historic and personal damage in human persons, as much as our inability to see beyond the animal in the mind to the beast in the cage, to see past the name of the thing itself being there *to look*...to see the mountain, a poet suggested, for what it is. Not as a reflection of oneself.

Walking through the zoo all that late morning, all afternoon, walking and watching your fellow watchers, all going in pairs and groups of four, five, your heart falls. One visitor read the sign that identifies the animal. The other, or others, cursorily examine the enclosure, then shuffle on

to the next beast, as if drawn ahead by an invisible square-dance caller. "To see," the poet Valery wrote, "is to forget the name of the thing one sees."

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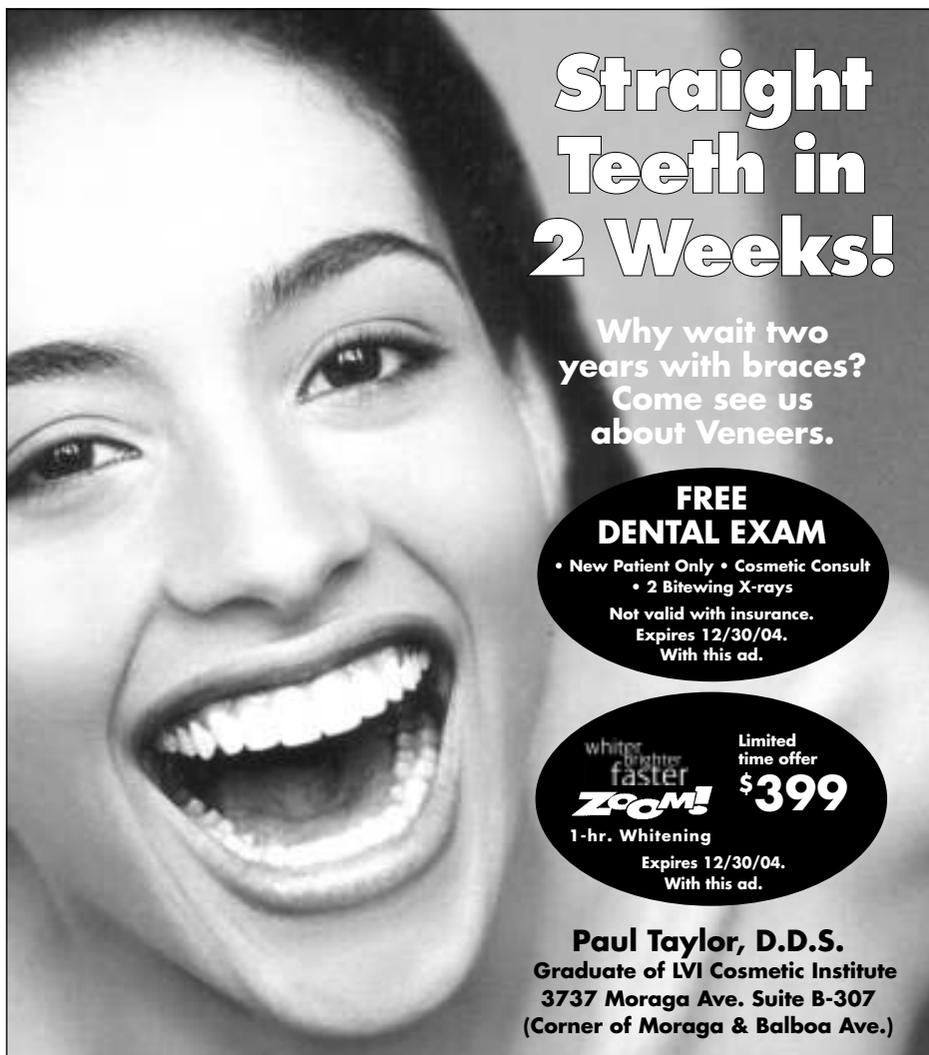
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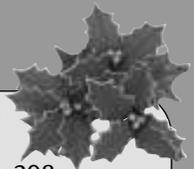
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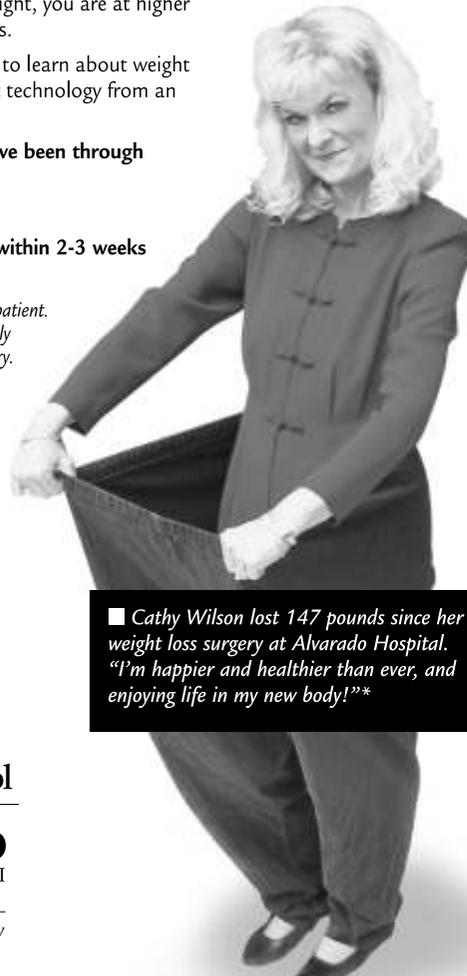
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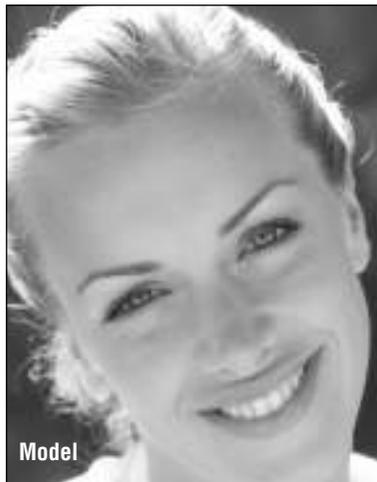
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Bay Parade of Lights

At the start of each February, organizers for San Diego's Parade of Lights put the event's theme for the coming year on their website. "That's when we start to make drawings of our 41-foot Hatteras," says Dick Wold, who is president of the Chula Vista Yacht Club and has participated in the parade for the past eight years. "We do that off and on until summer, when I start building things at home. During Thanksgiving weekend, I take the parts to the boat and assemble them there. If the display is too big — we've done a volcano and a 24-foot Eiffel Tower — then I construct everything on the boat."

After all that work several years ago, says Wold, "our 5.5-kilowatt generator died five minutes before the parade started, and we couldn't go. It was very disappointing." But Wold

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scrambled, ordering a starter motor that was overnight-freighted from Chicago in the nick of time, and his team made the second sailing a week later.

"Aloha Holiday" is the theme for this year's Parade of Lights, which had its first sailing on Sunday. People can catch the second this Sunday, December 19. The parade is staged by the Port of San Diego. It starts at the west end of Shelter Island and ends in front of the Coronado public docks at Peohe's Restaurant. The best places to watch the parade are at the north and south ends of the Embarcadero, the park behind Seaport Village, and the bayfront walkway on Coronado.

Organizing committee chairman David Bond says that a group of boaters casually initiated the parade 33 years ago with 10 to 20 boats. In 2001, "with the

economic impact of September 11," he says, "our sponsorship dried up and, five days before the event, we started planning to cancel it. We're on a shoestring budget. But the Port and the Science Applications International Corporation gave us the money we needed with one day to go.

"So we've never had to cancel," adds Bond, who cites heavy fog and light rain as the main obstacles to parades past. "Of course, we would cancel for safety reasons," he says. "But there have been no accidents, although 60 to 100 boats milling about to line up for the start is quite an adventure." One glitch Bond remembers is when a competitor's lighting went out as his boat approached a judging station.

Do boaters from other California communities enter San Diego's parade? "No," Bond tells me, "these events have become popular in harbors up and down California. So only local boaters participate in ours. What people do is take PVC pipe and bendable material to create a framework they like. They attach that to the boat and put the lighting on the frame. But there are more than lights. When we used the theme of 'Christmas Around the World' one year, a boat had a big globe on it."

"I've decorated things all my life," says Dick Wold, who won first place several years ago. "When we had a theme of 'Christmas Under the Sea,' our lighting created the effect of a carousel turning and figures going up and down on it. We always try to have animated elements on the boat. They either move physically or the lights make it appear that they do."

Two parade entrants at opposite ends of the spectrum have fascinated Wold in recent years. The first is the *Eagle II*, a huge yacht "that has a helicopter sitting on the roof of its aft deck. The guy decorates the helicopter, too," says Wold, "and he does a nice job."

The second was the kayak club



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Parade route

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that towed a sailboat. "Three or four guys paddled their kayaks in front of a 16-foot Hobie Cat. It was a kind of an ecological statement. But at the end of the parade, they were exhausted. I don't think they'll do it again," says Wold.

I ask Wold about differences between the Parade of Lights and Pasadena's Rose Parade. "It's less that ours is on the water than that it's at nighttime," he says. "Rose Parade floats have all those pretty flowers. In

darkness you don't see any of our superstructure, and we paint our wires black. Seeing my boat in the daytime is not a pretty sight."

— Joe Deegan

Thirty-Third Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
San Diego Bay
Sunday, December 19
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BAJA

"Jazz and Songs" by Rodrigo Castelán and Leticia Servín performed Thursday, December 16, 8 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens presented by Vocal Clásico del Conservatorio de la Ciudad de Tijuana on Thursday, December 16, 8 p.m., in El Foro at Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)



The Nutcracker by San Diego Ballet in Mandeville Auditorium, December 17-19 (see Dance)

Reyli Barba in concert, Friday, December 17, at Las Pulgas Disco Club (on Avenida Revolución). Tickets for 7 p.m. show: \$25 U.S.; pay \$35, \$5, or \$60 for 11 p.m. performance. 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

Niños Cantores de Tijuana present "Kindermesse" classical music concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 17, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida Paris #5, Colonia Altamira). 011-52-664-686-3280. (TIJUANA)

The Mexican Christmas Play La Campesinela is presented by Compañía del Sótano on Saturday, December 18, 8 p.m., at Tijuana

Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). \$12 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Art Lottery slated for Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m., at La Esacala Cultural Center (Centro Comercial Gigante Universidad, Local 22, Otay Universidad). Participants may win "a fine piece of local contemporary art" by "playing traditional Mexican lottery." No cover. 011-52-664-607-5163. (TIJUANA)

"Pastorela de'Uno" for the whole family offered at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, at La Esacala Cultural Center (Centro Comercial Gigante Uni-

versidad, Local 22, Otay Universidad). Program includes José Luis Sánchez "Carambolas," traditional candy, more. Donation: \$5 adults, \$3 kids. 011-52-664-607-5163. (TIJUANA)

Enanitos Verdes in concert at 11 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, at Balak Disco in Pueblo Amigo Mall (in Zona Río). Tickets: \$20, \$35, \$45 U.S. 011-52-664-682-9222. (TIJUANA)

Tamal and Mole Festival, Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19, 1 to 6 p.m., at Festival Plaza Hotel. Free admission. 011-52-661-612-2070. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Governor Elorduy Marathon starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 19, at Plaza Fiesta, Centro Civico. 011-52-664-683-6962. (MEXICALI)

OUTDOORS

Winter Solstice, the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost point on the celestial sphere, occurs this year at 4:42 a.m., Tuesday, December 21. The event signals the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With only about 10 hours of daylight, San Diego must endure its darkest and gloomiest nights this week and next. During the day, the sun struggles to an altitude of only 34 degrees (as seen from San Diego),

then relatively quickly sinks toward the horizon.

Poinsettias, a favorite of backyard gardeners, are now exhibiting their scarlet, petal-like bracts, just in time for the holidays. The onset of 14-hour-long nights triggers their behavior: In San Diego this condition is met just before the date of winter solstice — Tuesday, December 21.

Toyon, or "Christmas berry," one of the more distinctive shrubs of southern California's native chaparral plant community, has begun to flaunt clusters of red berries. Hollywood (California) derives its name from the holly-like appearance of this plant. Here in coastal San Diego, toyon can usually be found wherever large patches of native vegetation survive, but especially in the thick chaparral covering some north-facing slopes. Toyon branches may look inviting to cut as a Christmas wreath — but they're protected by California state law.

The Elusive Planet Mercury begins an excellent stint as a "morning star" next week. Look for it low over the east-southeast horizon between 5:30 and 5:45 a.m. Don't confuse Mercury with nearby Venus, which is about 40 times brighter than Mercury. At dawn on Monday, December 27, the two planets will lie quite close to each other, with Mercury 1.5 degrees to the left of Venus.

"Rains Aftermath" is theme for talk and hike led by Dave Dyer ex-

ploring effects of winter rains on plant recovery and soil erosion on Saturday, December 18, 9 a.m., at Batiqitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Help Remove Exotic Weeds and plant native vegetation during the Black Mountain trail restoration work party, Saturday, December 18, 8 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes, hiking boots. Bring water. Directions: 858-538-8082. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Hike Through a Variety of Terrains and past a waterfall when Canyoners take easy hike around Lake Hodges and Piedras Pintadas on Saturday, December 18, 1 p.m. Take West Bernardo Drive/Pomerado Road exit off I-15, head south on West Bernardo Drive. Turn off to right at signed Bernardo Bay Natural Area (park in lot). Free. 619-232-3821 x203. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Roeks, Quakes, Common Plants provide theme for moderately strenuous five-mile hike led by naturalist Jack Pomeroy on Saturday, December 18, in Daley Ranch. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at main entrance on La Honda Drive. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

In Search of Migrating Shorebirds and Ducks, Friends of Famosa Slough lead an outing on Saturday, December 18. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m.

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Help Clean Upper Otay Reservoir on Saturday, December 18, starting at 9 a.m. at end of Proctor Valley Road (.25 miles down dirt road to parking lot for Upper Otay Reservoir). Trash pickers, bags provided. 619-397-5300. (CHULA VISTA)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on December 18 at Te-colote Nature Center (5180 Te-colote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Ever Hiked to the Kumeyaay Solstice Observatory on Cowles Mountain? The Kumeyaay used this site and similar sites to mark winter solstice.

Trail guides in Mission Trails Regional Park lead hikes beginning at 6 a.m. on Sunday and Monday, December 19 and 20. The ascent to a point approximately one mile up the trail is in dark; good shoes and flashlights recommended for all hikers. Join groups at staging area at Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road. 619-668-3278. Free.

The Canyoners lead a solstice hike up Cowles on Tuesday, December 21, 6 a.m. Strenuous hike. Dress warmly. 619-255-0203. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

Start Cuttings when Buena Vista Native Plant Club gathers on Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Take a Walk Through Geological Time during an outing at Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, see "a rare fossil," preserve's waterfall, on Sunday, December 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Route follows steep trail; bring water. Meet group in cul-de-sac on south side of Calle Cristobal (at Caminito Propico). Bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Crouching in the rain shadow of the slightly higher Cuyamaca range, the Laguna Mountains still manage to collect a respectable share of precipitation. Some 30 inches of rain (and melted snow) might arrive here over the length of the present rainfall season. This is barely enough precipitation to support a fairly uniform cover of Jeffrey pines and black oaks at the higher elevations. In at least one area, Agua Dulce Creek, these two types of trees are joined by a third: incense cedar.

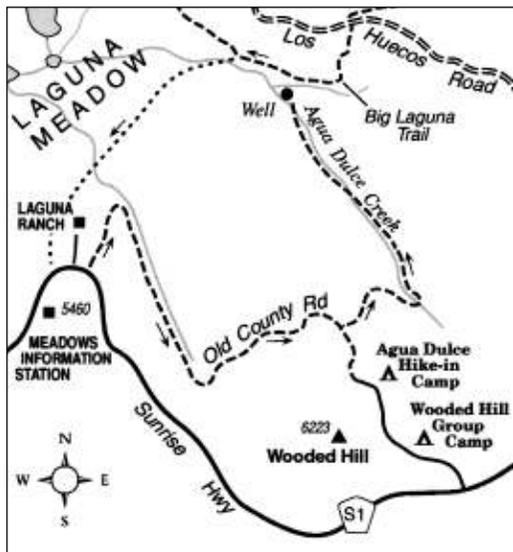
By following the directions given here, you can piece together a rewarding spring, summer, or fall loop hike down along Agua

Dulce Creek and across Laguna Meadow. When snow falls at 5000 feet elevation or lower — as it may two or three times over the next two months — the same looping route becomes excellent for cross-country skiing.

Start hiking or skiing near the Meadows Information Station, mile 19.1 along Sunrise Highway (about 5.5 miles up from Interstate 8), where plenty of parking space is available on the wide road shoulder. Be sure to display a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

Proceed 0.2 mile uphill, off the road but parallel to it, to the second gated road intersecting Sunrise Highway on the north. That road is a segment of the "Old County Road" which was replaced by the wider, straighter Sunrise Highway several decades ago. Follow the crumbling macadam (or smooth snow-covered) surface gradually uphill through serene oak and pine forest.

After 1.5 miles, where the old road reaches a crest and begins a slight descent, look for a gap in the barbed-wire fence on the left. Follow the dirt road going through that gap and veer right soon afterward to stay on the main road. A short, somewhat steep descent then takes you to the Agua Dulce Creek ravine bottom. Press on for another 1.5 miles, paralleling the creek head-



Laguna Meadow on a winter evening

ing north, until you reach a disused pump-house, part of the infrastructure for the former Mount Laguna Air Force radar station.

Push on ahead through a small meadow and bear left into Boiling Spring Ravine. Hook up with the well-worn Big Laguna Trail on the ravine's far side and follow it westward toward the broad south arm of Laguna Meadow, which lies a short distance away. After passing through a gate at the edge of the meadow, leave the main trail and stay to the left side of the meadow. Work your way generally south or southwest, bypassing a cluster of buildings and corrals at the Laguna Ranch. Ahead and farther south lies Sunrise Highway and your starting point.

Crossing the meadow on skis is straightforward, as long as there are several inches of snow on the ground. By late winter or early spring, though, you'll encounter soggy or muddy ground. During the warmer months, the meadow is dry and firm. Several dozen head of cattle graze here in summer, but they seldom take much heed of passing hikers.

DANCE

King Biscuit Revue performs for holiday swing dance party on Friday, December 17, at Encinitas Elks Lodge (1393 Windsor Road). Dancing: 7:30 to 11 p.m.; dinner 7 to 9 p.m. Singles, couples. \$10 (pasta dinner: \$5). 760-753-2243. (CARDIFF)

Contradance to tunes by Lime in the Harp, calling by Martha Wild on Friday, December 17, 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)

A Plethora of Nutcrackers! San Diego Ballet presents "fast-paced production" of the classic ballet December 17-19 in UCSD's

Mandeville Auditorium. Enjoy *The Nutcracker* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; and again at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. \$27 general. 619-294-7311. (LA JOLLA)

The Ballet Conservatory presents *The Nutcracker*, December 17-19 at Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (at Eastlake High School, 1120 Eastlake Parkway). Shows featuring casts of children at 6 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday; company shows offered at 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$12 general, \$10 children 12 and under. 619-737-9890. (CHULA VISTA)

A "seasoned cast of 160 including three guest artists" is promised when California Ballet Company performs *Nutcrackers* December 18-22 at San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue). Performances begin at 2:30 and 8 p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 5:30 p.m. on

Sunday; 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21 and 22. Adults: \$35-\$75; children: \$20. 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN)

"Professional costumes from the Oakland Ballet" grace dancers in *The Nutcracker* presented by San Elijo Dance and Music Academy, December 20 and 21, at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Tuesday. \$12-\$24. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

The Southern California Youth Ballet performs its version of *Nutcracker*, December 22-23 at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Performances begin at 4 p.m. both days, with 7 p.m. show on Thursday. \$18 general. 858-565-2134. (ROLANDO)

'Tis the Season to head folk dance celebration slated for Saturday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Evening begins with easy dances for all. Bring "finger food to share." 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Prizes for Ugliest, Funniest, Prettiest Christmas Attire offered during ballroom dance Christmas party on Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m., at Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Waltz, cha cha, tango, swing, more. \$10 general. 619-291-1601. (HILLCREST)

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 on December 19 is Ellen Riley. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Urban Tribal Dance Company performs duets and solos on Sunday, December 19, 6:30 and 8 p.m., at Abbey Cafe (127 East University). Cover: \$5. 619-692-0311. (HILLCREST)

FILM

"The Road to Bali," the only color road movie made by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, screens Friday, December 17, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Yi-Mou Zhang's Film *The Story of Qiuju* may be seen — in Chinese, with English subtitles — on Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m., at Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

Cedric Klapisch's Comedy *L'Atelier Espagnole* (The Spanish Apartment) screens for Sunday Matinee on December 19, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In English, Spanish, and French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Shot and Edited in Digital Video, then graphically "painted" frame by frame via computer by more than 30 artists, *Waking Life* is described as "transcending the boundaries of technology and imagination." See the film when it's shown for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Revealing Relationships" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series during December. See *Mona Lisa Smile* on Wednesday, December 22, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*, *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*, *Forces of Nature*. See *Santa vs. The Snowman* through Sunday, January 2, 2005. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Dog to Dog Aggression: Normal or Nasty?" It's subject for Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, December 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines

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"Colors of the Past: Memories Along Route 66" offered during PowerPoint lecture by photographer Blake Shaw for Sierra Club on Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Food and Medicine: Symbols in Renaissance Art" explored by City College of City University of New York professor Emerita Madeleine Pelner Cosman on Friday, December 17, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest Lecture Series at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Meet Your Muslim Neighbor," community gatherings explaining basics of Islam and misconceptions of its tenets offered at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). (DOWNTOWN)

Freelance Writers Boot Camp offered by Ken Kuhlken and Steven Saint focusing on queries, article basics, breaking into freelance biz. Expect feedback on work submitted by participants. Saturday, December 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Charis Community Center (2990 Jamacha Road). \$45. 719-638-6876. (EL CAJON)

What Is Scientology? Tackle the topic on Wednesday, December 22, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Wilderness Basics Course with lectures and field trips offered by Sierra Club for 47th year, beginning on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 7 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic



Jackie Mason at San Diego Civic Theatre, December 17 (see In Person)

Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass. \$95 before December 31, \$105 thereafter. 858-272-9229. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

Sunbelt Author Night is Thursday, December 16, 5 to 8 p.m., at Sunbelt Publications (1250 Fayette Street). Fifteen local authors will be on hand, including Jack Innis (*San Diego Legends*), who plans a short lecture and slideshow highlighting "some of San Diego's most entertaining and least known people and places." Free. 619-258-4911. (EL CAJON)

"A Hillbilly Christmas Carol," experience Dickens in bluegrass style during concerts Thursday through Saturday, December 16-18, at 8 p.m. each night, at South Bay Pentecostal Church (395 D Street). \$10. 619-585-0600. (CHULA VISTA)

Winter Highlights Concert offered by Palomar Concert Band on Thursday, December 16, 8 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concert honors memory and music of David Shaffer. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Tim Flannery and Friends take over the cargo hold of *Star of India* to perform in concert on Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., at Maritime Museum of San Diego (1306 North Harbor Drive). Night promises music, storytelling. \$30. Reservations: 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"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)

"Santa Palooza 2" — featuring Krieger Des Lichts, Dr. Chunk, Social Suicide, Metal Shop, Jack the Original — is Friday, December 17, 6:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$5. 760-445-3932 or 760-518-9558. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

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Information”), featuring Miranda Mellis and the Mercurial Gay Beings on Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m., hosted by Anna Joy Springer and Jenny Donovan at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation: \$3-\$5 (no one refused for lack of funds). 858-336-5684. (OCEAN BEACH)

Tibetan Bowl Concert presented by “certified sound healer” Diane Mandle, Friday, December 17, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). Guest Schuyler Myers sings devotional chants. \$15. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

Rosie Flores takes stage for AcousticMusicSanDiego concert on Saturday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650

Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. Tickets: \$15, \$20. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Self-Described Healer, Chef, and author Jyl Auxter discusses and signs *What’s Cooking Within?* on Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

All-American Boys’ Chorus sings Christmas carols on Saturday, December 18, 1 and 3 p.m., at Seaport Village (West Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway). Free. 619-235-4014 x1. (DOWNTOWN)

“Festa Natale” presented by Palomar Chorale on December 18 and 19 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program includes Respighi’s “Laud to the Nativity”; Palomar Symphony Orchestra leads audience holiday sing-along. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

“A Merry-Achi Christmas” is promised when Sol de Mexico, led

by Jose Hernandez, performs Saturday, December 18, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes traditional *posadas* and *pastorelas*. Tickets: \$38, \$48. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Make a Joyful Noise! This youth holiday showcase starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, at South Bay Family YMCA (1201 Paseo Magda). \$5. 619-421-8805. (CHULA VISTA)

“Holiday Harmony” presented by Pacificaires and Cedar Center Chorus, Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m., in auditorium at Pacific Beach Middle School (4676 Ingham Street). Program boasts seasonal favorites for chorus, sacred and secular, traditional and contemporary, serious and novelty. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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“Walkin’ in a Wiener Wonderland” in Balboa Park, December 19 (see Special)

(2234 30th Street) on Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-871-9273. (SOUTH PARK)

Third Word Pajama Party Jam benefiting Storefront of San Diego, Monday, December 20, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). “Poetry and music will be vibing,” so

“bring a poem, two open ears, and a small donation” (holiday gifts, unwrapped toys, clothing). 619-531-9118. (EAST VILLAGE)

Two “Miracle Plays” performed at Waldorf School of San Diego (3547 Altadena Avenue) on Monday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. “The actors sing songs about each scene before they act it out.” See *The Paradise Play* and *The Shepherd’s Play*. Free. 619-466-2660. (CITY HEIGHTS)

The Sharp Players — described as a “drama group for the disabled” — present holiday program on Monday, December 20, 2 p.m., at James and Jean Hervey Library (Point Loma branch, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

SPORTS

Mountain Bike Around Lower Otay Reservoir on Saturday, December 18. Ride starts at 8:30 a.m.; bike tune-up, stretching at 8 a.m.

Ride starts at north parking lot at docking facility on Wueste Road in Otay Valley Regional Park. Free. 619-397-5300. (CHULA VISTA)

Have a Ball With Tennis during “Holiday Tennis Party and Play Day” set for Saturday, December 18, noon to 5 p.m., at La Costa Resort (2100 Costa del Mar). Tennis clinics, games, round-robin tournament, holiday cookie contest, racquet demos, more. All ages and levels welcome. Fee: \$10 adults, free for those 16 and younger. 760-809-8437 or 619-622-0227. (LA COSTA)

Bicycle Mesa Grande and Lake Henshaw with Knickerbikers riders on Saturday, December 18. The 25-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at Dudley’s Bakery (at junction of Highways 78 and 79). On tap: light traffic, moderate climb, smooth downhill, views. 619-997-9292. Free. (SANTA YSABEL)

Caroling on Kayaks hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, December 18 and 19. Caroling starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, noon on Sunday. Outing starts at Hike Bike Kayak, 2246 Avenida de la Playa. \$30 fee includes equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for ride promising lunch in Del Mar, Saturday, December 18. Fifty-mile ride begins at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-253-8751. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Chargers are in Cleveland for a game against the Browns on Sunday, December 19, 10 a.m. Tickets for future games: 877-CHARGERS.

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Doggie Café Holiday Party hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, December 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other canines.

Dog-friendly trainers offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, other canines. Donation: \$10. Reservations: 619-299-7012 x2230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Cicero's Natural Law is examined when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m., in third floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-

8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

A Family of Huichol Indians from the Sierra Madre Occidental in Mexican state of Jalisco demonstrates beading techniques through Saturday, December 18, 1 to 4 p.m., in Mingei International's library (155 West Grand Avenue). 760-735-3355 or 760-735-9366. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Gift of Hospitality" is theme for eleventh annual La Posada Sin Fronteras, Saturday, December 18, 3 to 6 p.m., at Border Field State Park (adjacent to fence separating U.S. and Mexico). Tijuana residents join U.S. residents in Christmas carols and prayers; event "recalls Joseph and Mary's search for shelter on Christmas Eve in Bethlehem." Bring can-

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"South Pacific Winter Festival" hosted by Pride of Polynesia on Saturday, December 18, 4 p.m., at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Hula, drums, fire! \$15 general. 619-583-3000. (ROLANDO)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, December 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19, 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)

Annual Winter Solstice potluck celebration of shortest day of year hosted by Humanist Association of San Diego on Sunday, December 19, 2 to 6 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Bring dish to share. Free. 619-531-0765. (HILLCREST)

"Wiener Wonderland" San Diego Dachshund Club hosts second annual dachshund walk in the park, Sunday, December 19, noon to 3:30 p.m., beginning at Moreton Bay fig tree behind San Diego Nat-

ural History Museum. Dress your doxie in holiday attire for promenade; bring a picnic if you like. Free. 858-755-9270. (BALBOA PARK)

"Aloha Holiday" is theme for 33rd annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights, Sunday, December 19. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter Island, passing Harbor Island, Seaport Village, Marina Park, across bay to Coronado, ending near Navy carrier turning basin. Free. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

"The Return of the Light," winter solstice program of meditation, ritual, readings from *I Ching*, lecture, refreshments at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, at Taoist Sanctuary of San Diego (4229 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-692-1155. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)



Rosie Flores for AcousticMusicSanDiego, December 18 (see In Person)

Garden of Lights, ninth annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens boasts gardens decorated with 90,000-plus sparkling lights on plants and trees. Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed December 16-23 and December 26-30. Horse-drawn wagon rides, nutcracker display, marshmallow roasting, holiday music, children's activities, and food for sale. The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission: \$6 for nonmembers, \$2 for those 3-12. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

Festival of Lights, continuing through December 23 and December 26-30, at San Diego Wild Animal Park (15500 San Pasqual Valley Road). Snow hill for sliding, holiday crafts, children's activities, more than 100,000 lights twinkling. Festival activities start at 4 p.m.; gates close at 8 p.m.; park closes at 9 p.m. Included in regular admission. 760-796-5615. (ESCONDIDO)

Vivid Art Banners line the streets of the Gaslamp Quarter through December. Participating merchants offer walking guide brochures featuring artists, banner locations. Free viewing. Banners auctioned on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at San Diego Gaslamp Marriott (\$10 admission). 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Life Cycles" is a series of quilts created by fiber artist Jill Le Croisette 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)

Holiday of Lights at Del Mar Fairgrounds is display of seasonal festive lights, with holiday-themed displays and more than 360 "festive scenes" on view through Sunday, January 2, 2005.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Ad-

mission: \$12 per vehicle (up to five people), \$17 per vehicle with six or more people. Information: 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

"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)

FOR KIDS

"Toy Store" performed by comic ventriloquist Lynne Timble through Sunday, December 19, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Fasten your seatbelt for *Santa's Blast-Off* presented by Big Joe Productions, December 22, 23, and 26.

Performances 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)

Listen to Santa's Kwanzaa by Garen Eileen Thomas when students of El Camino High School's drama department perform "holiday readers theatre" on Friday, December 17, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (2615 Vista Way). 760-529-0270. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" The play, adapted for stage by Barbara Robinson from her book, is presented by San Diego Junior Theatre through December 19. Performances begin at 2 and 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday at Theatre on Third (250 3rd Avenue, at Davidson Street). All ages. Tickets: \$9 or \$12 adults, \$7 or \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals part of fun during Animal Tales storytime presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, December 18, 1:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Program repeats Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m., at

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Make Luminarias on Saturday, December 18, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$5. 760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

Dress Like Count Olaf, Violet Klaus, or any other character from Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events* books during festivities planned on Saturday, December 18, noon, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Activities, games. RSVP: 760-943-6406. (ENCINITAS)

Santa Trains, Miller Creek train-trips in a Pullman car from 1920s, with visit by Santa Claus, and readings of *Polar Express*, Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19. Trains leave Campo depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Suggested reservations, fees, directions: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Dharma for Kids Class to "introduce kids and their parents to Buddhism and the Buddhist spiritual path" on Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m., at Vajrarupini Buddhist Center (3300 Third Avenue). Donation: \$1. 619-692-3676. No previous experience necessary. (HILLCREST)

Electricity examined when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, December 18, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Wonderful World of Water," Ms. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus lead adventures on Sunday, December 19, 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Included in regular museum admission. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Ship-in-a-Bottle during family day events on Sunday, December 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum of San Diego (1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street). Materials provided. Regular admission for adults; kids 12 and under free (with adult). (DOWNTOWN)

Clement Moore's Classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas" is read during storytime on Tuesday, December 21, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

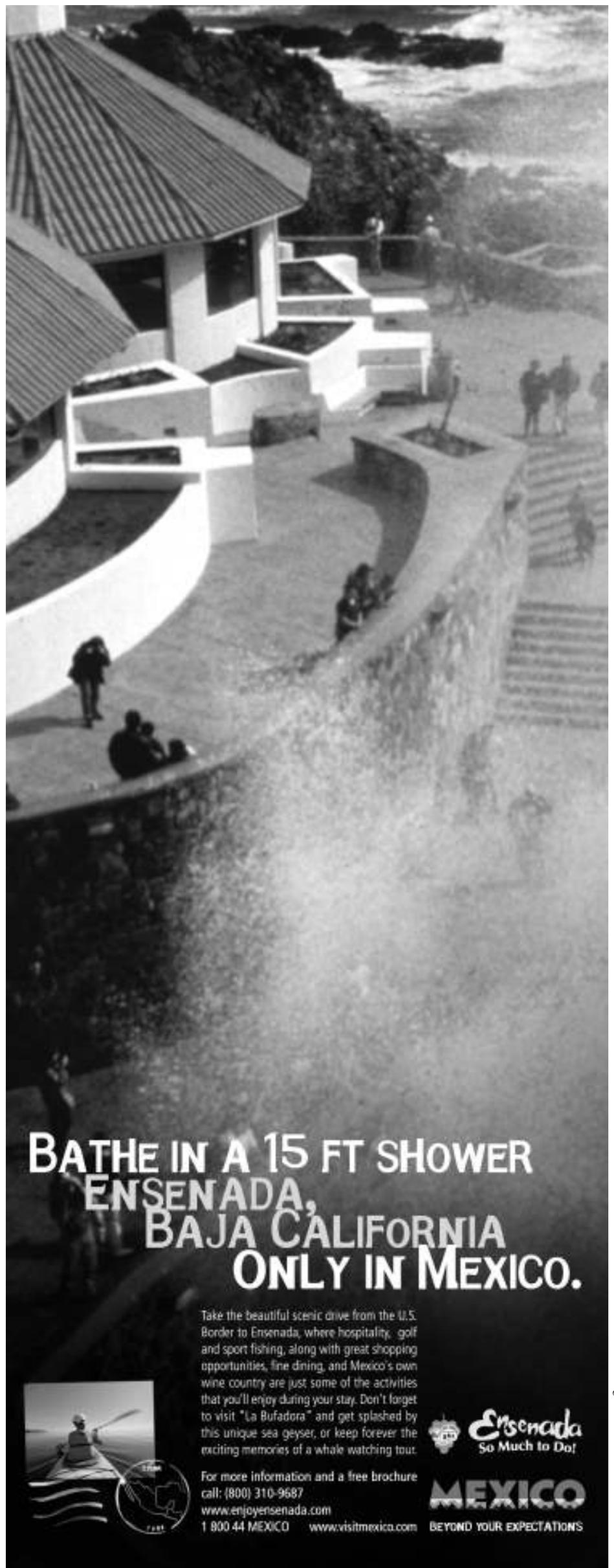
MUSEUMS

(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. (LAKEVIEW)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit



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LOCAL EVENTS

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

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

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CHRISTMAS POEMS

The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.

"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where

They dwelt in their strawy pen,
Nor did it occur to one of us there
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave

In these years! Yet, I feel,
If someone said on Christmas Eve,
"Come; see the oxen kneel,

"In the lonely barton by yonder coomb



Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

— Thomas Hardy

Skating in Harlem, Christmas Day

To Mary Jo Salter

Beyond the ice-bound stones and bucking trees,
past bewildered Mary, the Meer in snow,
two skating rinks and two black crooked paths

are a battered pair of reading glasses
scratched by the skater's multiplying math.
Beset, I play this game of tic-tac-toe.

Divide, subtract. Who can tell if love surpasses?
Two naughts we've learned make one
astonished —

a hectic night of goats and compasses.

Folly tells the truth by what it's not —
one X equals a fall I'd not forgo.
Are ice and fire the integers we've got?

Skating backwards tells another story —
the risky star above the freezing town,
a way to walk on water and
not drown.



— by Cynthia Zarin

From *The Watercourse* by
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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.

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READING

Christmas Letters



Christmas letters. I don't know their history, who first wrote one, or where and why. I suspect they began to be written in the *I Love Lucy* Eisenhower years when all Americans, even though in fact they didn't, seemed to be living in suburbia and eating tuna-fish casserole made with cream of mushroom soup. And I suspect, too, that no matter how much fun some of us may make of these letters, we love to receive them. I do.

Whatever. Every year about this time, when the postman unburdens himself of mail at my door, I find myself fretting to get at the fir-tree green and holly-berry red square envelopes, addressed in everybody's best by-hand writing. I hope to find folded into Christmas cards' snow-

men and gilded Virgins, pop-eyed reindeer and jelly-belly endomorph Santas, one of these homey homely letters with paragraphs about halfback sons who rushed 2000 yards for the season, promoted husbands, genius babies, and grandfathers who blessedly, after a year's suffering (he never complained), died. I read breathless. I am fond of accounts of monstrous watermelons and new shingles, mortgages paid off, and chocolate standard poodles nicknamed Fudge who win best-in-show. The more workaday detail, the happier I am.

My guess is that these letters proliferated in the post-World War II decade when families found themselves moving farther and farther from home. Summarizing a year's events, the letters seemed an effort to close that distance and keep ties bound. They were mailed to family members and neighbors left behind, to friends from school and military service, and once on a mailing list, you were rarely scratched off.

Now computer-generated or Xeroxed, they used to be mimeographed and before that, hectographed. For family members and close friends, children's drawings and photographs might be enclosed. Everyone in the family signed, and I've even received letters on which some much-loved Bowser, his paw pressed against an ink pad, left his print.

The letters observed certain conventions. They seemed always to have been written by wives and mothers. (Although in many instances the lady of the house composed opening and closing passages and then coerced each family member to contribute at least one paragraph toward the letter's body.) Careful

writers managed to mention each immediate family member, including pets, at least once and to mention that member or pet in connection with some triumph. While illness and even death made acceptable content, bad behavior didn't. You wouldn't read about Johnny's doing time in juvenile hall or Papa's adultery. And when particularly bad things happened, you sometimes never heard from that family again.

Among our friends is a large family, six children. Bud is dean at a private college and Marie, his wife, spent the first 25 years of marriage cooking, cleaning, and mothering, and the last seven as a hospital dietitian. Bud and Marie's four boys and two girls were healthy, bright, freckle-faced, button-cute creatures. Bud and Marie were good parents, attentive and loving. But for all their love and attention, for the piano and dance lessons and family vacations and Mass every Sunday, for all that, when five of these six children entered adolescence, bad things happened. So bad that two boys ended up in state prison, and one girl in quick succession twice married men who beat her, returning home after the second marriage failed as mother to a shriveled, underweight baby with big sad eyes.

Marie wrote Christmas letters. The letters sent during her children's early years offered tales of Bud's rise through academia, each new pregnancy, larger home, additions to those homes, children's grade-school successes, vacations. When the boys began to get in jams, Marie's letters didn't even hint at their trouble, and as scrapes turned into felonies, she still didn't reveal

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Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

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)

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

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements

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

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

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

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad

VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

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 ser-

vice, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic 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)

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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)

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Chula Vista Abortifacient Suspended
Dr. Phillip Rand Had Butchered Another Woman

On September 15, 2004 the California Office of Administrative Hearings issued an order suspending the license of obstetrician Phillip Rand. Rand worked for a chain of abortion clinics, Chula Vista para La Mujer de Hoy, that spanned from San Diego to the Los Angeles area. All of the clinics were located in working class Latino neighborhoods.

Rand had been accused of having women abort for years and the Medical Board decided that the

Dr. Phillip Rand

Cheryl Solinger

"Hallelujah!" was Operation Rescue West president Troy Hovesson's reaction. However, as the news picked up the Chula Vista clinic where Rand worked, vocalists to hear the

He closely guarded several, I shake right arm, and flipped Hovesson added that p have been added that this

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anything had gone wrong. The elder felon was a "whiz at math," the younger lifted weights and had glorious muscles, bigger than those Charles Atlas built. Their daughter had given them a beautiful grandchild, and she

and Bud were blessed to have that grandchild living with them, at home.

The letters Marie wrote, as year followed year, continued to portray her family life in the rosiest light possible. Her letters broke my heart but also left me feeling foolishly humbled. Because I knew Marie, and I knew that from her perspective what she wrote wasn't untruth or distortion, nor was she trying to hide from her readers the grief she and Bud suffered over their offspring's crimes and bad choices. If I talked with her over coffee, she faced those facts. Yet when she sat down to write her Christmas letter, she wrote what I believe once was the classic Christmas letter: she wrote the life that she had hoped against

hope, when she and Bud exchanged vows, their lives would become.

When the boys began to get in jams, Marie's letters didn't even hint at their trouble, and as scrapes turned into felonies, she still didn't reveal anything had gone wrong.

I used to get many more Christmas letters, and you probably did too. I miss them. So

here's what I hope. I hope that this year, everyone will write a letter.

You don't have to celebrate Christmas to write a Christmas letter. Call your letter an end-of-year or New Year's letter. Call it summing-up. Call it your OpEd letter on the year. But write a letter. Write if only to find out what you have to say.

You have nothing to say? Tut. Having something to say is overrated. You hate to write? Don't write writing. Talk to the page. Your mouth will fill up with so many words you'll be hungry to get them onto paper.

Maybe you don't want to read about promotions or remodeled kitchens or a kitten's exploits with catnip mice or your child sitting on the floor scooping up jacks. Write what you would want to read.

If you need help getting started, start with you. Get out a mirror. Get close. Lean into your reflection. Look into your own eyes. Write what you see. Then, lean out your window. Get on your paper late-afternoon light's powdery, hazy quality. Get that corny religious effect of light slanting down through dust motes.

Go deep. Make believe you're writing to someone you love who has only six months, or three, to live. Risk sentiment. Offer hope. Go down deeper. Make believe you have only six months, or three, to live. Write what you wish someone would say to you.

But no matter what you write or how, don't skip on the ordinary. Don't be afraid to get mired in minutiae. The more spelling-bee victories, baby's first steps, office promotions, new cars, refinished woodwork, legs broken skiing and kitchen fires miraculously quelled, the more pounds lost and pound cakes baked, the better. In these letters, as in life, the epiphany's in the ordinary humdrum details that make music of our years.

And after you've signed it, send a copy to me. ■

— Judith Moore

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Bring on Handel's "Messiah"! The San Diego Chamber Orchestra and PACEM Choir perform the 70-minute Christmas portion of this holiday favorite on Thursday, December 16, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Shortened version also performed on Friday, December 17, at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (120 Stevens Avenue); and Saturday, December 18, at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). These concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (MIDDLETOWN, SOLANA BEACH, LA JOLLA)

The complete "Messiah" oratorio is offered at 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 19, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from \$20 to \$80, depending upon venue. Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. (ESCONDIDO)

Renaissance Music for Advent and Christmas performed by vocal ensemble Pacific Camerata on Thursday, December 16, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Composers represented: Taverner, Byrd, Cardoso, Guerrero, Palestina, Anerio, Aichinger, Hildegard. \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Una Serata Musicale," featuring pianist Alessio Averone and opera singer April Fisher, presented Thursday, December 16, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Great Hall. Free. Suggested reservations: 858-518-2321. (LA JOLLA)

Holiday Pops Rocks! The San Diego Master Chorale and San Diego Children's Choir appear with San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt to

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"Classical Favorites and Holiday Moments" showcased when North Coast Symphony Orchestra performs December 18 and 19 in Miramar Costa College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

"Festa Natale" presented by Palomar Chorale on December 18 and 19 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program includes Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity"; Palomar Symphony Orchestra leads audience holiday sing-along. \$12. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

"A Little Advent Music" by German composer Hugo Distler is promised when chamber group Allegro joins parish choir for concert on Sunday, December 19, 5 p.m., at First Lutheran Church (1420 Third Avenue). Free. 619-234-6149. (DOWNTOWN)

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas will be offered on Sunday, December 19, 4 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church (4781 Cass Street). Expect to sing! Offering. 858-483-2300. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Music for the Holidays from Old and New England" on offer when La Jolla Renaissance Singers perform for Pleasure of Your Company series on Sunday, December 19, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps

Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Attired in period costume, the 25 singers perform seasonal choral music from Renaissance England and colonial America. Donations appreciated. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"San Elijo Christmas" offered by 50-voice San Elijo Chorale on Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m., at St. James Catholic Church (625 Nardo Avenue). Program includes Vivaldi's "Gloria." \$10 general. 760-795-6815. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Season's Greetings" offered when Westwind Brass performs holiday music from many countries and every era in concert on Sunday, December 19. Concert begins at 4 p.m. at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). \$9. 858-565-2134. (ROLANDO)

Westwind Brass also plans concert on 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (700 D

Avenue). \$15 general. 619-237-7892. (CORONADO)

Candlelight Musical Meditation Concerts presented at Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19. Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá Choir and Classic Brass perform at 7:30 p.m. each night at 10818 San Diego Mission Road. Offering. 619-283-7319 or 619-449-1587. (MISSION GORGE)

The Annual Christmas Sing-Along led by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, December 19, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (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

"Abandoned America," this exhibition of art by students from Grossmont College opens with reception on Friday, December 17,

7 p.m., at Crossing Tracks Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue). Show closes on Sunday, December 19. 619-239-2408. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Miracle of the Escape Artist: Meditations on Systemic Limitations and the Exploration of Resistant Agency" by Robert Moses is featured through Sunday, January 9, 2005, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Also featured: Jeffrey Brosbe's "Urban-scapes." Juror was Raul Trejo. Youth art by students at Viejas Native American School showcased. Reception for all the artists: Friday, December 17, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Artists Maic and Noisette have works in a variety of media on exhibit through December in Gallery 23 in Spanish Village. Opening reception is Sunday, December 19, 3 p.m. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, "Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo objects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in the late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view. "Elemental Art of the Indonesian

Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Ongoing.

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Both exhibits continue through February, 2005.

Ongoing: "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. A selection of Navajo blankets is also on display. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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, "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.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," 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 Sunday, July 24, 2005.

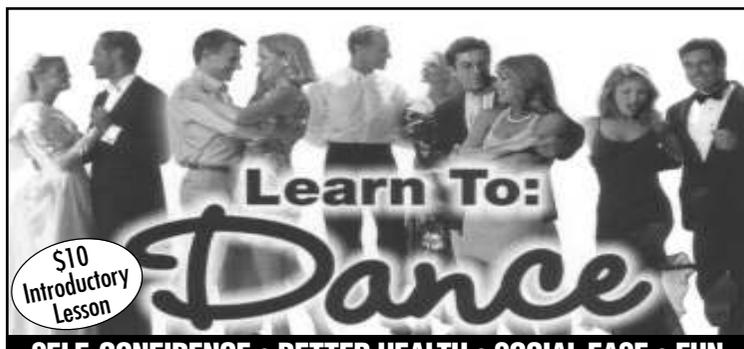
"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, 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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God Comedy

The sinner wraps the wad in a Kleenex, Sister mumbles, "Chew gum...burn in hell."

In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performing. Not Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's *Late Nite Catechism*. It takes about two seconds. Sister — a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class — walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders late-comers to take their seats *now*.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

The show starts, but the house lights never dim. Sister probes the class for lapses of discipline (with Big Brother intonations, she says she can "give everyone in the room undivided attention...if need be"). A man puts his arm around a woman. Sister has a fit. "Make room for the Holy Spirit," she barks, fish-tailing her hand at them to separate. Then her radar eyes lock on to a gum-chewer, and everyone in class that night probably still pities the poor soul. "Chewing gum, are we? Throat dry? Think of Jesus on the cross. Think how dry *his* throat was. Did he cry out for Spearmint?" The sinner wraps the wad in a Kleenex. Sister mumbles, "chew gum...burn in hell."

She's teaching the class because it's Father Murphy's poker night. He's the regular teacher and is spare-the-rod, post-Vatican II. Sister's from another era. She began in the days of 52 student classes and rule by ruler. She's taught for 30 years ("that's three Popes!"), and isn't about to change tactics. Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she's as kindly as a cherub and absolute as a drill

sergeant, but for a much higher authority.

She answers questions about doctrine and even some of the church's loopholes — like why St. Simon Stylites shouldn't be a saint; all he did was pole-sit for three decades. She delights in stray enigmas (St. Patrick was actually Scottish; St. Veronica had an eating disorder), but always has the ultimate solution. One shudders to think how she'd react if

asked about *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* or, its paltry second cousin, *The Da Vinci Code*.

Late Nite Catechism has become a phenomenon. It began in Chicago. As Quade and Donovan compared incidents from their Catholic school education, they decided to jot them down. Soon they realized they had something. That was 1993. *LNC* has since become a cult classic. It's been performed around the world and, so sayeth the press release, over 100,000 times. It's *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

LNC opened at the North Coast Rep last week. Since it's interactive, every night will be different, depending on audience participation. I've seen three versions, however, and am convinced that worries about people not jumping in last two seconds max. Once Sister grabs control, they laugh and squirm, by turns; some even regress, clearly against their wishes, back to a strict grade-school classroom.

A curious feature: *LNC* thrives on audience interaction, but many look away when Sister asks



Late Nite Catechism

Late Nite Catechism, by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan

North Coast Repertory Theatre, 987D Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach

Original staging by Nancy Burkholder; cast: Kathryn Gallagher alternates with Murphy O'Malley
Playing through December 28; Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. 858-481-1055.

La Pastorela de Los the Inmigrantes, by Max Branscomb

Teatro Mascara Magica, Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Bill Virchis; cast: Willie Green, Jamie Orphanos, Von Schauer, Timothy Paul Evans, Anthony Hamm, Deanne Cartwright, Isabella Leon, Michelle Ezroj, Oriana Clark, Jessica Lerner, Anthony Rose, Sandra Ruiz, Christine Gonzales, Zev Lerner, Bob Bartholomew, Olivia Espinosa, Megan Orphanos, Sylvia Enrique, Ary Hernandez, Chuck Hart; costumes, April Lowry-Leon; lighting, Keith Davis, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Davis; musical director, Don Higginbotham

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for participants. They'd rather inspect the set — wooden desk and chalk-scarred blackboard; Virgin Marys and other icons peering from nooks and crannies, and strange little chairs (one made from broken rulers): anything but meet Sister's gaze.

"Speak in full sentences!" she shouts during one of the evening's most confessional bits, a Q&A session in which many recall instances of grade-school authoritarianism, while others rub knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories.

At NCRT, Kathryn Gallagher and Murphy O'Malley will alternate in the role. I saw Gallagher and, though she had fewer edges than other Sisters I've seen, she had the part down. She's at once a stand-up comic (relishing ad-libbed byplay with the audience; but heckle and you risk eternal damnation), an encyclopedia of saints and the Baltimore Catechism; and a teacher with a subject that — laughter aside, and it's almost nonstop — she takes with the utmost seriousness.

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The Pastorela tradition began in Spain a few years after Columbus sailed west. The story follows a group of shepherds, on their way to Bethlehem, hounded by demons and doubts. San Diego's Pastorela tradition began in

1991. Teatro Mascara Magica presented an English/Spanish version at once ancient and hip. This year's — a cavalcade of holiday songs, contemporary references, dazzling costumes, and irrepressible energy — does even more. It *rocks!*

Willie Green (who hails from another great local tradition: San Diego Junior Theatre) plays the archangel Michael, and Bob Marley singing "Get Up, Stand Up," and Sponge-Bob, and a floating, stinging Muhammad Ali. Von Schauer plays horned Satan (who enters singing Credence's "Bad Moon Rising"), and George W. Bush ("el rancho sin juevos"), and Donald Trump. In their various guises, Green and Schauer battle for the souls of humanity. The deck is stacked for goodness, on stage at least, but both are worthy adversaries and exude talent.

Another talent, one of my favorite local writers: Max Branscomb wrote one of the early *Pastorelas*. Now he revises it every year in Spanish and English and rhyming verse. Barbed, topical references are up to the minute. This year's brims with witty asides like "talk is cheap, unless it's on Verizon," and begins with a woman wanting to count all of Donna Frye's write-in votes — gad, what does she think we have here, a *democracy*?

Over the years, director Bill Virchis has steered the show toward the flow and jubilation of a musical. Thanks to a tight

three-person band (Don Higginbotham, Michael Campos, Patrick Noyes) 2004's Pastorela breaks into song at every turn. Many numbers stop the show, in part because of the stirring performances, but also because the audience, which has risen to its feet and clapped and danced and sung along, must sit back down so the shepherds can continue on to Bethlehem. ■

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.

An American Christmas

Lamb's Players and the Hotel del Coronado (one of San Diego theater's finest sets!) present their "interactive feast and celebration" that takes place one hundred years ago. GRAND BALLROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; NIGHTLY (EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS) AT 6:30 P.M. ("THE ATTIRE IS FESTIVE, WITH JACKETS SUGGESTED FOR MEN.") 619-437-0600.

The Book of Liz

No it's not a Hollywood dish-all, or a lost book of the Bible. It's David and Amy Sedaris's tale of Sister Elizabeth Dunderstock, her famous cheeseballs, her exile from a strict religious sect, the Squeamish,

and — like Alice through the Looking Glass — absurdist experiences in the "real" world. In the show, which unfolds like an extended skit, four actors play 13 characters. On opening night, some roles could have been sharper, more differentiated, and more Sedaris (i.e., *above over-the-top*). The performances that worked best ventured into this artistically verboten 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 Liz. She's a soft-spoken innocent. Hinton's so good at subtlety that at times she seems out of place in the comedy's cartoon style. Sean Murray's direction favors un-cartooning characters and finding their humanity. But the Sedarises stereotype. They relish offending (and send up the act of offending as well). The Cygnet production is definitely worth seeing, but could improve if it went more on the offensive.

Worth a try.

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.

A Christmas Carol

The San Diego Rep's 29th annual holiday production has a new twist: Douglas Jacobs has trimmed his original script to 90 minutes with no intermission. All the familiar scenes remain — the Fezziwig Ball's still a ball; the ghosts come, haunt, and go; Scrooge's frigid heart thaws — but the compression makes everything feel more immediate, more urgent. Director Todd Salovey clearly relishes this up-tempo version, as do the cast, many

of them veterans of *Carols* past (Jonathan McMurtry, Linda Libby, Paul James Kruse, Douglas Roberts, Shana Wride, Robert Townsend). The versatility of the cast, in fact, amazes: they can act, dance, and sing — even the *kids!* Peter Van Norden's crusty Scrooge has grown from last year. Now he's a three-ring circus in a one-ring tent, both funnier and deeper than before. Javier Velasco's choreography brims with grace and life, and the design elements evoke London on a snowy Christmas Eve, 1842.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 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's 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, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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.

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Dysfunctional Family Theater

Misfit Productions and Korbett Kompany Productions stage "the ultimate fruitcake in holiday programming": one-acts by Christopher Durang (including "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls") and Charles Dizenzo. Fred Tracey and Bob Korbett directed. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

The Engagement of Marjorie

Centre Circle Theatre Productions offers a "slice of life comedy" by Thomas M. Walker III. This Christmas in the Friskle household will be unlike any other. CENTRE CIRCLE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH DECEMBER 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-462-2131.

Grassroots Greeks: Ajax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the

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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: *Hecuba*.

Worth a try.

EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 11; MONDAY, JANUARY 10 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

When is a war over? Presidents and generals declare victory, but battles and "mop-ups" continue. When, if ever, is closure final? Euripides' 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 re-

venge 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

The Old Globe Theatre stages its popular holiday production of the Dr. Seuss classic. Jack O'Brien directed.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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 Chargers 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 DeVito 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 extended the run of this production three times.)

Critic's pick.

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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-Abair's crazy-wise comedy asks, what is normal? Is it 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's 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, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Lamb's Players 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.

La Pastorela De Los Inmigrantes

Reviewed this issue. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; DECEMBER 16-19, AND 21-23 AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-234-5623.

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.

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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 high-wire 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 whiny, 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 Nite Catechism

Reviewed this issue. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE,

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"They decided San Diego wasn't important enough for them," says one Z90 employee about Mase and

appear.

According to the same exec, "The way you get around this [canceled artists on a multiband bill] is you put a sign on the front door that tells everybody who canceled. That way, people can ask for their money back. I was there. There was no sign at the door."

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the inside track

Juvenile not showing up to the \$33-a-ticket (plus \$10 Ticketmaster fee) Z90 "Jingle Jam" concert December 2 at the San Diego Sports Arena. "They gave a big 'F-U' to San Diego."

Z-90 program director Diana Laird had no comment.

However, a radio exec from a competing station (who wanted to remain anonymous) had this insight: "I heard that Mase was not 100 percent confirmed." Pitbull and John Legend did

Mase is represented by Multi Entertainment, Inc., of Lake Mary, Florida. Tashea Ferguson of Multi Entertainment said, "I don't know what you're talking about," when asked about the December 2 Mase booking. "Mase was never booked for that show."

Leketa Lambert is the publicist for Juvenile. When asked about the December 2 no-show, she responded, "I have no idea about none of that. I haven't the slightest clue."



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WAS MASE A BAD BOY OR JUST UNCOMMITTED?

Calls to managers and record labels for answers were not returned.

Z-90, a Clear Channel station, announced for weeks that Juvenile (Atlantic Records) and Mase (Universal/Bad Boy Records) would be part of the show. It would seem, if you were operating on only a promise of an appearance, you would pick an artist who isn't with Bad Boy Records.

— Ken Leighton

Locals 3Against1

emerged as one of eight finalists in Zippo lighter's "Hottest Unsigned Rock

Band in America" competition. Zippo's "Hot Tour," which hosted 62 unsigned bands, had 1200 entries, all vying for a showcase with Island Records in New York City, as well as equipment: Randall amps, Washburn guitars, and Tama drums (all tour sponsors). Song samples from the eight bands are posted on www.ZippoHotTour.com, where visitors can vote for their favorites over the four weeks of finals (wrapping up December 31).

As to why Zippo is getting into the rock biz, Mark Paup, director of global marketing,

perfect match for us to support the local music scene and bands that may otherwise have limited possibilities to reach record labels."

The other finalists come from cities like Austin (Element), Denver (Ben Park Drive), Detroit (Last), Minneapolis (Murge), Raleigh-Durham (Downfall), West Palm Beach (Trendkill), and Pittsburgh (Adam Evil & the Outside Royalty).

Formed in 2001, 3Against1 was named "Best Rock Band" at the 2004 San Diego Music Awards. Last year, the quartet's single, "It's

their songs have also been used on MTV's *Real World* and *Road Rules*.

At www.garageband.com, 3Against1's song "My Life" (highest ranking 2072 out of 6292 in the alternative category) has drawn mixed criticism from site visitors. The Goobos from Stockholm, Sweden, writes, "Great vocals! Great refrain too!" SlubGlub in San Francisco counters, "It's best when it's not rocking," while Jettisonred from Eastpointe, Michigan, thinks, "[The] vocals are too Creed for me."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"Last year we booked Taking Back Sunday and Yellowcard

[at Soma]. They were in the \$10,000 range. Now both bands are asking \$50,000 [per date]," says Len Paul, owner of Soma, pointing out that the stakes are growing in San Diego's rock concert arena. He has booked the San Diego Sports Arena for April 1 of next year in order to present the "Taste of Chaos" tour organized by Warped Tour founder Kevin Lyman.

Paul says he won the rights to present the Chaos tour over House of Blues Concerts, which also bid on



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3AGAINST1 KEEPS WINNING AWARDS

says, "Zippo lighters have been synonymous with the concert scene for decades, and we felt this tour was the

Over," was featured in the THQ video game "MX Unleashed" for both the PlayStation2 and Xbox, and



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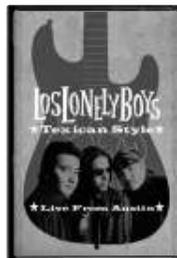
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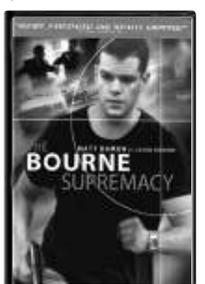
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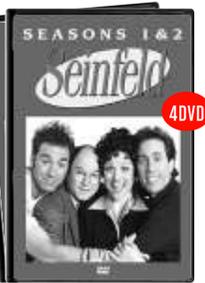
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it. "They [House of Blues] wanted to do it at [UCSD's] RIMAC," says Paul. According to Paul, he is personally bankrolling the April 1 show. "There are no other partners."

For the past two years Soma has presented its multiband New Year's Eve shows at the Sports Arena. After major losses both years, Paul says he is using Soma for this year's New Year's show.

"Last year was a \$6000 loss. The year before was \$25,000. It would have been \$40,000, but [headliner] Pennywise gave me a break."

— Ken Leighton

"What people don't understand is that in the case of concert promotion, more competition means higher ticket prices."

A promoter, who did not want to be identified, explained the reverse economics of the concert promotion business. He said that when a concert tour announces it is heading out on the road, the agent takes bids from concert promoters

around the country. The more promoters per city, the hotter the bidding process becomes, resulting in a higher guarantee for the artist. That higher talent fee is passed on to the consumer in the form of higher ticket prices.

That economic law may have become a reality in San Diego with the higher profile of local concert promoters. Last month Viejas Entertainment hired away House of Blues talent buyer John Wojas, who is now bidding against his former employer to bring concerts to the Sports Arena and other local venues. Soma's Len Paul has also started booking the Sports Arena for next year's "Taste of Chaos" tour.

Meanwhile, Sports Arena general manager Ernie Hahn said the new agreement involving Viejas Entertainment and the Sports Arena will bring more live concerts to the Sports Arena. He said Duran Duran was going to go to SDSU's Cox Arena but will now play the Sports Arena in February.

Taste of Chaos, featuring the Used, Kill Switch Engage, My Chemical Romance, Senses Fail, and Under Oath, appears April 1 at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets are \$25.

— Ken Leighton

Using the F-word between records may cost you your DJ job, but

apparently it doesn't mean you have to quit radio altogether.

Former KGB disc jockey Diane Ray is back on the air playing classic rock hits on "The Planet" (103.7 FM) on the weekends. Last month she was also hired as a part-time announcer on KPBS-FM.

Ray earned notoriety for a traffic report she filed July 5 of this year. No longer with KGB, she was working for Metro Networks at the time, which provides traffic reports to stations that subscribe to the service. One of the reports she inexplicably filed revealed her in a moment of frustration using two forbidden words: one that begins with an F and one that begins with a C. The saucy report aired on classical music station KFSD (AM 1450), which runs on automation. KFSD got listener complaints and forwarded them to Metro Networks. Ray left the employ of Metro Networks the following week.

One local DJ, who didn't want to be identified, said that because it was an "honest

mistake," Ray should be given some slack.

"We've all said things in front of a microphone we probably shouldn't have.



DIANE RAY PROVES THAT RADIO IS FORGIVING

Having used an automated system like that before, I can see how an accident like that can occur."

Doug Myrland, general manager of KPBS-FM, said he knew about the incident but did not want to comment on it specifically.

"I don't want to comment about an experience with a previous employer," Myrland said KPBS gave Ray "a full assessment, and we were very satisfied about her potential to be a good employee here.... All of us who have worked on the air have made mistakes. We have also had nightmares about making mistakes we didn't even make."

Ray could not be reached for comment.

— Ken Leighton

"We opened for Pantera and White Zombie at [former MTV personality] Rikki Rachtman's birthday party in 1993. It was at the Palladium in Hollywood."

Norm Leggio recalls when his local band Psychotic Waltz played on the same stage with guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, who was then with Pantera.

"It was '92 and Pantera was blowing up. Their album *Cowboys from Hell* made them the band of the day."

Abbott was murdered onstage last week while playing with his new band Damageplan at a small venue in Columbus, Ohio. His murderer killed him and three others before getting killed himself by a policeman.

"He [Abbott] was always a real down-to-earth dude. Whatever was in his hand at the time he would share, whether it was a drink or a joint or whatever. He was always very cordial and polite."

Leggio, who now plays in Broken Foundation, also owns Blue Meannie, a CD/record store in El Cajon, and is cohost of *Another State of Mind*, the all-metal Sunday night show that has aired on Rock 105.3 for five years. He said he interviewed Dimebag on the air two years ago. "It was just as Pantera was breaking up," Leggio divulges that Abbott used to have a different nickname than

Dimebag. "He went by Diamond Darrell back in the early days of glam rock. Lately his close friends just knew him as Dime."

— Ken Leighton

"The show is not happening," said Creative Artists Agency's Laura Haber. "We don't understand where that's coming from."

Despite what *CityBeat* wrote December 8, there is no New Year's Eve show at Ground Zero in San Diego this year.



DROPKICK MURPHYS IS NOT AT GROUND ZERO NEW YEAR'S

"I contacted [the Dropkick Murphys] management [the Dropkick Murphys were listed as the headliner], and they had heard nothing about this. I contacted *CityBeat* to try to find out what all this was

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about.”

Amy O'Mally of Leave Home Booking was not happy that three of the bands she represents (Death by Stereo, TSOL, and the Swinging Utters) were alleged to be playing the same New Year's Eve show. O'Mally and Haber both said that no one had called them to see if their respective bands would even be available to play in San Diego on December 31.

“TSOL is playing Mammoth Mountain on New Year's Eve. And so is Death by Stereo. I have no idea why that happened,” said O'Mally.

Ground Zero is a 600-person music venue operated by Skyline Wesleyan Church on Campo Road. Some 40 live music events have been held at Ground Zero since it opened four months ago, drawing fans who have paid between \$5 and \$12 admission.

Ryan Brinson is a youth pastor at Skyline. He oversees the Ground Zero activities.

He said nothing was booked at Ground Zero for December 31.

“Ground Zero is designed to provide a safe environment, a positive place for teens to hang out in East County.” He said there was no way the bogus concert announcement would have come from anyone at Ground Zero.

“It was just a human error,” said Kevin Hellman, CityBeat's director of marketing and sales for San Diego. “We will print a retraction.” He said he did not know who provided the false information.

— Ken Leighton

MTV's “Meet the Barkers” is hyped as “putting the ‘nuclear’ in nuclear family.” I asked

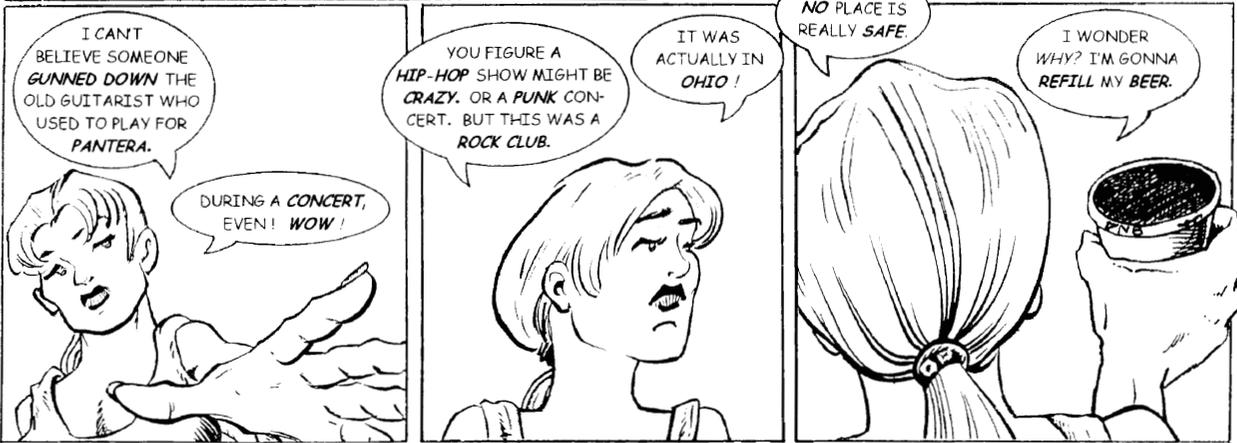


DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET THE BARKERS?

program executive Rod Aissa if the show, starring blink-182 drummer Travis Barker,

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his wife, their one-year-old son, and her five-year-old daughter, and filmed at their Beverly Hills mansion, isn't just *The Osbournes* meets *Newlyweds*.

Aissa disagreed. “Shanna [Moakler, a former Miss USA whom Barker married on Halloween] isn't Jessica Simpson; nobody will ever call her a bimbo, nor is she anything like Sharon [Osbourne]. She's a modern young mom in all ways, and I think girls will be fascinated by her, make her a role model of sorts. The biggest hook is the surprise at how Travis goes about his life.... Everyone he meets [in the show] has these, I guess you'd say, expectations, of what a tattooed and Mohawked

young punk rocker is supposed to be like. But here's a guy going to a PTA meeting, shopping at Toys 'R Us, even while he's doing quote-unquote rock star things like launching a new record label and solo career.”

Solo career? I ask, “So will blink-182 be appearing on the show?” “Well, he's in the band, so obviously there'll be some cross-pollination. As to the extent they'll be involved, that's still undecided.” Pressed for details, Aissa would only say, “We're still working that out with them.” He was also unsure if Barker's side band the Transplants (recording a new CD and already booked for the summer 2005 Vans Warped

Tour) would be featured. “Let's just say I haven't personally seen the signed release forms yet.”

Meet the Barkers debuts in the spring.

In other Travis news, Wahoos Fish Tacos opened April 18 in Norco, CA; Famous Stars and Straps, which produces belt buckles, hats, beanies, girls' clothing, socks, T-shirts, key chains, and stickers, has its own website and is featured on many others; and there's also the record label Barker started, La Salle Records.

This week, however, the drummer is auctioning off the hand-decorated crutches he used after breaking his right ankle and foot walking from the tour bus in

Australia. His cast is on display at Las Vegas's Hard Rock Café, but the crutches are currently on eBay. Aside from Barker's artwork, stickers, and signature, the crutches contain artwork by tattoo artist Mister Cartoon (who's inked Barker as well as Eminem, Slash, Dr. Dre, and Method Man). Proceeds will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. At this writing, five days into a ten-day auction, 45 bids have been placed with the highest at \$1250.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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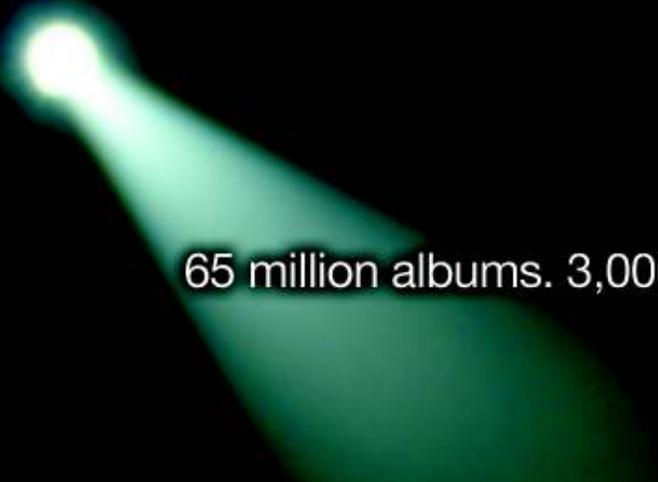
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Singer/songwriter/guitarist Carol Ames says "I guess I'd describe my music as Americana music, with a lot of varied influences. Pretty much whatever I decide to write, that's what goes in there. You know, old-fashioned singer-songwriter storytelling, down-home music. It's about songs being real." Ames will be performing with her band tonight at Humphrey's at a benefit she helped organize for Photocharity, which raises money solely for a homeless teen shelter in San Diego called the Storefront (in operation since 1970).

Over the past three years, the Storefront has raised over \$400,000, enabling them to maintain a 20-bed, 24-hour emergency shelter for homeless and runaway youths age 12 to 17, including a medical clinic and on-site tutoring. "Their goal is to return these young people to their families or to find them safe, independent living arrangements and prevent their sexual or other physical abuse. They have a 75-percent success rate for placing teens in safe, long-term housing options. In order to stay in the shelter, the teens must help themselves by agreeing to go back to school or get a job...they don't just hand the kids a toothbrush." Also performing at the benefit are Cathryn Beeks, Blue, HM75, Tapwater, 21 Grams, the Fryday Band, Christopher Dale, and

Annie Bethancourt.

Early in the evening, five youths who stay at the shelter and have formed a band (three boys, two girls) will perform two original songs. They haven't decided on a band name yet (though they're thinking about TNT) or on song titles, but Vernon (12), Venisha (13), Emmanuel (14), Andy (13), and Amanda (16) promise they will by this evening.

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1. Old 97's, *Fight Songs*
2. Aimee Mann, *Aimee Mann and the Young Snakes*
3. The Jayhawks, *Sound of Lies*
4. Dave Howard, *Into the Wind*
5. Stevie Ray Vaughan, *Best Of*

FAVORITE MOVIES?

- 1, 2, and 3. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy ("I like total escape when I go to a movie, not to get depressed.")
4. *Last of the Mohicans* ("With Daniel Day-Lewis. I love the cinematography.")
5. "Any good fantasy film."

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROL?

"What Child Is This" ("I always feel like I need to kill myself when they start playing those but, if I



Carol Ames

had to choose, I like old ones like this.")

FAVORITE COVER SONGS TO PERFORM?

1. Incubus, "Drive" ("Because usually a woman wouldn't sing that song.")
2. Prince, "Kiss" ("I do a really weird arrangement of it...not like Tom Jones's version, and I wouldn't want to cover one of Tom's songs 'cause I don't want panties thrown at me.")

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Sweet and Tender Hooligans and **Devoid**: The Casbah, Friday, December 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SATURDAY

Slightly Stoopid [352]: 4th & B, Saturday, December 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Rosie Flores [763]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, December 18, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information: 619-303-8176.

TUESDAY

The Abyssinians [737]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, December 21, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Dave Koz Smooth Jazz Christmas": Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, December 21, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, December 22, 7:30 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

El Vez [824]: The Casbah, Wednesday, December 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

DECEMBER

Was Not Was: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 26, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Joe Satriani [459]: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 28, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270] and **Slow Motion Reign**: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, December 29, and Thursday, December 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Fishbone [177]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, December 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Poltz [815] & the **Rugburns** [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 31, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Atreyu, As I Lay Dying, Bleeding Through, and seven more: SOMA, Friday, December 31, 6 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Kottonmouth Kings [129]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, January 15, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Keller Williams: 4th & B, Saturday, January 15, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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The Steve Morse Band [226] and the **Dixie Dregs:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Robert Cray Band [941]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

Dave Alvin: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 5, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Steve Earle & the Dukes and **Allison Moorer [783]:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ronnie Milsap: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Bright Eyes [244]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [603]: 4th & B, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dark Star Orchestra: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 12, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Marcia Ball [953]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Jill Scott: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, February 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Chingy: 4th & B, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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MARCH

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- Bride Ordained:** Soma
- Call Me Alice [149]:** Brick By Brick
- Chasing Paper:** Lestat's Coffee House
- Clay Colton:** Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant
- Devoid:** The Casbah
- Disaster Magnet:** Dreamstreet
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OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Lucky Peterson is either one of the best blues guitarists you've never heard of or he is one of the best blues organists you've never heard of. "I like him better on guitar because that's my favorite instrument," says a musician friend. "But personally, I haven't seen anyone play Hammond B3 organ in a blues context better than Lucky."

Lucky's real name is Judge. He started on drums at the age of three. He could play the organ competently before you and I could ride a bike, even though keyboard ergonomics make that seem impossible. When the little boy performed, people thought the organ was gimmicked. Were Lucky's hands unnaturally big for a child? "No," he laughs, "and my hands are still

small." Lucky's father sang blues and owned a Buffalo juke joint called the Governor's Inn. Lucky's family lived upstairs. He grew up watching Buddy Guy, Muddy Waters, and Jimmy Smith, who showed him organ technique. At the age of five, Lucky cut a side with Willie Dixon; both Johnny Carson and Ed Sullivan featured the child prodigy on their shows.

"I picked up guitar in Japan when I was there with Little Milton," says Lucky. By 18, he was a road veteran. "I was tired of seeing everyone else out front," Lucky recalls. "I'd been drinking sake when I picked up the guitar. Milton was in the audience and he looked at me while I was playing and his look said, 'Alright, you can play guitar.'" Years later, after a long stint with Bobby "Blue" Bland, Lucky went solo, released funky soul-blues albums, and taught himself to play keys and guitar simul-



LUCKY PETERSON

taneously. He credits his faith for his musical gifts, and says performing is a family thing. "My daughter's learning right now. I'm showing her how to play organ," he says. "She's five. And her name is Lucky. Got to carry on the tradition."

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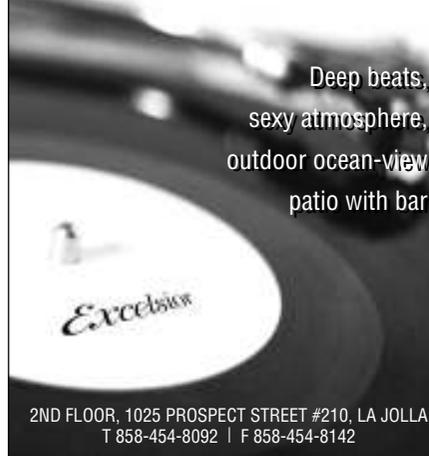
- Lylah:** Brick By Brick
- Maiden Taiwan [181]:** The Casbah
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- Of Portraits & Killers:** Soma
- Plastic Explosive:** The Casbah
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- Rookie 7:** Soma
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- A Shameful Display:** Brick By Brick
- Silver Sunshine:** The Casbah

- Jose Sinatra:** Lestat's Coffee House
- Slightly Stoopid [352]:** Belly Up Tavern, 4th & B
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With Hope's Last Breath: Soma
Yovee [122]: Belly Up Tavern
Zero 2 None: Soma, Brick By Brick

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Advanced Wireless: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Bad Credit: Blarney Stone Pub
Bad Reaction: The Casbah
The Bandits [451]: The Flying Bridge
Bargain Music: 4th & B
The Bartones: Tiki House
The Big Dame Hunters: 4th & B
Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Big Sound: 'Canes
Brain Bucket: Winstons
Calamity Jam: Fannie's
Collage Menage [403]: Dreamstreet
Deeper Purple: Brick By Brick
Desert June: Blind Melons
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
The Empire State: Brick By Brick
Fleck: Blind Melons
Fuzz Huzzi: Brick By Brick
Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers
The Golden Hill Ramblers: The Casbah
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
Greg Hetson: The Casbah

Hissy Fit: The Casbah
Gary Hoey [531]: Blind Melons
The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers
King E: Dreamstreet
Red Lane: Patrick's II
Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone Pub
Left-Hand Thread: Cheers
Loss of Control: Vista Entertainment Center
The Lucky Stiffs: The Casbah
The M-80's: Squid Joe's
Eric Melvin: The Casbah
The Monsters: Island Sports & Spirits
Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill
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The Plug Uglies: Squid Joe's
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
Quino: Humphrey's
Retrospect: Fannie's
Riot House: Tiki House
The Rockoholics: Second Wind (Santee)
Rookie Card [539]: The Casbah
Samsara: Longshot Saloon
Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Shaka Buka: 'Canes
Ziggy Shuffledust: The Casbah
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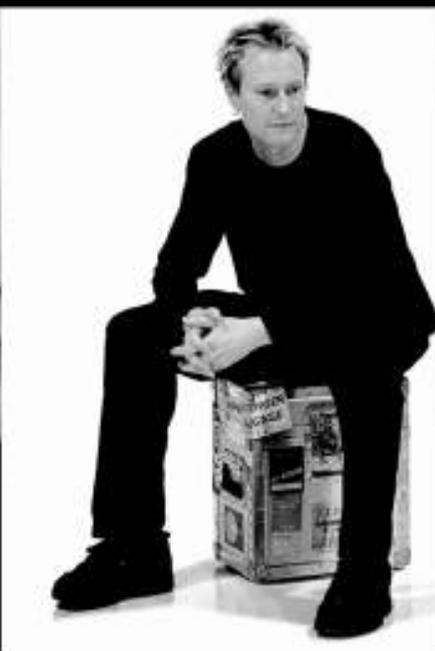
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BANDS

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken
The Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Undercover: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
West of 5 [505]: The Kraken
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's
B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant
The Flock of 80's: Henry's Pub
The Bob Lenz Band: The Flying Bridge
Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort
The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden Grill
Jack Pollack: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
The Ratz Pack: La Scala
Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, Bistro Soliel
Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits
Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy Love's
Too Much Fun: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Big Daddy Orchestra [657]: Tio Leo's Lounge
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
Karin Carson: Dizzy's
The Gilbert Castellanos Sextet: Dizzy's
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Redfields Lounge & Bistro, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Deeja Marie: Caffè Calabria
Ron Dhanifu: Dizzy's
Dulce: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Larry Fogel: Moray's Lounge
The Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble: Dizzy's
Rick Helzer: Dizzy's
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: 4th & B
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
Barbara Jamerson: Moray's Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

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The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Sue Palmer [641]: Caffe Calabria

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

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The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Abyssinians [737]: Belly Up Tavern

Crucial: Blind Melons

Iriaside: Squid Joe's

The Mystic Roots: Squid Joe's

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Psydecar [740]: Winstons

Semisi & Fula Bula [747]: The Calypso Cafe

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Stranger: Blind Melons

The Tribe of Kings: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's

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OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I just came up with an idea for a thriller novel. It's called "The Morrissey Code" and it's about a professor of pop culture studies, a police cryptographer, and an assortment of obsessed fans racing across Malibu and Manchester in a life-or-death quest to uncover secret documents that will reunite the Smiths and restore balance in the world through the power of the Sacred Androgyne.

Oh, come on. It's not all that far-fetched. Earlier this year, a guy named Mark Simpson published a psychological profile titled *Saint Morrissey*. Last year, a guy named Marc Spitz published a novel about

two teenagers on a mission to get the Smiths to reunite. There's even a website committed to the idea that Morrissey encoded a prophecy about the death of Princess Di in the Smiths album *The Queen Is Dead*. All I need to do is combine these ideas with Dan Brown's ubiquitous *The Da Vinci Code* and I've got a bestseller.

Or maybe not. But I have fun imagining it. Surely, the **Sweet and Tender Hooligans** would play a big part in my novel. The Los Angeles tribute band has been around for 12 years, which is more than twice as long as the Smiths lasted. Singer **Jose Maldonado** is one of the leading figures in Morrissey's surprising turn-of-the-millennium rebirth as a Latino idol. (He even appeared in Moz's "Irish Blood, English Heart" video.) Morrissey himself had a big comeback this year, but that didn't slow Maldonado a bit. Like the secret



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The Acoustic Family: The Wired Cyber Cafe

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Annie Bethancourt: Lestat's Coffee House

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El Vez [824]: The Casbah

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Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, hip-hop, '80s, and soul with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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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.

Electrum: Third Saturday of the month, rhythmic noise, power electro, and militant beats with DJs Bryan Pollard, Chuiy Bitios, and Thermal Detonator. No cover; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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3 *EZ Pieces*, blues/rock. Friday, *West of 5*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*, blues. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*.

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Mariott Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858-369-6032. Arterra Lounge. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ray Lipson*, jazz/pop standards/variety pianist.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Friday, live music. Wednesday, reggae.

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.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland music. Friday, *the Two of Us*, Beatles tribute. Saturday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Too Much Fun*, folk/pop/jazz. Wednesday, open mic.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant. Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Flounders*, acoustic surf rock. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

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, 9 p.m., *the M-80's and the Plug Uglies*, rock. Friday, *the Mystic Roots*, *Iriesside*, and *the Stone Senses*, reggae.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday and Saturday, live rock/alternative. Wednesday, open mic.

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, 9 p.m., *Loss of Control*, rock.

BEACHES

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Gary Hoey* and *Myliyi*. Friday, *Tea Leaf Green*, alternative. Saturday, *Crucial* and *Stranger*, reggae. Monday, open mic. Tuesday, *Desert June* and *Fleck*, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *the Big Sound* and *Shaka Buka*, rock.

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*.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, 9 p.m., *King E*, heavy metal. Saturday, *Disaster Magnet*, *Collage Menage*, *Jimmy: Damm Suess*, and *Volume Hogs*, heavy/alternative.

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Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Saturday, live rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Uplift*, reggae. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

Javanican, 4338 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8035. Tuesday, *Daniel Orlick & the Ghost Town Rockers*, root folk reggae.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Wall to Wall* (2004)

Artist: The Truckee Brothers

Label: Populuxe Records

Songs: 1) Death Vulcan Grip 2) Road Kill Constant 3) Hookah Afternoon 4) Imperial Night Club Waltz 5) Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Chicken Pot Pie 6) Ashes and Stashes

Price/Where Available: www.TruckeeBrothers.com for \$10; also available at Lou's Records and M-Theory Music

Band Members: Cady C.F. Truckee (vocals, guitars, keys, bass, and voodoo), Peat M. Truckee (vocals, guitars, drums, percussion, and prancing about)

Extra Info: The Truckee Brothers play tomorrow at the Leucadian in Encinitas (1542 N. Coast Highway), show starts at 9:30 p.m., and at the Casbah (2501 Kettner Boulevard) Monday, December 27, with Transfer, Yovee, and Rookie Card; show starts at 8 p.m.

Website: www.TruckeeBrothers.com

Recorded in just three days, the six-song EP is rockabilly punk that has been scribbled on, crumpled up,

and turned inside out by its pointed, indie core.

The first cut, "Death Vulcan Grip," will attract inter-

est, but it's the persistent funk riffs in "Road Kill Constant" that will suck you in.

There are different styles on the EP; falling somewhere between one you can scream along to and one you can chill out with is the addictive "Hookah Afternoon." The textures of the song range from a boredom-induced dirge to the glory of hard rocking.

"Well, I'm not myself when I can find my apothecary, mind if I take a seat right next to you?" The bros go on to seductively coo, "Are you willin' to take a hookah afternoon?" until the track's end.

The high-energy duo put their thoughts on display with the contemplative ballad "Ashes and Stashes," where Peat's melancholy softens the sentiment in the words "She's an angel, but like a fly, I have an urge to pull off her wings."

Listeners might have to



The Truckee Brothers

shrug off some of the kooky eccentricities (like those in "Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Chicken Pot Pie") in order to uncover a sound that is impossible to tack a genre to but worth a listen for that fact alone.

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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday through Sunday, also, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

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.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

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. Wednesday, 10 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins*, blues/rockabilly.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, American classics.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *the Bartones*, rock. Friday, *Riot House*, rock. Saturday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis Acoustic*.

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Wednesday, Plump, alternative.

The Wired Cyber Cafe, 853 Hornblend Street, Pacific Beach.
858-490-8060. Friday, 8 p.m., the Ghost Town Rockers, roots/folk/reggae.
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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy Smith.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, B Natural, pop. Saturday, the Nude Blues.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. 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.

The Blue Agave, 6608 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-521-3194. Call club for information.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Vista Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. All music is rock/alternative. Thursday, Call Me Alice, Lylah, and the Bloodsuit. Friday, Zepagain and Deeper Purple. Saturday, Flawless, Stuck Mode, Born Tonight, and Fuzz Huzzi. Sunday, Hyde, VIII Fraud, the Empire State, Zero 2 None, and Fobik. Monday, A Shameful Display, Grandview, and First Time Falling.

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Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Pat Molley, classical jazz/guitar.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, the Bled, Name Taken, and Breakdance Vietnam. Saturday, Last Advent, the Ellipses, the Residentz and Forfit.

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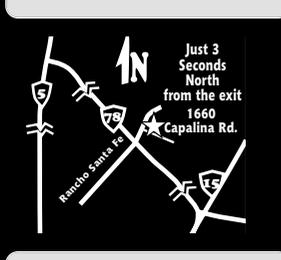
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midnight, *the Stampede Jam*, classic rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, blues.

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, 7 p.m., *Carol Ames*, original rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Quino*, soul/rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, dance/disco. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Skelpin*, Irish.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band*. Sunday, contemporary music.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk/alternative. Thursday, *Acoustic Underground*. Friday, *Robin Henkel*. Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale, Jose Sinatra*, and *Andrew Foshee*. Sunday, *the Nervous and Chasing Paper*. Monday, open mic. Wednesday, *Annie Bethancourt, the Natters*, and *Ron Franklin*.

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, *Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers*, blues. Saturday, *the Blues Connection*.

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, live blues/swing/classic rock.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*, piano.

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, *Roxy Monoxide*, alternative.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Thursday, *Slayer, Killswitch Engage, Mastodon*, and *Mower*. Friday, *Grandview, Giltstricken, Roosevelt, Rookie 7, Freshe Pepper*, and *Zero 2 None*. Saturday, *Lower Definition, the Red Sky, Of Portraits & Killers, With Hope's Last Breath, His Irate Life*, and *Bride Ordained*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig Deluxe*, rockabilly. Friday, *Big Daddy Orchestra*, blues. Saturday, club for information. Monday, swing. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Trelisses Garden Grill, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-908-5017. Thursday, *Sean McVicker*, acoustic. Friday and Saturday, *the Pier Group*, pop.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Proper Jive* and *Brett Michael Weisman*. Friday, *Jay Mathes, Lauren DeRose, Carlos Olmeda*, and *Jack the Original*. Saturday, *Randi Driscoll* and *Shining Thru*. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mic.



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MUSIC > rock, acoustic, blues, poetry

SPECIAL NIGHTS > open-mike nights on Thursday and Sunday; live music on Friday and Saturday

CLIENTELE > all ages; 75% of the crowd was teenagers; a few couples were doing Christmas shopping at this strip mall; 60% Caucasian, 20% Asian, 10% Latino, 10% African-American

COVER > none

HOURS > everyday, 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (sometimes later when there's a band)

DRINKS > no alcohol; variety of espresso, coffee, tea, soda, bottled water, and iced drinks; blended drinks included the Carmel Mountain Blend (Kona coffee, caramel Torani, blended with milk and topped with whipped cream)

FOOD > fresh salads and sandwiches average \$6.25, bagels, and four kinds of gelato; no food after 8:00 p.m., but there's an In-and-Out Burger, Boston Market, and Jamba Juice all within walking distance

ACCESS > I-15, east on Carmel Mountain Road half a mile (next to Barnes & Noble)

DRESS > one girl was dressed all in black, but everyone else was in jeans and T-shirts ("Broncos Softball," "Play Girlz," "Volcom")

DANCE FLOOR > none, but very small area in front of stage if you had to dance (approximately 10' by 20')

FIRE EXITS > two — the main entrance and one from the back kitchen

BATHROOMS > one for both men

and women; you need to get a key from the counter; clean

CAPACITY > 85 inside; maybe 100 outside (there's a long patio that continues in front of Jamba Juice)

SPECIAL AREAS > the outdoor patio (where you can smoke) has a big water fountain

FURNISHINGS > lots of artwork on one wall; kid area with toys

DECIBEL LEVEL > 109 when Earon Rein did a cover of Cecilia; 113 last week at Tabloid Coffee

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > take your pick: Schmooze or Student Driver

QUOTABLE > "It's too cold to sit outside. It's not supposed to be like this in San Diego."

If you are going to be located next to a bookstore, this is the perfect one. The Barnes & Noble next door doesn't serve coffee, so there's no competition, but everyone wants something to drink after they buy reading material.

I was there on a Friday night

and was surprised by the large crowd. There were a few teenagers running around the fountain.

Others were smoking and watching the singer through the windows. (Since the walls are all glass, you can see the inside clearly from the outside.) And with the stage being right by the front door, you can hear the performers as well.

I ran into a guy named Hotrod Harris, who hosts the open-mike night on Thursdays. He said, "Singers or bands can sign up at 5:00 p.m. They are allowed to do four songs. Usually we get a lot of people out for that."

Earon Rein is a Navy guy who performs here when he's not out to sea. He did a mix of covers and originals. At one point he said, "My guitar is out of tune, and I'm not sure how to tune a guitar." A girl from the crowd said, "I can." She tuned it for him. He was sure lucky she was there. Otherwise we would have all suffered.

—Josh Board

DOWNTOWN

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Saturday, *Slightly Stoopid, Bargain Music, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, and *the Big Dame Hunters*, ska/rock/jazz.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL.

Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Plastic Explosive, the Viewmasters, Silver Sunshine*, and *Mamuok*. Friday, *Sweet & Tender, Hooligans*, and *Devoid*. Saturday, *Ziggy Shuffledust, Hissy Fit, Maiden Taiwan*. Sunday, *the Juanita Family, Arabella Harrison, the 7th Day Buskers*, and *the Golden Hill Ramblers*. Monday, *Eric Melvin, Steve Soto, Greg Hetson, Street Dogs, Bad Reaction*, and *Lucky Stiffs*. Tuesday, *Altaira* and *Flood of Fury*. Wednesday, *El Vez, Rookie Card*, and *Human Hands*.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-294-9590. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave Scott*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*, pop/Top 40.

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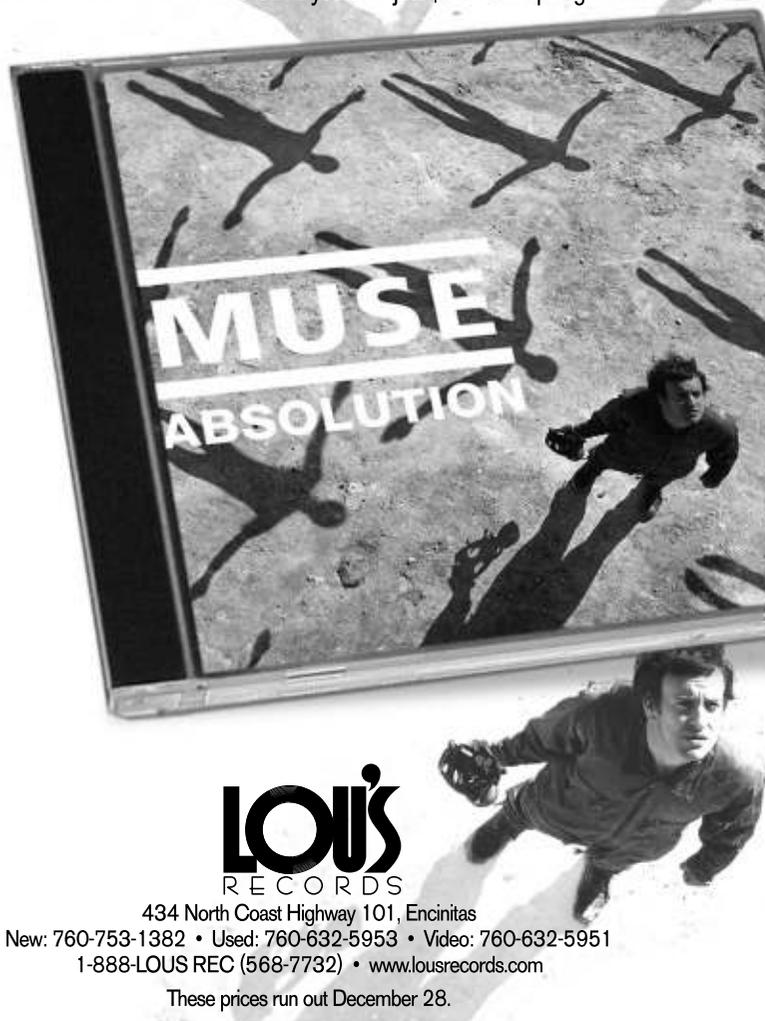
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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *the Grossmont College Jazz Ensemble*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Karin Carson* and *Ron Dhanifu*, holiday concert. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Gilbert Castellanos Sextet*, jazz. Monday, 7 p.m., *Rick Helzer* and *Gunnar Biggs*, jazz.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music by *Raggle Taggle*, Irish fusion. Call club for information.

G5-Georges on Fifth, 835 Fifth Avenue (between E & F Streets), downtown. 619-702-0444. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7 p.m., *Tom Barabas*, pianist.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *X-Cel*, disco/Top40.

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The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hip-hop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Dave Kamp*. Friday, *the Swingin' Kings*. Saturday, *Alan Inglesias & Crossfire*. Sunday, *Red Lane*. Monday, *the Committee*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *Mojo Rising*.

Redfields Lounge, at Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, One Market Place, downtown. 619-232-1234. Friday, 9 p.m., *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Saturday, live pop music.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, *Emilio Camacho y sus Rumberos*, salsa. Tuesday, *Orquesta Guarare*, Latin/salsa.

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Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Jesse Davis*, variety. Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Quartet*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues.

Club Caribe, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/merengue/bachata/reggaeton.

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Saturday, 6 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Undercover*, classic rock.

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joe Rathurn*, acoustic originals/covers.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story. Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Robert Wetzel*, guitarist. Palm Court. Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West*.

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Crown Room. Thursday, noon to 3:30 p.m., *Ping Hu*, harpist, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Kippy Lou Scott*, harpist. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., *John Cain*.

Ballroom. Thursday, noon to 7 p.m., *Ray Briz*.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Saturday, *the Monsters*, rock.

The Manhattan Lounge, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Friday, *the Offbeats*, rock. Saturday, *Nino & Quim*, acoustic folk. Monday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Taylor Harvey*, folk.

Studio E St., 656 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, hip-hop/R&B. Saturday, salsa/merengue/reggae/cumbia.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books and Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Mira Veda*, acoustic.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Pale Black*, classic rock.

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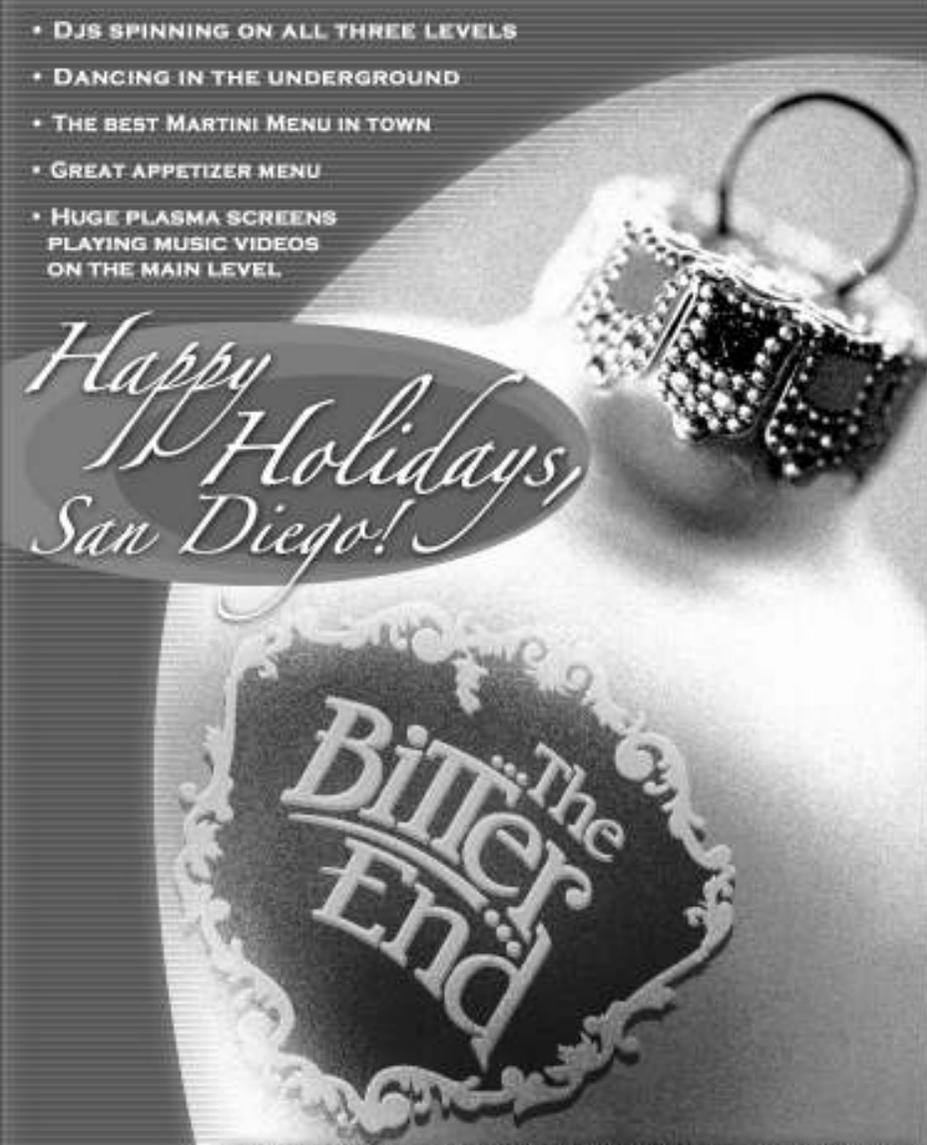
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Caviar with a Conscience

I've always preferred to spend New Year's Eve at home with my partner and perhaps a few close friends, enjoying a celebratory supper with sevruga caviar as the star ingredient. But during the fifteen-odd years I've enjoyed this tradition, the price of the Caspian caviars has shot up while the quality has declined. This inspired me to look a little lower on the food chain for replacements for roes from that region.

Numerous types of fish roe can be called caviar. I didn't test any of the tiny-egged, crackly caviars (e.g., cod *tarama*, *tobiko* from flying fish, *masago* from smelt, or American golden whitefish). They're fun in their place — on top of a sushi roll, say — but their mouth-feel doesn't compare to the juicy roes of sturgeons. And I'm not about to consider the pasteurized, shelf-stable salmon roe and inky-dinky dyed-black lumpfish caviars shelved above canned tuna in the supermarket. I sometimes use them to decorate a once-trendy "caviar pie" (from a recipe developed by Romanoff, the lumpfish company), but they just don't have the glam it takes for New Year's Eve.

Instead, I looked at fresh salmon caviar (which isn't sturgeon-like but has its own merits) and American caviars from paddlefish and hackleback, the Mississippi River's po' white trash sturgeon-kinfolk. Finally, I compared farm-raised sevruga against Iranian sevruga.

When I began this project, a few days before Thanksgiving, the caviar selection at local groceries was highly limited, and not even the specialty grocers had on hand all the types of roe that I wanted to try. I had no choice but to head for the Web. Ordering caviar on the Internet entails overnight air shipment, starting at about \$25 per package, so even if you're not doing a caviar-tasting, you want to get as many goodies as you can from a single vendor. If you order from Monday through Wednesday, you should receive your package in two days. If you order on a Thursday or later, your package will usually ship the following Monday.

I began with Amazon.com, that vast clearinghouse of anything and everything. The Amazon "Gourmet Foods" section is still in beta, so vendors come and go. Trying it was a good move, because it allowed price comparisons and also brought me the best salmon caviar I've ever tasted, from an obscure Alaskan processor. But it was



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flavors and minimal bitterness. The same company offers alderwood-smoked wild salmon caviar. These eggs are salty, distinctively smoky, with little mucal goopiness, and were thrillingly flung straight-up on a Breton cracker. No need for cream cheese to mediate. The same company offers other smoked fish, including the succulent smoked black cod (a.k.a. "sable") so beloved of Japanese chefs and Jewish grandmas.

Sturgeon Roes and their Wannabes

Among the wannabes, let's start with Avruga. Its name sounds like a Klaxon horn on a 1920s sports car, a flask of bootleg rum stashed in the glove compartment. The roe tastes about as racy, but it's no more a real caviar than it is a roadster. This is a roe spread from Spain that looks like sevruga but is made from herring eggs, lemon juice, squid ink, thickeners, et al. It has a smoky undertone that resembles anchovies (it's Spanish, isn't it?), and falls into a category I'd call "fun-fish" (as opposed to fin-fish). The soft, tiny eggs have a touch of tartness. The price is so low, Avruga is just right for that silly "caviar pie," and for garnishing deviled eggs or seafood pasta. I found it on Amazon, from GourmetFoodstore.

Paddlefish is a Mississippi River relative of the sturgeon. Last year, I tried a version from Trader Joe's and hated it. This time, I picked up an inexpensive ounce from GourmetFoodstore. It was still disappointing. The small soft eggs are salty and mushy, with a sharp citric edge, and they have neither crackle nor "burst." You can also order paddlefish from Tsar Nicolai. The Tsar's product may be better, but its price — nearly double that of GourmetFoodstore's — bars me from establishing whether it's twice as good.

Hackleback roe (at GourmetFoodstore, also available from Tsar Nicolai) is firmer and blacker, and shares the paddlefish's eccentric tanginess, but its subtler taste hints at sevruga — third-rate sevruga. Not awful, not great.

Farm-raised sturgeon caviar is the best hope for the future. Many top chefs already swear by it. After my snafus with Amazon, it was too late to order American-farmed sturgeon roe, but by then I'd ordered two near-bargain sturgeon caviars at *CaviarStar.com*. Their French farm-raised caviar has the "melting" texture of true sevruga. The soft, delicious eggs were the least salty of any of

also a bad move, because I ran into a snafu attempting to order from a company that was no longer operating under the Amazon umbrella, necessitating a last-minute scramble to get reasonable substitutes. Because of this, I was frustrated in my hope to sample some of the sturgeon caviars currently farmed in the Sacramento area and the Pacific Northwest.

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Salmon Caviars

You have to like the taste of salmon to enjoy salmon caviar. The eggs are larger than most sturgeon eggs and pop nicely under the teeth, releasing a burst of juices. In years when I haven't found any Caspian-type caviar at a price I could consider, I've substituted fresh (unpasteurized) salmon roe, which goes splendidly with lox (cold-smoked salmon, normally sliced paper-thin) and potato pancakes.

The Amazon vendor with "the mostest" in the caviar department is *GourmetFoodstore.com*. This company has arguably the widest selection of caviars at, generally, the most reasonable prices.

They even carry vacuum-packed "mini Russian blini" (buckwheat crepes) for traditional Russian-style caviar service. Their salmon caviars are inexpensive. Unfortunately, both their Canadian Malossol ("little salt") salmon caviar and their

Russian Keta salmon caviar are mushy and glutinous, with a bitter undertone — better than pasteurized, but not thrilling. The Canadian is less salty, while the

Keta eggs are larger. Both "burst" nicely in the mouth. The Keta proved agreeable topping a Breton cracker, but neither caviar was exciting served solo, nor pleasurable enough to top a restaurant-style "parfait." If you're going to that much trouble, you want caviar with sufficient panache to carry the leading role.

Wild Alaska Smoked Salmon and Seafood (accessible through Amazon — search for "Alaskan salmon caviar") furnished two fabulous choices, although their prices were close to those for "real" caviar. Wild salmon eggs are firmer and larger than most, so they really burst with liquid when you bite into them. They're salty, but with oceanic

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the caviars I tasted, and strongly resembled the sevruga I bought years ago, when I began this "tasting" process. It's the most immediately likable of the crew. This site also offers mother-of-pearl caviar spoons and other delights.

Gray Iranian sevruga (the basic version, not one of the premium spreads) was the "control" for all these placebos. It, too, came from CaviarStar, and like the French caviar, it had a "melting" mouth-feel. I thought its texture was like edible velvet, but my partner found it mushy (it does cling to the roof of your mouth). Initially salty and a little tangy, when savored it developed complex maritime flavors that vaguely resembled sea urchin roe (*uni* at your local sushi bar).

The roads not taken: Sterling caviar comes from white sturgeon farmed near Sacramento. It's the choice of many chefs who've abandoned Caspian caviars, and is typically described as "buttery" or "creamy." It's available in various grades from Stolt Sea Farm, which also offers Scottish, Norwegian, and Brooklyn-style lox at decent prices. From the other end of the world, Uruguayan osetra is developing a fine reputation. Brought from Siberia to Uruguay as fingerlings, the sturgeon have been farm-raised ever since. It's available from Paramount Caviar (www.paramountcaviar.com), which also sells mother-of-pearl caviar spoons and all manner of gourmet delights.

Tsar Nicoulai Caviar offers California farm-raised osetra, along with Siberian, Iranian, paddlefish, and salmon caviars, all at relatively steep prices. (You can also order the Tsar's Cal osetra from Williams-Sonoma, where it's more than double the Tsar's price.)

Serving Caviar

Unopened caviar lasts two to three weeks if kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator, i.e., the meat bin. Once opened, use it or lose it within a few days. Don't use metal spoons (not even sterling silver) to serve or eat with — they impart metallic off-tastes. If you don't have mother-of-pearl or bone caviar spoons on hand, use plastic spoons. (If you're serving caviar on top of pancakes or blini, regular tableware is acceptable, since there's no such thing as a "caviar fork.") Caviar is best served between 50 and 60 degrees, to bring out the most flavor.

The classic Russian service for caviar is to place it in a glass or crystal bowl set inside a larger bowl filled with ice. (This keeps the caviar a bit too cold, but it's traditional.) Surround the outer bowl with assemble-it-yourself sides of buckwheat blini, plain whole-grain crackers such as melba toast, minced hard-boiled eggs, fine-minced red onions, chopped chives, chopped dill, crème fraîche or sour cream. To drink: iced vodka.

French service typically complements the caviar with a "parfait" of potato-based pancakes (made with egg whites for buoyancy), iced or sieved hard-cooked egg, lox, crème fraîche seasoned with snipped chives, dillweed, and a touch of horseradish and lemon rind. A generous dollop of caviar goes on top. To drink: very cold dry champagne.

Regular-people service: Make German/Jewish latkes or Swiss *rôti* from whatever recipe you like. Top with chopped lox, crème fraîche, or sour cream (seasoned as in the French service above, if desired), with caviar on top. Scatter chopped chives and dill, if you haven't mixed them into the cream. To drink: a dry Chardonnay. (For salmon

or Avruga caviars, dry Sauvignon Blanc, such as those from the Marlborough area of New Zealand, is an option.)

Other ideas: Hollowed-out cooked new potatoes topped with sour cream and caviar. Deviled eggs topped with caviar. A fried whole-wheat tortilla smeared with sour cream and caviar. Pasta with clarified butter, crème fraîche, grated Parmesan, and caviar (lox optional). Or you can dig out your ancient recipe for "caviar pie" (a chilled version of the French parfait, minus the potatoes) and surprise your friends by substituting a good caviar for the lumpfish roe.

What's Wrong with Caspian Roes?

If you read my review of Osetra Restaurant a couple of months ago, then you have permission to skip the following two paragraphs. The problems with Caspian caviars (the "big three" of beluga, sevruga, and osetra) began with the breakup of the Soviet Union. It turns out that the "Evil Empire" (as our president at the time called it) was better at protecting the species of the Caspian Sea than are the impoverished "Stans" (Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, etc.) that now govern those shores.

The Russian Mafia leaped at the opportunity to poach sturgeon from unpoliced waters, even as big industry (gasoline companies, hydroelectric generators, etc.) built plants near the coast and started spewing pollutants into the sea. The beluga sturgeon, a species that takes years to mature and even then produces little roe, is now so close to extinction that many of the world's top chefs refuse to serve it as a matter of conscience. The osetra and smaller sevruga sturgeons are also severely threatened. As fewer fish are left to

reach maturity, more roe is harvested from barely pubescent fish. This (along with pollution) affects the quality and flavor of the caviar. It also removes young breeders from the population, which bodes ill for future supplies. The only Caspian state that still maintains strict water standards and catch-limits is Iran, which our current Fearless Leader cites as a member of the "Axis of Evil." By next New Year's, I wouldn't be surprised if Iranian products are once again embargoed from the U.S.

Where to Buy Caviar

Whole Foods has the widest caviar selection that I could find locally. At this writing, they were offering hackleback, bowfin (a smaller, saltier Mississippi River species from Louisiana), and whitefish roe, along with more expensive Caspian caviars (osetra, sevruga) packed under the reputable Petrossian label. They expect to have American-farmed sturgeon from the Pacific Northwest on hand from December 15 until New Year's. Harvest Ranch (Del Mar) and Jonathan's (La Jolla) had only Caspian caviars (osetra, sevruga) available on December 1, but Jonathan's may bring in some American farm-raised caviar before Christmas. Seaside Market in Cardiff will have Caspian caviars from just before Christmas until New Year's, or will special-order caviar upon request. (Phone 760-753-5445 and ask for the Fish Department.)

The Russian deli at Lake Murray Square (6060 Lake Murray Blvd., corner of El Paso, La Mesa) has a wide array of caviars at every price range all year long, but unless you can speak a Slavic language to discuss their characteristics with the staff, you may be taking a risk on quality or authenticity. By the time you

read this, you may also be able to find Caspian and, possibly, salmon caviars at the delis or fish counters of supermarket branches in upscale areas (in the past I've seen it at the Albertson's near the Coronado Ferry Landing).

Trader Joe's usually stocks some affordable caviars (e.g., paddlefish, hackleback) from mid-December until New Year's Eve, but its days of bargain-priced sevruga are long gone. If you're relying on TJ's, head there as soon as you can, because in my experience, the supply is often exhausted after Christmas.

Web Sources:

All the companies listed below ship overnight or by 2-day air. Unless otherwise noted, shipping charges are \$25 (flat fee), possibly higher for heavy packages. Prices are subject to change with fluctuations in caviar supplies, so regard those listed below as guidelines.

Alaska Smokehouse, Woodinville, WA, 1-800-422-0852; www.alaskasmokehouse.com (also accessible through Amazon.com; search for "Alaskan salmon caviar"); Wild salmon caviar (\$11.95/oz.; or \$27.95/1.75 ounces at Amazon); alderwood-smoked wild salmon caviar (\$11.95/oz., or \$29.95/1.75 ounces at Amazon); wide array of smoked fish, including black cod, plus desserts and coffees. Shipping varies for direct orders, \$32 through Amazon.

CaviarStar, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, 888-268-8780, www.caviarstar.com; French farm-raised caviar (\$30/oz.), Iranian sevruga (\$40/oz. and up, depending on quality), many other Caspian caviars and gourmet goods, including truffle items; mother-of-pearl caviar spoon (\$15).

Gourmet Foodstore, Hollywood, FL, 877-591-8008,

www.gourmetfoodstore.com. (also at Amazon.com, search for "caviar"); "Mini blini" (\$9.80 for 36); Canadian Malossol salmon caviar (\$4.26/oz.); Russian Keta salmon caviar (\$5.18/oz.); Avruga caviar (\$3.43/oz.); Paddlefish caviar (\$13.86/oz.); Hackleback caviar (\$13.86/oz.); many Caspian caviars and other gourmet goods. 2-day shipping \$16.25 plus \$1.25/pound; via Amazon, shipping is \$22.15 plus \$1.80/pound.

Paramount Caviar, Long Island City, NY, 800-992-2842, www.paramountcaviar.com; Uruguayan osetra (\$90/2 oz.); American hackleback and paddlefish (each \$65/4 oz.); Alaskan salmon caviar (\$16/7 oz.), Iranian and Russian Caspian caviars (starting at \$80/2 oz.), plus smoked fish, truffle items, chocolates, caviar spoons (\$10). Shipping free on orders over \$500.

Stolt Sea Farm, Sacramento, CA, 800-525-0333, www.sterlingcaviar.com; Sacramento farm-raised Sterling osetra (\$40-\$52/oz., depending on quality); also, several styles of lox, including Brooklyn-style (most \$12/8 oz.) and smoked sturgeon (\$18/6 oz.).

Tsar Nicoulai, San Francisco, CA, 800-952-2842, www.tsarnicoulai.com; Paddlefish caviar (\$48/2 oz.); Hackleback caviar (\$48/2 oz.); California farm-raised osetra (\$106/2 oz.), plus Siberian, Iranian, and salmon caviars, most at prices that any wealthy Tsar could afford.

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Willy's gone walkabout. Curses. Me and my folk-singing friend were going to chow down together. But with no phone, it's always a gamble. Now it's getting dark, cold. Hawkers' cries echo up Tijuana's jostling, crowded Avenida Constitución. I duck into a passage so I won't get carried along in the flow.

I find myself standing opposite this attractive gal who works behind a tiny counter. There are three stools. "Rincón Potosino Café" the sign says. Hmm. Wonder what *potosino* means? "It means we are from San Luis Potosí," says the girl when I ask. "We have just arrived recently. Thirty-six hours in the bus. We have been able to open this place, thanks to God."

It's not long before I'm wrapping my legs around one of the stools. Lucero — that's her name — says she and Alina, her *prima* — cousin — really don't know anyone in Tijuana yet. "And I've only met one other *potosina*, in the optician's shop further up the passage."

This place is literally a hole in the wall. Maybe 12, 15 feet long, five feet wide, a little wider where Alina does the cooking. The only thing smaller is the *dulcería* — traditional Mexican candy stall — at the passage's entrance. Lucero and her cousin have just enough room to wash, cook, and serve customers. The seating — half a dozen stools divided between two counters, and a sin-

gle table — takes up one side of the *pasaje*. I love it. No "Please Wait To be Seated" signs. Just plonk down in the swirl of humanity.

I scan the wall menu. Tortas, quesadillas, huevos. Hmm. Not really in a quesadilla mood.

Then I see the item I didn't even know I wanted. *Hamburguesas*. Man. There's that perverse pleasure in indulging in burgers away from home. Guess it's like reading the *New York Times* in Paris. So let's see: hamburger with cheese, 20 pesos — maybe \$1.80 — a chicken hamburger (same price)

or *hamburguesa especial*, which is chicken or beef, and includes fries (28 pesos, say \$2.50). A woman I noticed giving away free-offer cards on the street comes and collects three platefuls of food for her helpers. Guy from curio stall #32, Javier, comes and asks for a coffee (7 pesos, maybe 60 cents). "Guess I'll have a beef hamburger," I say. "With everything?" "Everything." "Papas?" "Papas."

Two minutes later I'm getting my mouth around a truly oozy experience. The sesame bun's not big, but it's packed. *Asada* meat with a deliciously crunchy exterior, wicked bacon (*tocino*), avocado (*aguacate*), melted cheese, onion, lettuce, tomato: as I try to hippo-jaw it down, it's falling apart in the best possible way. Lucero brings a bottle of Chef's Review *Catsup de Tomate*, along with red salsas and green peppers to add kick. "Try them," says Javier. "I eat hot." But

I don't put in too much. Don't want to burn out these flavors I love.

The *papas* are stick-size, French *pommes frites* style.

"I come here all the time," says Javier. "The owners are from San Luis Potosí. They speak more elegantly than us *tijuanenses*. We speak Spanish like machine guns. They are more musical."

Lucero admits San Luis Potosí is different. "We are very colonial, tranquil, lots of arched arcades, lots of plazas. *Tradicón* and family are everything."

So what brought her up to brash TJ? "My brother Carlos has been here a year and a half. He works in San Diego. He told us about this opportunity. I have a five-year-old son, Casiel, and I thought the schooling would be good. So we came. I have never run a restaurant before. Down in Potosí I was a secretary."

"And I was at culinary school," says Alina. "I have almost completed my diploma. But Lucero suggested coming here to do this, and learning a lot more than theory here."

It turns out she is cooking some interesting stuff. Every day they have a *platillo del día* — a kind of prix fixe menu, a full meal with soup, salad, main dish, and *agua fresca*, sweetened fruit juice mixed with water for — erk! — 34 pesos.

Three bucks! Alina's already writing down tomorrow's menu: Vegetable soup, cordon bleu chicken with ham, melted yellow cheese, bacon and *salsa blanca*. That or *bistec tropical*. "I'll make that with pine nuts, onions, and *chile dulce*. It's a sweet pepper," says Alina, "*pimiento morrón*. And always with rice and beans or salad, tortilla, and a fruit drink, of course."

Man alive. This is something else. It's dawning on me. Alina is applying all her sophisticated *colegio gastronómico* learning to this little place! A hidden jewel. I'm too full to try these dishes now. But I'll be back, for sure.

A final bonus: I wander to the *dulcería* next door, and Orfelia, who looks like her name sounds, sells me a *dulce de calabaza* — basically one of those huge sugary gelatinized chunks of calabasa squash — for 70 cents. I'm getting it for Carla. I can't resist asking for a bar of *jamoncillo*, 80 cents. It turns out to be what I hoped: the nearest thing to Russian fudge you could ask for. Golden brown, crumbly, with pecans on top. I take it back all five yards to the Rincón Potosino and chow down on it with my coffee. What a combo! Purr-fect. And hey hey! All for less than four bucks.

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"It's not like he's a control freak or anything, it's just that he likes growing grapes."

It takes big strides to change the perception of a region, says John McPherson, winemaker at South Coast Winery Resort & Spa in Temecula. "Robert Hall made a huge statement up in Paso Robles when he built his winery. It's a huge facility; it makes a statement, and a certain commitment — that Paso Robles is going to be growing grapes and making wine for a long time to come. That's hopefully what this sort of says."

"This" is a sprawling collection of buildings large and small: clusters of freestanding residential suites leading away from the huge central complex, future home to the resort's winery, gift shop, spa, restaurant, tasting room, wine cellars, and private tasting rooms and banquet facilities. McPherson hopes it will all be finished by summer of '05; for now, he has to contend with a tasting room and gift shop where his bottling line should be. "They keep sharp objects away from me," he deadpans.

When it's finished, the resort should go beyond making a statement and actually help to create a market. "With this resort here, we're going to be able to market ourselves nationally. People want to come to Southern California as a destination. They want to come to San Diego and lie on the beach. After they've done that for a few days, maybe they'll come up here," bringing their thirst and their curiosity with them.

South Coast owner Jim Carter is not seeking that national image simply to stroke his ego; he needs the customers. When Carter started planting, he intended to sell the fruit to Callaway. When Callaway shifted away from Temecula-grown grapes, Carter built a winery so that he could do something with 220 acres' worth of production. To move enough inventory, says McPherson, "marketing and selling is something that we're going to have to do.

"The focus will be on what we have coming off the mountain," he says, referring to the 160 acres of vineyards South Coast has in the Agua Tibia mountains around Wild Horse Peak. "There's Cabernet, Sangiovese, and Syrah." It's the mountain fruit and its potential to make great red wine that lured McPherson away from his previous employer, Thornton. But South Coast owns plenty of valley vineyards as well. "We planted Cabernet Franc and Petite Sirah down here. We've got Muscat here on-site and also Petite Verdot." He'll also get Syrah, Cab, and Merlot from the valley, along with Port varieties, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, and Riesling. Chardonnay is on its way. "Jim looks at the tasting room as a place where you're going to sell a lot of wine. In this valley, tasting-room wines tend to be sweeter — rosés and Muscats and Rieslings. Out in the general market, it's Cabernet, Chardonnay, and Merlot.

"Every wine we make will be estate-grown and -produced," something of a rarity for larger Temecula operations. "For Jim, it's all about control of the grape, being able to take care of it from the day you plant it to the day you wind up having it in the glass. It's not like he's a control freak or anything, it's just that he likes growing grapes. That's really where his heart is. He's not really much of a drinker; he doesn't drink wine much at all. It's just one big exciting time for him. It's just very nice to have an owner who gets all revved up every time you start talking. He's one of those guys who's always noodling. He comes up with ideas — 'Hey, I saw something on TV the other night, what do you think about it?' He's been wanting me to make a sweet Merlot."

If Carter is a noodler, he's also "very conscientious about the brand and the winery — the name and the label. He hates the idea of wines that we sell at \$16.99 or whatever here at the winery, when you can go down to Longs and buy them for \$9.99." It's common enough to pay full retail — or even a little more — for wine at a winery, even when you can get it for less elsewhere. Compare Opus One at the winery and at Costco. But Opus One is Opus One — Napa wine, born from a celebrity partnership between the storied Mondavi and the legendary Rothschild. People are willing to pay for the exaltation of buying the wine at the source. The brand is impervious to discounts. A startup winery from Temecula, no matter how good the wine, is not so inured.



Rendering of completed South Coast Winery Resort & Spa

McPherson told Carter that he had two options. One, "You maintain price points wholesale to keep that type of pricing" — that is, you keep wholesale prices high enough that Longs has to charge something close to your winery retail price to turn a profit. The trouble is, "that may make it tough to sell." Wholesalers might well be tempted to take their business elsewhere and work with someone who's willing to drop prices and move inventory. And moving inventory is crucial. "Jim optimistically thinks that we could sell 20,000 cases here at the winery," says McPherson. "But even if we could, we would have almost that much more in excess. We have to push it out into the wholesale market. So, we have to have some different branding, different labels, to create a market."

So far, "We have our South Coast label, and we have our Wild Horse Peak label for the wines that come from the vineyards up in Agua Tibia. Those will be all reds. The South Coast wines will run \$10-\$20; the Wild Horse Peak \$20-\$30. Then we will have a Carter Estate Selection that will probably be in the high \$40s. Those will be wines from any of the estate vineyards that we deem to be of exceptional character and quality. We'll use a different barrel program for them — higher-end barrels. The Rolling Hills Merlot (a South Coast wine) is 12 bucks. It's very nice Merlot, but when you compare it to our '02 Merlot off of Wild Horse Peak, it's night and day."

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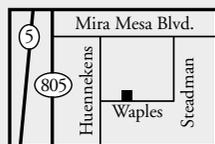
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doing a label called Elevation Peaks & Valleys. The Elevation goes who knows where — Vons, Costco. It's a screwcap wine with a topographic map silk-screened onto the bottle showing where the majority of grapes came from for the wine. The Merlot has a map of Wild Horse Peak, while the Sauvignon Blanc has got Temecula Valley. "Elevation" runs up the side of the bottle in all caps; together with the topo map, it makes for a standout design, great for stopping the eye as it scans a supermarket shelf.

"I've got about 1400 gallons of this Syrah in oak," says McPherson as he pours me a taste from a stainless steel tank. "We're going to keep part of it for South Coast and blend the rest of it into our Elevation Peaks & Valleys. They're nice wines," he says of the latter. "They're not going to bastardize the name of South Coast." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too "Frenchy," in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barre, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you'd find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached foie gras, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

Bobby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Fidel's Carlsbad 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. It's not upscale modern Mex — no cumin-infused, mango-corn salsa on Fidel's menu — but who gives a flyin' fajita when you can order just about any traditional SoCal-Mexican dish and know it's gonna be good? Whether you try the chicken-and-rice soup with fresh cilantro and avocado chunks, fluffy chile rellenos, a crab enchilada, carne asada with all the trimmings, or a lonely à la carte chicken burrito, you're going to be a happy camper. Add a reliable margarita or a beer and you're set at this popular North County mainstay. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (12/03)

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Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *umi*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.* (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket *ve-r-r-ry* slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

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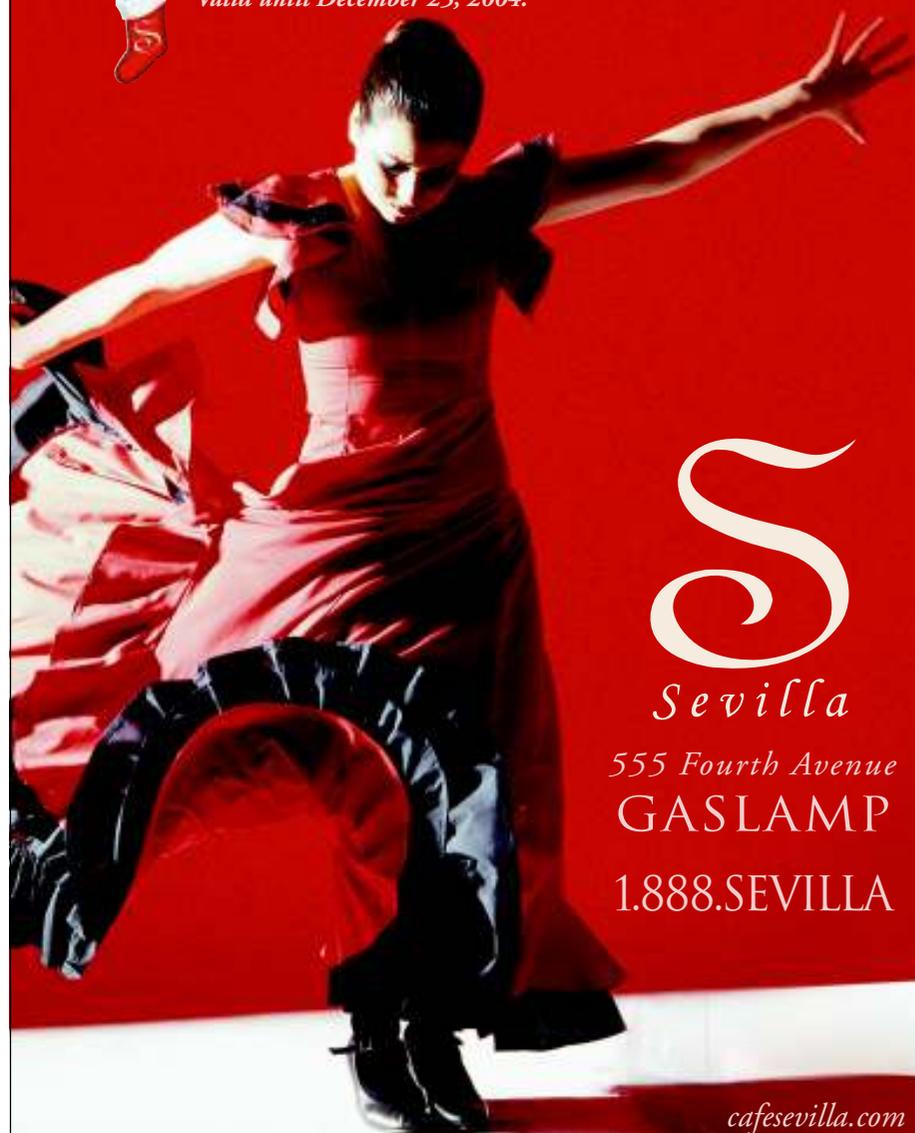
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Ashoka The Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled

patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Mariscos El Titanic 503 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-735-5819. The ship hit an iceberg, but here a bracing chilled ceviche can lift all boats on a steamy afternoon. The menu offers both hot and cold seafood, including almost a page full of chilled arrays. Among them, a unique group of "Culiacan-

style" cocktails are served in young hollowed-out coconuts, the soft meat spooned out along with the briny shellfish. (Fresh coconut water, *agua de coco*, is available as a drink.) The range of dishes is relatively ambitious with plenty of authentic entrée choices (not just stuffed tortillas), and the seafood is sweet and fresh from Baja waters. Best of all, the tall straw *palapas* shading the outdoor tables create their own mini climate, as breezy as some faraway beach. Tacos and burritos are bargain-priced, seafood cocktails and entrées are moderate. — N.W. (12/69)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because

it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley

Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

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Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork—all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

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Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Avenite complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (car-

nitás lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis, which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy,

high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futomaki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — N.W. (11/04)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including

a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood

dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-based chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — N.W. (10/02)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House

serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

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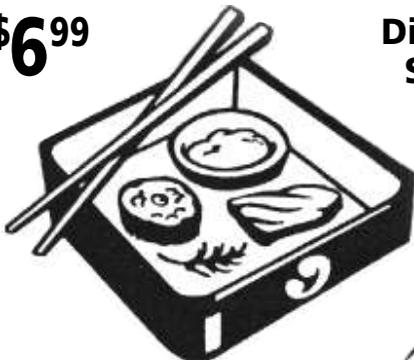
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Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house

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Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin pota-

toes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops

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Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouyriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *musaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/04)

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properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felaful, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

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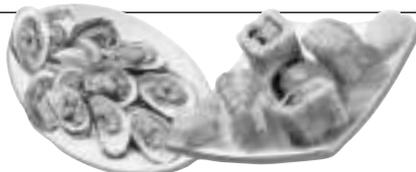
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The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bull-fighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American cafe is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalice, black iron sconces, and

stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocola prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — E.B. (9/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's

nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food

here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Taste Of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those something are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices.

Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers non-sensational Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don't look for fresh-picked veggies, too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982

and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — E.B. (4/03)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The

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Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island

dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Osetra 409 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-1800. This new, already-jumping fish house features glam lucite-and-chrome decor and thumping percussive music. There's food, too. Along with Caspian caviars you'll find fusion seafood dishes plus a handful of land creatures. Soups and appetizers offer bold-flavored, edgy fun. Entrées are bold, too, but also a bit savage, with exciting ideas frequently flawed in concept or execution (e.g., venous foie gras garnishes sliced too thin and overcooked to chopped liver). Service is seriously discombobulated when busy, e.g., most evenings. Main dining room reached by long, steep stairway; disabled access to ground-floor bar area tables. Full bar, awesome and pricey wine list, bottles retrieved by bungee-jumping "Wine Angels." Valet parking at Dakota across the street. Reservations strongly advised.

Dinner nightly, to 11 p.m. weeknights, midnight weekends. Very expensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Ruth's Chris Steak House 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — E.W.

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingaree, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal:



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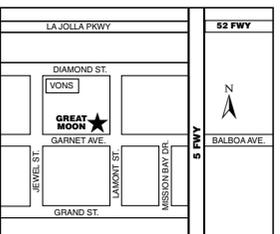
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Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chiapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is qui-

etly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Clayton's Mexican Take-Out 979 Orange Avenue (round corner at 1107 Tenth, at the back of Clayton's Coffee Shop), Coronado, 619-437-8811. It's a hole-in-the-wall, it's where Coronado High School and the military come for their Mexican fix, and it might just have one of the best *carne asada* burritos north of the line. Especially when Manuel's on. He gives you lots of meat. There are other good things, like rolled tacos, chicken tostadas, cheese enchiladas, and combination plates, but nearly everyone asks for the burrito. It has to weigh over a pound. Inexpensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow

mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Truckee's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cashed inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is

underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

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.

Chiki Jai Avenida Revolución #1388 (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great

stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish *jai alai* players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so *paella* is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and *bleu* cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, chorizo (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *a la Vizcaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multi-room aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachi play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily,

lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. "The Hidden One," located in a converted mansion, boasts two gardens and patio dining, and is especially beautiful at night. The roasted baby goat, roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Take *Revolución* until it bends to the left to become *Agua Caliente*. Proceed on *Agua Caliente* past the racetrack, approximately one-half mile. Turn right at Las Palmas. Two short blocks up, turn left at the "Pescadería Playas" sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Moderate. — E.W.

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadanas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juárez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and

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What the Chef Eats

JAMBALAYA

BY JUAN GARCIA

Chef/Manager, Jamroc Caribbean Café, Encinitas

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermar-

I chose to share this recipe because it's a good meal for winter weather, and it's simple. It's a quick meal.

You can make it in between Christmas shopping.

Jambalaya can be served as soup or as an entire meal by adding chicken or shrimp.

There was a contest in Oceanside a couple of years ago and this jambalaya recipe won first prize.

This is not a secret, but a suggestion: Cook this

the day before you're going to serve it, and when you reheat it the next day it will have better flavors.

Also, the sausage must be smoked and made from pork (not chicken, turkey, etc.).

I like a soda with this. My favorite soda is Bigga Jamaica Kola, which you can purchase at our restaurant.

HOW TO DO IT

Put all ingredients in a large pot and cook over

medium heat for 30 to 45 minutes.

Serve over white rice. Precooked chicken or shrimp may be added to make this a complete meal.

This recipe makes 12 to 16 medium-sized bowls of soup or 8 to 10 as a main course.

INGREDIENTS

2 pounds smoked pork sausage links, casing removed and crumbled
2 green peppers, chopped
1 yellow onion, chopped



5 cups ketchup
30 ounces stewed tomatoes, canned
20 ounces tomato puree
¼ cup garlic powder
4 bay leaves
¾ quart water
2 tablespoons salt
1 tablespoon black pepper
Optional: cooked chicken or shrimp

kets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honemoon Oysters" with your honey. No

reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01)

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar,

858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes rang-

ing from *sfilatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. *Pizza puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interest-

ing regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

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MOVIE LISTINGS

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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 copper skin along with several square inches of skimpies. Woody Harrelson, Don Cheadle, Naomie Harris; directed by Brett Ratner. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; SANTEE DRIVE IN; VOGUE)

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



Closer

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. 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. With Val Kilmer, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Hopkins, Christopher Plummer. 2004.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

L'Auberge Espagnole — A French economics student goes to study for a year in Barcelona, shares an apartment with six other nationalities (a "Euro Pudding"), has plenty of spare time for tourism and *amour*. Cedric Klapisch communicates something of the richness of the experience, no thanks to the manic gimmickry of his direction. Romain Duris, Judith Godrèche, Audrey Tatou, Cecile De France, Kelly Reilly, Kevin Bishop. 2002.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/19, 2 P.M.)

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)

Blade Trinity — Third installment in the god-awful series about the preening and posturing vampire-hunter out of Marvel Comics. The previous installment at least had the curiosity of a slumming Guillermo del Toro at the helm. He, in the meantime, took his slumming elsewhere (*Hellboy*), leaving the scriptwriter of the first two installments, David S. Goyer, to assume command. If so gifted a filmmaker and so

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strong a personality as del Toro could make no (or little) difference, a novice will have no (or little) chance. Especially if the novice has been the man writing these god-awful scripts. The present one literally digs up the original Dracula (in Iraq, to be exact, "about six months ago"), now going by the name of Drake and looking rather like a skinhead soccer hooligan (Dominic Purcell), when he isn't shape-shifting into a gargoyle Lucifer. The lone-wolf hero, Blade, is joined for the occasion by an independent team of swaggering, swashbuckling vampire-hunters, calling themselves the Night Stalkers ("We were going to go with the Care Bears, but that was taken"), under the leadership of an *au courant* Kick-Ass Chick (Jessica Biel). This turns out to be the daughter of Blade's personal weapons manufacturer, wheezily played by Kris Kristofferson, who gets killed for the second time in three movies. (As that character was called Whistler, the new character would be Whistler's Daughter.) Right-hand man of the Kick-Ass Chick is a traditional Smart-Ass Sidekick (Ryan Reynolds), who lowers the tone another couple of octaves: "Unlike typical vampires," he says of the Parker Posey vampire, "her fangs are located in her vagina." 2004.

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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 sully 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 bargain,

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

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 Boto: trying to eat fruit cocktail with immobilized mandibles. And the sight of the middle-aged Jamie Lee Curtis in an itsy-bitsy bikini arouses admiration for her courage, if it arouses nothing else. With Dan Aykroyd, M. Emmet Walsh, Julie Gonzalo; directed by Joe Roth. 2004.

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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. (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. 2004.

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The Incredibles

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 diminished 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. 2004.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18)

Flight of the Phoenix — Remake of Robert Aldrich’s 1966 desert survival adventure, with Dennis Quaid and Giovanni Ribisi, directed by John Moore.

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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 peekaboo 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.

★★ (VOGUE)

House of Flying Daggers — Director Zhang Yimou follows up *Hero* with more martial-arts action, starring Zhang Ziyi, Andy Lau, Takeshi Kaneshiro.

(FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 12/17)

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

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The Polar Express

directed by Brad Bird. 2004.

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Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his 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 — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline 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

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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. 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. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events — Daniel Handler's children's books come to the screen, with Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep, Emily Browning, Liam Aiken, directed by Brad Silberling. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

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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.

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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, THROUGH 12/16; LA PALOMA, FROM 12/17)

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 unfamiliarity (is

he really like that?) harmonizes beautifully with his many discomfords: 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)

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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
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Horton Plaza 14

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LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

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La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Being Julia (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50;

Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:40; **Kinsey** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 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

Mira Mesa 18

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Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Alexander (R) Fri. 2:20, 6:10, 9:55; Sat.-Tue. 10:50, 2:40, 6:30, 10:25; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri. 1:05, 2:25, 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:20, 11:05; Sat.-Tue. 11:25, 1:05, 2:25, 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:20, 11:05; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri. 2:10, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Tue. 11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; **Closer** (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:05, 8:00, 10:50; Sat.-Tue. 11:35, 2:15, 5:05, 8:00, 10:50; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri. 2:05, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; Sat.-Tue. 11:30, 2:05, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri. 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:55; Sat.-Tue. 11:00, 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:55; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri. 12:40, 1:35, 3:30, 4:30, 6:35, 7:30, 9:35, 10:35; Sat.-Tue. 10:45, 12:40, 1:35, 3:30, 4:30, 6:35, 7:30, 9:35, 10:35; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. 12:35, 1:45, 3:25, 4:35, 6:25, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:55, 12:35, 1:45, 3:25, 4:35, 6:25, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15; Mon. 10:55, 12:35, 1:45, 3:25, 4:35, 6:25, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15; Tue. 10:55, 12:35, 1:45, 3:25, 4:35, 6:25, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Wed.-Thu. 10:30, 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri. 1:30, 4:45, 8:05, 11:10; Sat.-Tue. 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 8:05, 11:10; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri. 12:55, 1:40, 2:45, 4:00, 4:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10, 11:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:40, 11:40, 12:55, 1:40, 2:45, 4:00, 4:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10, 11:00; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri. 12:25, 1:25, 3:35, 4:25, 6:40, 7:35, 9:50, 10:45; Sat.-Tue. 10:30, 12:25, 1:25, 3:35, 4:25, 6:40, 7:35, 9:50, 10:45; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri. 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Sat.-Tue. 10:35, 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinera 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
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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. With Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Plummer. 2004.

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Ocean's Twelve — Steven Soderbergh's heist sequel with George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Julia Roberts, and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

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SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) **Overnight** (R) Thu. 9:45; **Seducing Dr. Lewis** (Not Rated) Thu. (4:45) 7:15; **A Tale of Two Sisters** (R) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00; **Testosterone** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (4:30) 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Bad Education** (NC-17) Wed.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15; **Kinsey** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10; **The Motorcycle Diaries** (R) Fri. (2:10, 5:10) 8:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 5:10) 8:10; Wed.-Thu. 8:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:10, 9:50; **A Very Long Engagement** (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; Wed.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 10:00

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EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:45) 7:30; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 11:40, 1:55, 2:25, 4:40, 5:10) 7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:40; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:00, 9:25; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 12:30, 2:10, 3:05, 4:50, 5:40) 7:30, 8:15, 10:10, 10:50; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:55, 4:50) 7:45, 10:40; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 11:20, 12:30, 1:00, 1:55, 2:15, 3:25, 4:05, 4:50, 5:10) 6:20, 7:10, 7:45, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15, 10:40, 11:00; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:50; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30)

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Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Tue. (11:50, 2:30, 5:10) 7:50, 10:10; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Tue. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 2:05) 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (11:10, 2:05) 4:50, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. (11:10, 2:05, 4:50) 7:45, 10:15; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20,

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Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Sat. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (10:30, 1:30) 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:35; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:20; Sat. (10:20, 1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (10:20, 1:00, 3:55) 7:05; Mon.-Tue. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:20; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:15; Sat. (10:10, 12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:15; Sun. (10:10, 12:30, 3:30) 6:30; Mon.-Tue. (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:15; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri. (12:40, 3:25) 6:25, 9:25; Sat. (10:00, 12:40, 3:25) 6:25, 9:25; Sun. (10:00, 12:40, 3:25) 6:25; Mon.-Tue. (12:40, 3:25) 6:25, 9:25; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:30; Sat.

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Jamacha Road **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. 9:30; **Blade: Trinity**

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**; **Christmas with the Kranks**; **Ocean's Twelve**; **After the Sunset**;

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Tue. 11:45 (2:30) 5:00, 6:00, 7:45, 9:00, 10:45; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45)

Palm Promenade 24

770 Demery Road (858-558-2262) **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events**; **Flight of the Phoenix**; **Spanglish**; **House of Flying Daggers**; **Closer**; **Ocean's Twelve**; **Blade Trinity**; **Alexander**; **Christmas with the Kranks**; **Finding Neverland**; **National Treasure**; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie**; **The Polar Express**; **Seed of Chucky**; **The Incredibles**; **Ray**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) **Alexander** (R) Fri.-Tue. 10:00; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:05, 11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:05, 7:50, 9:55, 10:40; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:45, 1:25, 4:20) 7:25, 10:05; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Tue. (10:25, 1:05, 3:30) 7:45, 10:25; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (10:15, 1:05, 3:45) 7:35, 10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:20, 1:15, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:00, 11:10, 2:15, 5:10, 12:45, 3:45) 6:55, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Wed. (10:30, 1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:50; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (10:10, 1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:05, 2:35, 4:00, 4:30, 5:15) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:05, 10:35; Mon.-Tue. (10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:05, 2:35, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:05, 10:35; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (10:50, 1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; **The Incredibles**; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:50, 4:35) 7:05, 9:40

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) **After the Sunset** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 2:15, 7:45; **The Grudge** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 4:15, 9:30; **Shark Tale** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 12:30, 6:00

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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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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



Sideways

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 exploitation, 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Seed of Chucky — Jennifer Tilly, playing herself, namely a chocolate-munching 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 Dourif; written and directed by Don Mancini. 2004.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Shark Tale — Subaqueous computer animation; or, *Finding Nemo's* Sunken

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CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

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POWAY

Poway 10

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Treasure. Not only is the plasticky 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 "effeminate," 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 Bibo Bergeron, Vicky Jenson, and Rob Letterman. 2004.

● (VOGUE)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two 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 bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous 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*

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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 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spanglish — Domestic comedy written and directed by James L. Brooks, with Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni, and Paz Vega. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10;

RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 12/17)

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie — Big-screen blowup of the Nickelodeon TV cartoon show, brain-child of writer-director Stephen Hillenburt. After a campy musical prologue with some live-action pirates, we are introduced to the ocean-floor community of Bikini Bottom; to the title character who looks as much like a block of Swiss cheese as like an O-Cel-O sponge (the rectangular pants, something like a step-in flower box, do not identify him either way); to his starfish pal, Patrick; to his boss, Eugene Krabs, owner of the Krusty Krab eatery, home of the Krabby Patty; and to the latter's envious business rival, a specimen of plankton who runs the unsuccessful Chum Bucket and steals the secret recipe of the Krabby Patty, along with the crown of King Neptune (exposing his bald spot and fragile ego), and frames the crab for the crime. It's up to Spongebob, the Krusty Krab's fry-cook who covets the position of manager in the newly opened Krusty Krab 2, to set things right. Is he *man* enough for the job, or is he just a *kid* who likes to blow bubbles and eat ice cream? A live-action David Hasselhoff comes to the rescue in a campy climax that balances the campy prologue. All of this is apt to sound viable enough in summary. The actual artwork, on the other hand, is willfully primitive, knowingly naive, or, without the equivocation, just plain lousy, and the voices are almost unanimously annoying. A newcomer to the terrain might be struck by the number of phallic shapes on parade. Phallic heads, phallic snouts, phallic appendages. The phallic eyes of the crab are

even covered, on and off, with roll-down condom-like eyelids (if that's the proper crustacean word). Such a newcomer may, even so, have a hard time convincing himself that this constitutes an appeal to the adult. The same may be said of the self-conscious mythicizing: the quest motif, the growth motif, the deliverance motif. Even that, in the aftermath of *Star Wars*, has become kids' stuff. No doubt there's a creative touch or two, possibly three: the sandwich car, one or two of the sea monsters. The rest is not quite all the way to appalling, but it's nearer that than amusing. 2004.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Tale of Two Sisters — Supernatural thriller from South Korea, directed by Kim Ji-woon. (KEN, 12/17 THROUGH 23)

A Very Long Engagement — First World War romantic drama starring Audrey Tautou and Gaspard Ulliel, directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/17)

Waking Life — An experimental feature shot in live action (by Richard Linklater) and then painted over via computer (by, or under, Bob Sabiston): neither fish nor fowl, though certainly fishy and possibly foul. The undulating, sloshing animation on top of the already unsteady camerawork is very hard on the eyes. And any added visual interest from this cinematic hybrid, or mutant, is actually a distraction from the droning verbalizations on fate, free will, existentialism, evolution, reincarnation, linguistics, the "ontology" of film, etc., spiced with literary allusions to Lorca, Lawrence, Stevenson, Mann, Kierkegaard, etc. — something like a semester's worth of highlights from a Philosophy major's bull sessions. The desultory narrative apparently depicts — we cannot be completely sure — the adventures in the afterlife of a laid-back slacker (Wiley Wiggins, from *Dazed and Confused*) who gets run over by a car. More precisely it depicts a vision of the afterlife as

an endless and uninterrupted sequence of dreams. A more precise title for the film, therefore: *Unwaking Death*. 2001.

● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/20, 6:30 P.M.)

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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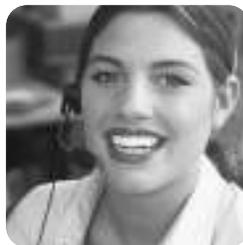
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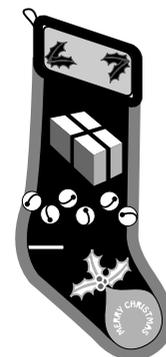
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Man, there's a lot that I don't talk to my parents about. I don't talk to them about my credit card debt; I spend a lot of money on my fiery Cuban-Irish girlfriend because she's an OC girl who enjoys the finer things. I have a really traditional Irish-Catholic family, so there are plenty of things that are taboo. It's gotten so that I can't even tell them that my bruises are from my girlfriend; my girl means well, but sometimes her passions get the best of her.



Nicole Mallory
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Sex. They know I'm not a virgin; I'm sure they know that in my years on this earth and in this life, I've had my share of sex. I'd rather talk to my parents about sex than the future. I'll talk to them about politics and worldly matters because they're open-minded people and they like to explore an issue before they make any decisions. Conversations get awkward when they start asking what I plan on doing with my life; that's the point in the phone call when I tell them, "Can you hear me now? I have to go; I've got water boiling and I think I left the iron on, or was it the oven...the house is going to burn down if I don't [go.] You're cutting out; I'm going through a tunnel. Love you, bye."



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Everything that matters to me. Our conversations tend to fall into mundane, everyday kind of stuff. Growing up, we'd have good, open chitchat; my mother was always the person who I could talk to about almost everything. I don't really feel like there's a lot that I couldn't talk to my mother and stepfather about, but there's that piece of yourself that you have to keep for yourself; all your selfish and sometimes childish desires, impulses, and feelings that everyone has. I don't think people always act on these deep feelings because it's hard to transcend to that deeper level of connection on an everyday basis. Maybe that's why I'm in the business of travel; I like to be outside of conventional surroundings because that's when you learn the most about yourself.



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As a kid, my understanding was that I could speak to my mother about anything; by nature, she's a very open person. The paradox that her openness presented conflicted with my adolescent instinct to rebel. The most simple act of rebellion that most youths become reliant upon is the ability to shock authority with their frankness or callousness. Since I knew that there wasn't anything that I could say that would shock my mother, it conversely made me more and more hesitant so that the only open act of rebellion that I could make was silence. The conversations I've had with my father have revolved predominantly on a very surface-level of communication, which might be inherent to his lack of education. He talks to me about his aches and pains. He tells me that his neck hurts and I leave it at that.

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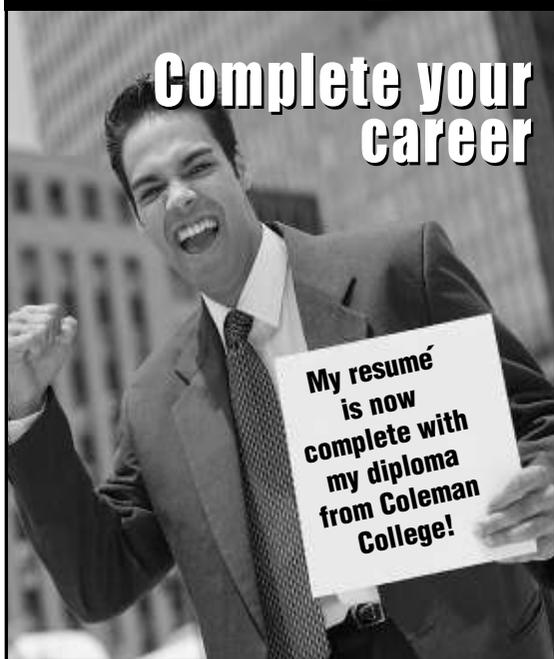
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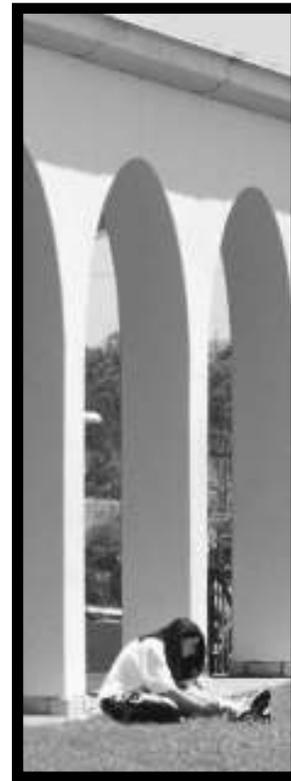


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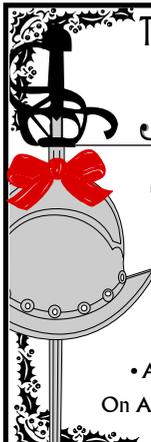
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19. As a friend: Fr.
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36. Doesn't nix
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38. Gorillalike
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48. Halloween buys
49. Anatomical tissue
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53. Flat hat
54. Has-____ (over-the-hillers)
55. Clinton, Bush or Kerry
57. Cargo measure
58. This puzzle's theme
63. Costar of Barrymore and Diaz in "Charlie's Angels"
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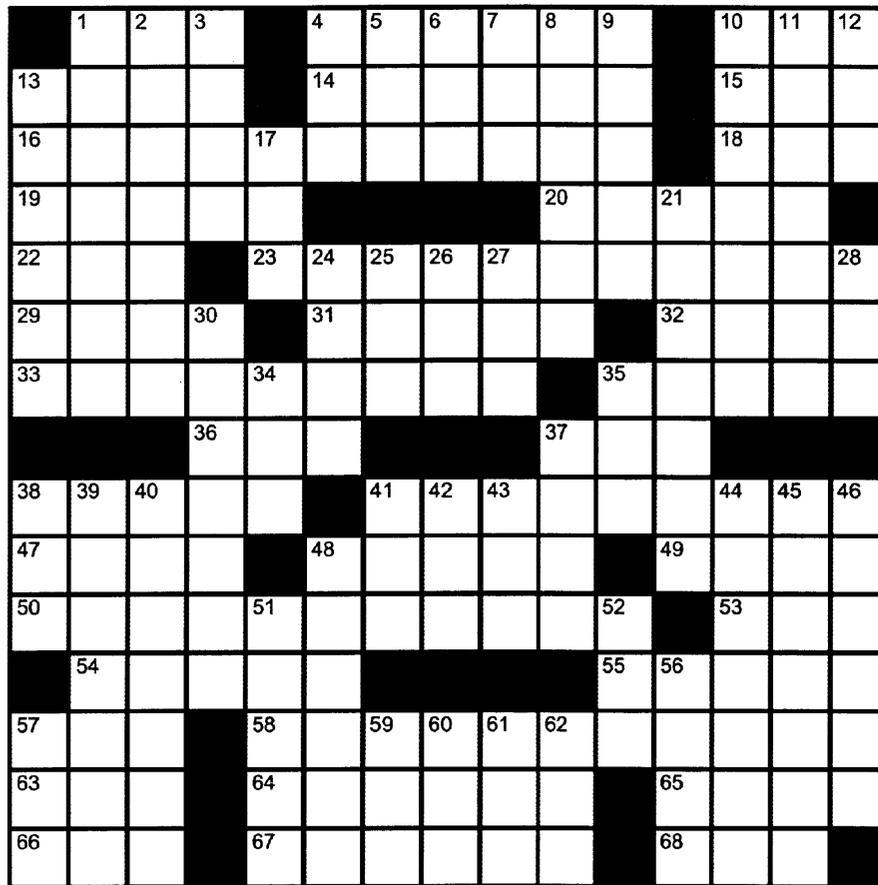
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2. Giuliani, for one
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17. What a swish shot doesn't touch

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27. Goof
28. Word of assent
30. Attic use
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37. Play group?
38. Haw's partner
39. Very hot
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51. Divided
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1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 12/9/04.

Of the 93 entrants, 90 were correct. The winners are:

1. Greg Thurston, San Diego
2. Laura White, San Diego
3. Helen Shove, San Diego
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5. Oliver Obispo, San Diego

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WOMEN OF QUALITY VALUES wants successful entrepreneur, nonsmoker, 5'10"+, 49-59, for the best fulfillment ever. Me: 5'4, 5'5", great shape. (12/29) ☎33739

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SEARCHING FOR SOUL MATE. 50+, nonsmoker. 46, healthy, romantic, humorous, loving. Enjoy conversation, dining, walks, more. You: man of quality. Let's get together and talk. (12/22) ☎33712

HOLIDAY CHEER, MISTLETOE! 32, 5'4", professional, curvy, happy, fun, affectionate, caring, active woman seeks nice guy, 29-43, educated, nonsmoking, honest, upbeat, communicative, for sincere relationship. (12/22) ☎33734

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. (12/29) ☎33760

LATIN LADY, PETITE, 40. Seeking sincere, honest male for dating. Must be passionate, caring, single, humorous, gentle. Military OK, salsa OK. Emotionally stable with morals. (12/29) ☎33738

BLONDE, BIKINI LOOKS, 5'8", 135lbs., classy lady. Seeking 45-55, single white male, 5'10"-6'4", financially secure, homeowner, handsome. Genuine dates, fun, romance, trips. (12/29) ☎33751

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, fruitful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual, nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (12/22) ☎33740

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ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, sports, great conversations. Seeking outgoing professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter and exploring the city. (12/22) ☎33732

EDUCATED, INTELLIGENT, fun-loving Italian. Seeking healthy widower, working/semiretired professional, professor, doctor, attorney, late 50s/mid-60s for potentially serious long-term relationship. Nonsmoking. (12/29) ☎33740

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SWEET, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., health care professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, generous, upscale, compatible, financially stable, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (12/29) ☎33757

LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE. Ready to be met with love, affection, flowers, kisses, sushi, sunsets and intelligent conversation. (12/29) ☎33743

VERY ATTRACTIVE, 55, 5'3", blonde, 110lbs., athletic. Seeking attractive, well

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groomed, 5'10"-6', trim, Caucasian, European, Spanish, 58-65, humorous, dancing, travel, dining, movies, enjoy the holidays. (12/29) ☎33749

DARK HAIR, deep brown eyes, olive skin, slender, 5'3", youthful, 50, loves dancing, moonlight nights, water, nature. Looking for male, fit, active, youthful, attractive, nonsmoker. (12/22) ☎33725

YOUNG MAN WANTED for Christmas, age 25-40s. Young 50-year, attractive woman seeks a handsome man to spoil and be spoiled. Lots of love. (12/22) ☎33722

PACIFIC BEACH AVERAGE lady wants to meet an average man. I am 52, 5'3", 125lbs. My interests are pie, ice cream, chocolate, mental health. (12/29) ☎33745

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NORTH COUNTY, young 58, brown/blue, slender, varied interests, stable, reliable, and loving. Looking for my match for long-term relationship. (12/22) ☎33383

EAST COUNTY, RETIRED, 68, nice guy, like cruises, car trips, movies, walks. I am healthy, active, trim, looking for a nice lady. (12/29) ☎33417

LOW MAINTENANCE BLACK gentleman, easygoing, impeccable manners and character, sports, music, outdoors. Seeking white female, same interests, honest, humorous, spontaneous, emotionally available. Long-term relationship. (12/22) ☎33366

TALL, ROMANTIC, ROGUISH tenor, with a sort of macho attitude, seeks sensuous, 40-something woman. A published writer and opera singer. Let's start some fires! (12/29) ☎33415

I WOULD LIKE to meet an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (12/22) ☎33378

ROMANTIC, YOUNG, 63, East County, very fit, nonsmoker, nice guy, imagine Richard Dreyfuss. Share life, love, music, dining, movies, ideas. Seeking curvy, 5'5"ish, soul mate. (12/29) ☎33421

BLACK RETIRED MARINE with all the right stuff. Looking for an intelligent, attractive woman, 5'5"+. (12/29) ☎33426

CAREGIVER, SWEET, WHITE, 39 and strong. Wanting white or Mexican. Age, weight doesn't matter. You enjoy loving, movies, walks and picnics. North County area. (12/22) ☎33385

GENTLEMAN, KIND, 50s, into live music, indie films, basketball, eats all, languages. Are you related to Scarlet Begonias, 45-60? Let's listen to the music play. (12/22) ☎33393

U.S. EXECUTIVE, 58, college, no drugs/smoking, considerate, romantic. Seeking Hispanic woman, bilingual, at-

tractive, slender, 5'5'6", 30-40 years old, no children at home, for travel, dining, and fun. (12/29) ☎33395

NICE GUY, 53, SEEKING nice girl, 46-50, slender, active, nonsmoker, playful, love music, animals, laughter, for warm, romantic, passionate relationship, friendship, partnership. Call now. (12/22) ☎33392

SINGLE MOM OF SMALL CHILD? Executive, engineer, MBA, 42, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, well-dressed, handsome Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality, son is 6. (12/29) ☎33425

CAN SING, DANCE, WALK, talk, smile and cry; alone or with the right lady this Christmas. Me: I'm 5'9", 64, open minded, and open hearted. (12/29) ☎33410

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 30-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (12/29) ☎33403

SEEKING ORIENT: Asian young lady wanted by tall, educated professional male, I have no baggage. For dancing, romancing, friendship, dining, dating, exciting things, possibly more. (12/29) ☎33412

OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", self assured, honest, playful, positive, kind, giver, romantic. Seeking good friend for quality fun, theater, movies, dining, walks, weekend getaways, nonsmoker. (12/29) ☎33380

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. (12/29) ☎33418

ANY ITALIAN LADIES out there? I'm 53, successful, creative, fit, funny, well-traveled and a great cook. Seeking smart, petite, considerate, witty lady, 42-53. (12/22) ☎33390

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older female sought by tall, attractive, white male, 53. I'm warm, loving, affectionate, financially secure, unencumbered. Enjoy dining, culture, music, romance, intimacy. (12/22) ☎33358

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 7 years. 46 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (12/29) ☎33402

FULFILLING LIFE PARTNER. Seeking spirited, interesting, genuine, playful, active, fit, good looking, 25-40, commitment, family. I: energetic, loving, playful, tactive, holistic health, athletic, caring, appreciative. (12/29) ☎33423

58-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for female in North County, nonsmoker, good person, sense of humor, happy with herself, non-stress person, just life myself. (12/22) ☎33386

65+, ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC male seeks healthy, stable, special lady for quality time. (12/29) ☎33400

ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 37, financially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music, sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (12/22) ☎33370

WELL, THIS WILL BE interesting. Am I ready? Are you ready? Call and let's find out. (12/29) ☎33406

SENIOR GENTLEMAN. Very active, tired of being alone. Ready for a long, fun-filled relationship. Please no grumpies. (12/29) ☎33419

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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. (12/29) ☎33401

THROW DOWN YOUR BRAINS and come out drooling! Sensual beer drinking vegetarian. Spiritual interests, wild side. Pisces. 55, 6', 150lbs., bald, single, stable, monogamous, clean. (12/22) ☎33365

TALL, HANDSOME WHITE MALE, father, very young 60ish, La Mesa. Seeking available, attractive, feminine woman for intimate, romantic evenings, cocktails, soft music, hugs, kisses, me. (12/22) ☎33368

OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", self assured, honest, playful, positive, kind, giver, romantic. Seeking good friend for quality fun, theater, movies, dining, walks, weekend getaways, nonsmoker. (12/22) ☎33380

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. (12/29) ☎33418

ANY ITALIAN LADIES out there? I'm 53, successful, creative, fit, funny, well-traveled and a great cook. Seeking smart, petite, considerate, witty lady, 42-53. (12/22) ☎33390

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older female sought by tall, attractive, white male, 53. I'm warm, loving, affectionate, financially secure, unencumbered. Enjoy dining, culture, music, romance, intimacy. (12/22) ☎33358

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 7 years. 46 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (12/29) ☎33402

FULFILLING LIFE PARTNER. Seeking spirited, interesting, genuine, playful, active, fit, good looking, 25-40, commitment, family. I: energetic, loving, playful, tactive, holistic health, athletic, caring, appreciative. (12/29) ☎33423

58-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for female in North County, nonsmoker, good person, sense of humor, happy with herself, non-stress person, just life myself. (12/22) ☎33386

65+, ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC male seeks healthy, stable, special lady for quality time. (12/29) ☎33400

ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN, 37, financially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music, sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (12/22) ☎33370

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LIKE HARLEYS AND TATTOOS. I'm looking for you, good hearted biker. Looking for fit nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (12/22) ☎33361

TRAVEL, ROMANCE! Sean Conroy look alike, athletic, communicative, monogamous, 61. Seeking down to earth, fit woman for sharing, laughing, good conversation, emotional intimacy, camping, hiking. (12/29) ☎33411

HONEST, WHITE GENTLEMAN, 5'9", 160lbs., kind, considerate, caring and humorous, vibrant, good health, nonsmoker, clean cut, intelligent, romantic, loving. Seeking a slim lady, under 120lbs. (12/22) ☎33374

YOUTHFUL 75, SHARING LIFE, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversation, with compassionate, nonsmoking, healthy lady. Radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking lady for sharing. (12/22) ☎33388

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures, ice cream, simple pleasures of life. You: somewhat attractive, one-to-one relationship. (12/22) ☎33362

Merry Christmas!

Strong, gentle and tender professional man, 6'2", 205lbs., mid-50s. Seeking warm, understanding lady to cherish and respect and for committed relationship. Merry Xmas! (12/29) ☎33422

THE LOVE YOU TAKE is equal to the love you make. Pursuing an independent, articulate, athletic, spunky, petite brunette, 36-45, travel, tennis, arts, genuine communication. (12/22) ☎33391

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TALL, ROMANTIC professional, 6'4", 52, well educated, open minded, spiritual, romantic, skier, sailor. Seeking one special woman for fulfilling relationship. Let's grow together. 92101. (12/22) ☎33371

ENTREPRENEUR, SUCCESSFUL, financially secure, homeowner, tall, handsome, fit, virile, widower. Has everything! Seeking fun lady, 49-65, attractive, playful, affectionate, curvaceous, dates, dancing, romance, exciting trips. (12/29) ☎33405

BLACK MALE, 6'. Looking for friendship, maybe more with tall, plus-size female, Hispanic or Caucasian. Pleasant personality and be career-oriented. Love big woman. (12/22) ☎33363

ROMANTIC LOOKING FOR LOVE, 49, 5'6". Construction worker desires friendly, honest, sincere lady who enjoys outdoors, travel; for lasting relationship. Age/race not important. (12/22) ☎33367

DIVORCED PROFESSIONAL, attractive Caucasian, homeowner, to meet 60-year-old Caucasian Barbie, plastic or not, to share quiet and not so quiet fun times. (12/22) ☎33394

TURBOCHARGED, OUTDOORS type, 57, 5'11", 165lbs., blue eyes, with hair, enjoy swimming, cycling, running, movies, dining, hiking. Seeking loving relationship with nonsmoking, slender lady. (12/22) ☎33381

MUSICIAN SEEKS MUSICIAN or singer or songwriter. Tall, 40s, fun, passionate, hiking, exploring, travel, good communi-

cation, positive attitude, good life. (12/29) ☎33397

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! (12/22) ☎33379

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. (12/22) ☎33382

OPEN MINDED WANTING SAME. Caucasian, 62, slender, wanting to meet lady to 65, who enjoys wearing heels, nylons, dresses, for travel and intimate times. (12/22) ☎33387

Happy Holidayze

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LA JOLLA INVESTOR, 6'3", 190lbs., handsome, athletic, 38. Looking for younger beauty with brains. Please enjoy travel, dining, sports, adventure. Lets have lunch, dinner or? (12/29) ☎33413

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CLAIREMONT. \$650 negotiable. Share 2 bedroom condo. Great location, parking, canyon view. Most pets OK. Washer/dryer, completely upgraded (carpet, appliances, etc.). Available. Tracy, 505-301-0314.

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CLAIREMONT. \$665. Room in 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Large yard, on canyon, nice neighborhood, great house. Washer/dryer, fireplace, hardwood floors, weight room. 858-270-0811; 619-235-2415, x28809.

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CLAIREMONT. \$620, 1/4 utilities, \$600 deposit. Cool 1960s-mod home. 2 patios, jacuzzi, bar, billiards, washer/dryer, gardener, parking. No smoking. Available now. 619-980-1196.

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CORONADO. \$650, includes utilities and cable. Large room for rent. Share bathroom. Washer/dryer. Off-street parking. No smoking/pets. 619-522-9983; 619-519-9983.

DEL MAR, EAST. \$695, 1/2 utilities. Private bath, own phone. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, sauna, tennis, resort-style

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ENCINITAS. \$575, plus deposit, and 1/4 utilities. Share 4 bedroom spacious home in beautiful neighborhood. Nonsmoker. References. Available January 1. Frank, 760-525-5663.

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LA COSTA. \$600. Male preferred. Bedroom overlooking pool, private bath, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi. Washer/dryer, 1/3 utilities. 10 minutes beach. Sean, 760-822-7447; 760-929-8648.

LA COSTA. \$650, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Bedroom/private bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet neighborhood. Nonsmoking/pets. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. Larry, 760-929-0353.

LA COSTA. Large townhouse. Private bedroom with patio, private bath. Fireplace, garage, pool, spa, cable. \$750, utilities included. No smoking. Clean, quiet. 858-205-3707.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$650, includes utilities. Gated community. Large master bedroom, private bath. Includes kitchen, laundry room. Female only. No pets, drugs, smoking. 760-929-0502; 619-235-2415, x20229.

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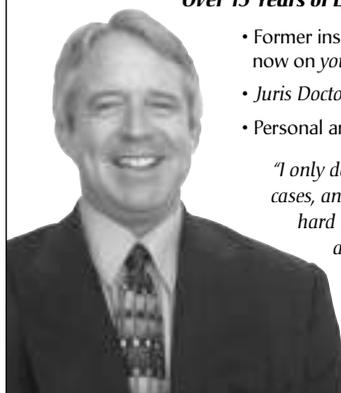
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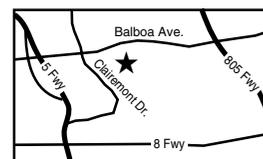
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OCEAN BEACH. \$1350. Large, 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Appliances, large closets, off-street parking, laundry on site. Nonsmoking. No pets. Quiet residential area. 858-457-3905.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. Clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Large closet. New carpet. Laundry. Parking. Garden courtyard. Quiet. Sorry, no pets or smoking. 619-224-4552.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Close to beach. Laundry on site. No pets. Available mid-January. 4972 Narragansett Avenue. kandrproperties.com, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, \$1025. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1400. 1/2 off first month! Close to beach. New carpet, ceramic tile and all appliances. Gated community, courtyard setting, laundry, parking and more! Cats OK, no dogs. 4955 Narragansett. 619-226-3171, www.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, \$975. \$200 off first month! Close to beach. Gated community, laundry, parking, bike room and more! 4929 Del Monte Avenue. Cats OK, no dogs. 619-221-8158. www.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1000. Spacious newly remodeled 1 bedroom. Close to beach. New carpet, ceramic tile, and all appliances. Gated community. Courtyard setting. Laundry. Parking. And more! Cats OK. No dogs. 619-226-3171. www.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. Newly remodeled studios from \$825. 2 bedroom, \$1350. \$250 off first month! 1 block to beach! Gated community, sparkling heated pool, spa, sauna, recreation room, exercise room, laundry, parking and more! Available now! Cats OK, no dogs. 4975 Del Monte. 619-221-8158. www.rasnyder.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1225. deposit \$1225. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Dishwasher, laundry in complex, off-street parking. Blocks to beach. No pets. 4838 Santa Cruz #C. Available now. www.timcassidy.com. 619-275-2525.

OCEANSIDE. \$825-\$895. Large 2 bedroom apartments. Garages available. Newer building, 3 blocks beach. Laundry. New carpet/paint. 501-523 South Cleveland Street. Available immediately. 760-439-6226.

OCEANSIDE. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Completely remodeled. Washer/dryer. Carlsbad school district. Pool, 1-car garage, backyard. Near beach. Close to I-78. 760-217-3099.

OCEANSIDE. \$1095. Large 2 bedroom apartment located 3 blocks from the ocean. Many recent upgrades including carpet and vinyl, microwave and ceiling fans. Secure off-street parking, laundry on site. Easy access to I-5. Manager, 760-529-0991.

OCEANSIDE. \$865. Spacious 1 bedrooms. Private yards/balconies. Great location. Pool. Laundry. Barbecue. Free garage, gas utilities, heat. Large closets. No pets. 760-757-4641.

OCEANSIDE. Incredible views! 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1-car garage plus a space. Totally upgraded. \$1695. Washer/dryer. Available now. 2-pets allowed. 760-505-5278.

OCEANSIDE. \$1495/deposit, 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 2 story. Vaulted ceiling. Courtyard. 2 car garage. Close to 76. 104 Avenida Las Brisas. 760-580-1915; 760-580-6002.

OCEANSIDE. \$700. Large, remodeled studio. Nice, quiet, small complex. 1 mile/beach. Secure parking. No pets. Near Oceanside Boulevard and I-5. 1973 Apple Street. 760-754-1708.

OCEANSIDE. 1 and 2 bedrooms in newly remodeled complex. Must see! Walking distance to beach. Laundry. Gated community. Garages available. Starting at \$850. 760-445-2242.

OCEANSIDE. \$1895. 4 miles to beach. Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Resort-style yard. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, gardener. No smoking/pets. 760-433-4273.

OCEANSIDE. \$1025. Large 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartments. Move-in special! Newly renovated. Single garage. Near beach. Coin operated laundry. 510 North Freeman Street. 760-433-3030.

OCEANSIDE. Now renting! Beautiful, quiet senior community in Oceanside. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$740. Recreation room with many scheduled activities. On site

maintenance. Intercom entry. Close to shopping/freeways. 960 Vine Street. 760-967-0999.

OCEANSIDE. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Near beach, downtown. Fresh paint, new carpet. Spacious, upstairs, ocean view. Well kept. 4 unit complex. Garage available. \$1200. 760-889-6664.

OCEANSIDE. \$2383/month with 12-month lease! Luxury, 2800-square-foot! 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-story townhome. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, 2-car garage. New appliances, carpet. Freshly painted. Pool. Jacuzzi. Lagoon view. Private yard with barbecue. 760-721-2802.

OCEANSIDE. \$795, partial utilities included. Great, centrally located, 1 bedroom, 1 bath single story apartment, close to beach. On-site laundry. IPMG, 760-967-4764.

OCEANSIDE. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$845/\$865. 2 bedroom, 2 bath (dual master), view, fireplace, \$1215. Pool, spa, barbecue, laundry, gated. Quiet. Cat OK. 760-439-5728.

OCEANSIDE. 1 bedrooms from \$875. 2 bedroom, 1 baths from \$1040. Gated, quiet, patios, pool and jacuzzi, dishwasher, microwave. 760-439-3588, www.rasnyder.com.

OCEANSIDE. \$850, 1 bedroom, \$1020, 2 bedroom, \$300 off first month! Open house Sunday 9am-3pm. Fantastic property near beach/shopping! Spacious apartments. Covered parking. On-site laundry. Cat OK, 700 Carey Road. 760-757-8581. www.rasnyder.com.

OLD TOWN. Charming 1 bedroom, condo. Fireplace, air conditioning, free cable, balcony, laundry facilities, secured parking. Small pet OK. 1-year lease. \$1375. 619-203-1355 or 619-297-5217.

OLD TOWN. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex available now. Garage, yard and laundry included. Cat OK, 4120 Twigg Street. Off Juan Street. Orion Property Group, 619-749-6545.

OLD TOWN. \$825, utilities included. 1 bedroom cottage. Parking. 2365-1/2 Lincoln Avenue. No pets. Available now. Agent, 619-295-6005.

OLD TOWN. \$650-\$695. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoses on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

OLD TOWN. \$790. Large 1 bedroom, lower unit, view, new carpet, all utilities paid. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. 2069-1/2 San Diego Avenue. Available now. Leave message, 858-270-9086.

OLD TOWN. \$1025. Large 2 bedroom, lower unit, off-street parking, on-site laundry, large patio. 2085 San Diego Avenue. Available now. Leave message, 858-270-9086.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. Charming 1 bedroom, woody, upstairs duplex, near beach and bay. Fireplace, balcony with view, laundry. Excellent throughout. Must see! 4263 Haines. 858-272-1993.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1161 Felspar, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. No pets. \$1595. tis@san.rr.com. 858-272-6226.

PACIFIC BEACH. Ask about no deposits! Resort-style living. Studios, 1, 2 bedrooms starting at \$865, \$1035, \$1450. Heated pool, 2 jacuzzis, saunas. Weight rooms. Tennis clinics. Basketball. Aerobics. Clubhouse. Play area. Laundry facilities. Heat/air. Cat OK. Great location. Bay Pointe Apartments, 3866 Ingraham Street. 888-759-7435. www.sdreader.com/rent/2081.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location, 1 block Sail Bay, 4 ocean. Storage room, open beam ceilings, laundry hookups. 1253 Oliver. 619-294-8737.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$775. Nice furnished and unfurnished studios. Quiet, friendly complex. Laundry room available. Off-street parking. Close to beach. 858-490-0374.

PACIFIC BEACH. Spacious 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom apartments in small complex. \$1050-\$1450/month includes water and trash. On-site laundry. 1361 Felspar Street. Available now! Call Chris at 858-490-2727 x350.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 650 square feet. Close to bay. On site laundry. Water/trash included. No pets. Security deposit special. 858-273-2623.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1450. Gated, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking spaces, new

paint, carpet. No pets/smoking. Year lease. \$1450 deposit. Available now. Hal, 949-933-3087.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 3 blocks to beach. Washer/dryer. Parking. No pets/smoking. Available now. 1026 Emerald #3. 619-523-5036.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$950. Upper 1 bedroom apartment. Garage available. Recently renovated, tile floors, counters, dishwasher, microwave, large closets, security complex, laundry room, 12-month lease. Cats OK. Available 1/10/05. 1955 Thomas. 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Covered secure parking, near pool, tennis court. One year lease. Available now. Plaza Condominiums. No pets. 858-454-7660.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. Pets OK. Large 2 bedroom, deck, wood floors, recently renovated, laundry, block to bay. Available 1/1/05. \$1900. Internet included. 4005 Riviera Drive. www.geocities.com/rivieraapartments/. Brian, 858-442-7873.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$3995. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath penthouse condo with bonus room! 180-degree views! 1660 square feet. Granite countertops. Underground parking, 3868 Riviera Drive #48. Love Property Management, 619-379-4448.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2399. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 3rd floor. Sail Bay views! Fireplace, Balcony, Pool, 3920 Riviera Drive #M. Love Property Management, 619-379-4448.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BAY. \$3399. Luxury 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Bayfront condo with view, 1900 square feet with fireplace. Granite counters. Custom cabinets. Spa tub. Patio. Pool. 2-car parking. cupprys@realty-specialists.com. Love Property Management, 619-379-4448.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$3000. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse condo. Bay/night-light views from every room! Pool. Jacuzzi. Weight room. 3991 Crown Point Drive #P16. Love Property Management, 619-379-4448.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Block and a half to beach. Clean, bright. Ceiling fans, dishwasher, on-site laundry. No pets. 858-273-3233.

PACIFIC BEACH. Coldwell Banker Property Management has rentals available in Pacific Beach and North Park in January and February. For information call 858-488-2228.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$975/1 year lease. Recently remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry. Near bay. Cat OK. 4040 Lamont. Available 1/1. 858-273-7140.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment near beach. Quiet fourplex. No pets. Stove, refrigerator. 962 Wilbur Avenue. 619-275-2858.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$960. Quiet, upstairs 1 bedroom, 8 blocks to ocean. Remodeled. Hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator. Laundry choice. Available now. Cat OK. 1570 Hornblend. 858-232-9932.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1275. Immaculate 2 bedroom in quiet complex near ocean and Tourmaline Beach. Spacious unit has dishwasher, laundry and assigned off-street parking (tandem for 2). Will consider indoor cat. Drive by 1038 Turquoise. Move in special: Take occupancy by beginning January, receive \$200 off first month. Rent plus \$700 moves you in. Crown Management Broker. 858-454-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1325. Downstairs 2 bedroom apartment. Garage available. Recently renovated, tile floors, counters, dishwasher, microwave, large closets, security complex, laundry room, lease. Cats OK. 1955 Thomas. 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom duplex, \$950. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath duplex, \$1250. New carpet in 2 bedroom. Parking, quiet for both. 858-756-1296.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, minutes to beach, close to Grand and Garnet. 4424 Olney. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1250, villa with private patio. 2 blocks from beach, upper unit, laundry, pool, no pets. 930 Thomas Street #29. CCPM, 858-270-1619.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, new carpet, paint, new refrigerator, vaulted ceiling, large living room, patio, 1 underground parking. 4600 Lam-

ont #4-318. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900 x107.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, new carpet, paint, new refrigerator, new stove, dishwasher, microwave, pool, 2 underground parking. 4090 Fanuel #2D. Penny Realty 858-272-3900 x107.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$850. Studios and 1 bedrooms, pool, parking, couple of blocks to the beach. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900 x107.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with 1 parking. Penny Realty, 858-272-3900 x107.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 850 square feet, skylight, garden window in dining room, has view of Sea World fireworks. Quiet. Balcony over a cul-de-sac. 1 parking space. Coin laundry room with 6 washers, 6 dryers. Available 1/1/05. 4750 Noyes, #221. Call 858-272-3900.

PACIFIC BEACH. Ask about manager's specials! Low deposits from \$550! Gated. Lush courtyard. Huge 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1050! Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Barbecues. Clubhouse. Covered, garage parking. Bike trail. Near bay, beach, freeway, La Jolla. Cat friendly! Pacific at Mission Bay, 2636 Grand. 1-866-815-6570. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1049.

PACIFIC BEACH. Crown Point. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful and spacious bayfront condo. Huge (1625 square feet). Bay view. Cat OK. 3940 Gresham Street. 858-405-4205.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great beach rental. \$1600/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to beach. Small patio/grassy area. Laundry facilities (shared). Pets OK. 858-775-2222.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1 bedroom. \$850. Near bay. 4021 Lamont Street. Upstairs unit. No pets. Laundry facility on-site. Off-street parking. Available 1/8/05. Call Manager, 858-274-1446 or email beaueventvibe@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2250. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Appliances. Large private patio. Coin laundry. Gated parking. Available now. 4465 Ocean Boulevard. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Large, upstairs condo. Appliances. Laundry hook-ups. Garage plus space. Fireplace, balcony. No pets. Available 12/15. 960 Sapphire. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. Large, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. 2-car garage. Yard/garden. Quiet residential area. Walk to bay/beach. Laundry. 1436 Oliver Avenue. 858-271-1541.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, downstairs. Appliances. Coin laundry. Parking. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 1/15/05. 2154 Reed. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1175. 1 bedroom. Upstairs, remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Private balcony. Coin laundry. Parking. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. No pets. Available 1/10/05. 950 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Cottage style townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, fireplace. Washer/dryer in unit. Private patio. Parking. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 1/10/05. 1784 Diamond. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1100. 1 bedroom. Large, remodeled apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Coin laundry. Pool. No pets. 2 blocks to Tourmaline Surf Park. 812 Tourmaline. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1000. \$1000 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to beach. Stove. Refrigerator. Parking space. Pet friendly. 4873-1/2 Cass. 310-831-2379.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. Block to ocean. \$1040-\$1080. Lovely 1 bedroom cottage, remodeled, custom tile, dishwasher, dual-pane, garden windows, fan, gray Berber. 851 Diamond. Appointment, 858-270-0214.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper unit. Laundry facility. Parking. Storage locker. Common patio.

Quiet complex. No pets. Open daily, 8-6pm. 1537 Missouri Street, #7. 858-270-4674.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500 condo, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Brand new remodel, contemporary. Hardwood, granite, travertine, pool, parking, recreation room, more. No pets. Available 12/1. 2266 Grand. 858-272-8024.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1025. 1 bedroom. Remodeled, downstairs, large apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, coin laundry, parking, pool. No pets. Available 12/25. 1433 Oliver. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome in 3-plex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Twin master suites. Parking. Ask about pet. 6 blocks to ocean, 1 block to bay. Available 1/10. 1358 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, downstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator, private patio, garage space, coin laundry. 2-1/2 blocks to ocean. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Available 12/20. 945 Chalcedony. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath. Third floor, deck view. No pets. 6-month lease. 4467 Dawes. 858-483-4553.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1/2 off first month's rent! Newly renovated. Hardwood floors, new carpet. Near beach and bay. Coin laundry. Parking. 2201 Grand Avenue. 858-483-1095 or 858-571-1970. Sunriseliving.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, new carpet, new flooring, great location, must see, 2120 Grand Avenue. 858-597-6100 x321.

PACIFIC BEACH. A+ new maple kitchens! Studios: \$788/up. Tropical, parking, pool, laundry. Holiday deals and more. Cat OK. 858-536-1900.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. Large 1 bedroom courtyard setting. Stop by 4418 Bond #3. If interested call 619-226-7368.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900/\$750. 1 bedroom apartment. Garage parking, on-site laundry, large bedroom. No pets. 1345 Grand Avenue #A. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1200. Deposit \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit in North Pacific Beach. Quiet neighborhood. Small complex. Street parking. No pets. Available now. 1541 Chalcedony Street. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Private front and rear yards. Near beach, bay, freeways. Pets negotiable. 6-month lease. 858-354-3464.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1095/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Refinished hardwood floors, granite countertops, located in a beautiful lush garden-courtyard setting. Ceramic tile bath with glass shower doors. 1 off-street parking space, gated entry, laundry room on site. 2013 Grand Avenue. Matt, 619-725-3642.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. Just steps to the bay! Assigned parking, sparkling pool, laundry and more. 1327 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-581-1882.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2195. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Quiet neighborhood. Private patio. Wet bar. Washer/dryer. 2 fireplaces. Appliances. 1932 Missouri #3. Available now. 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1550-\$2295. Luxury 2 and 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouses. Attached garage. Available now. Includes refrigerator, microwave, stove, dishwasher, fireplace, washer/dryer hookups. 1760 Diamond Street. Ask about no deposit! 619-223-0254; 858-273-5525.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Upstairs studio. 1 block to beach. Basic utilities included. Coin laundry, parking. No pets. 4702 Mission Boulevard. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$825. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ground floor apartment. Coin laundry. Close to I-5. No pets. 2220 Garnet Avenue. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartment. Coin laundry, parking. Close to bay. No pets. 2138 Thomas Avenue. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Studio. Steps to beach. Parking. Basic utilities included. No pets. 865 Grand Avenue. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000. Gorgeous, spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath contemporary townhome. 1500+ square feet. Travertine floors, granite in kitchen, dishwasher, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, parking. Small pet considered. 1712 Grand Avenue. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath ground floor apartment. Garage available. Close to bay. Coin laundry. No pets. 2128 Thomas Avenue #2. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. From \$1800. Move-in special! 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer. Parking. No pets. Available now. 1749 Reed Avenue. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

PACIFIC BEACH. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath available first of December on tree-lined street. Controlled access building, laundry on site, parking and 1 garage space. No pets/smoking. \$1475 and up. Call for more detail, 858-866-0867.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, upstairs, \$1300/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$1175/month. Laundry. No pets. Blane Realty, 619-846-8754.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus den. \$300 off first month's rent! Townhome, fireplace, Pet OK. Sapphire Street. Agent, 619-692-4121.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome. Washer/dryer in unit, all appliances. 1.5 blocks to beach. 830 Missouri #4. Available now. \$2400. 619-237-1364.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom. \$1175. Renovated. New bathroom. Tile floor. Off-street parking. Laundry. Great location. Dogs OK. Available 1/3. 2161 Garnet. 619-254-3686.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2495. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Gated entry. Quiet. Storage. Garage. Washer/dryer. Fireproof. New floors/appliances. 1917 Felspar. Close to all. 858-243-6615.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1000. Live near the beach. Sparkling clean. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment with garage space. Refurbished. New carpet, tile. Laundry. 1053 Sapphire. 858-454-7691.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1500. Very private, 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. New carpet, new paint. Patio. Great location. Westbourne Company Realtors. 858-488-4800.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1400. Plaza Condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace. Gated community; parking, tennis, pool, spa, gym. 1801 Diamond Street. America's Finest City Realty, 619-846-7156.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets. Small back patio. Carpet. Paint. Laundry. Quiet. Walk to beach. 2011 Diamond Street. Agent, 619-275-3455.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1450. Large, nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. Fireplace. Parking. New carpet/paint. Dishwasher. Balcony. Laundry. 1623 Oliver Avenue #D. Agent, 619-275-3455.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 1/2 off first month's rent. Light and bright 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath top-floor condo. Gated, carport, pool. Cat OK. Agent, 858-5

erator, etc. Parking, gas, water included. Ready now, call today! Gem Realty, 619-697-1198.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs condo in Crown Point. Reserve parking, new appliances, coin laundry, 1 blocks to bay, available now. 1 year lease. No smoking. 4109 Morrell. 760-730-7369; 858-270-5004.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$785. Junior 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in small, intimate complex, off-street parking, close to all, on-site laundry. 3431 Del Rey. Chris, 619-504-4995.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upgraded, 3 blocks to beach, dishwasher, laundry. 1069 Hornblend. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to all, laundry. Available now! 1161 Hornblend Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$880. Luxury studio apartment blocks to beach. Walk to all. Laundry, parking, new appliances. Must see! 1304-B Felspar. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Front patio. Available now. 2010 Reed Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2095. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Available now. 3924-1 Shasta. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, luxury unit, close to beach. Garage \$100. Available now! 1071 Missouri Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1160. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to bay, upstairs, 6 month lease, must see! 2029 Oliver Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated complex. Quiet building. No laundry. No pets, no smoking. Parking. Available 1/5/05. 858-270-7279.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. Immaculate, charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Quiet. No laundry. Wrap-around private patio, parking. No pets/smoking. Available now. 858-270-7279.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Block to beach. Available 12/10. 826 Chalcedony. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. 9 month lease. Available 12/10. 1468-4 Missouri Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs. Off-street parking, laundry. No pets/smoking. Must see! Available now. 2003 Emerald Street #6. 619-226-0393.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 parking. Block to beach. 871 Felspar Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet and paint. \$800 deposit. 2325 Grand Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1060. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, patio, parking, 750 square feet, laundry. 1501 Reed #3. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$745. Studio, 1 bath, underground parking, 375 square feet, laundry. 1845 Hornblend. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry, 9-month lease. 1536-5 Diamond. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, bright upstairs, large kitchen. 1872 Diamond. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. 1300 square feet, washer/dryer, large closets, parking. 1516 Missouri, #4. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$965. 1 bedroom. Spacious, clean, redone, quiet. No pets. Available 12/22. 1 year lease. \$700 deposit. Call 858-270-4266. 3911 Jewell Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. Studios, \$800-\$945. 1 bedrooms, \$965-\$1075. 2 bedrooms, \$1350-\$1450. Great location, minutes from shopping and freeways. Cedar Shores Apartments. 858-274-9680. Sunriversing.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1195. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Only 1 block to the beach! Newly remodeled. Dogs OK! Parking, laundry and more! 734 Sapphire. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Only 2 blocks from the beach! Small community with ceiling fans and laundry on site. 951 Opal. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with bonus room. Beach 1 block. Front/back yards, laundry hookups, 2 parking spaces. Pets on approval. 760-519-8086.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great values, nice, clean, convenient apartments in multiple Pacific Beach locations. Studios from \$705. 1 bedrooms from \$875. 2 bedrooms from \$1325. Parking, laundry. Some buildings with gated entry, pool and/or deck. No pets. 858-483-3796.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$940. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, blocks to beach. 4612 Dawes. 858-483-3531; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Patio, 2 balconies. Washer/dryer. Fireplace, garage. New carpet and paint. No pets. \$2200. 988 Sapphire. 858-272-5117.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$940. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 6-month lease. 1 block to beach. 838 Chalcedony. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Secure parking, patio, close to laundry, pool, new amenities. 4600 Lamont. No smoking, no pets. Call: 619-299-1437.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1260. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet complex near bay. Available 1/11/05. 3875 Sequoia Street. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2-story condo, 1000 square feet, parking. 1520 Thomas. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. Extra-large upstairs studio, open floorplan, walk-in closet, parking, \$850. Walk to ocean and bay. Near Trader Joe's. Available January. No pets. 858-272-8889.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper units, large closets/storage. 5 blocks from bay. Parking, laundry, quiet. No pets. Available December. 858-272-8889.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1195. Small 2 bedroom beach cottage. Very clean. Fenced rear yard. Consider pet. Gas appliances. Storage shed. 2660 Magnolia Avenue. Shore Management. 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$945. Block to bay. \$50 sweep credit available. Bright, upper 1 bedroom. Skylights. Open-beam ceilings. Peek of water view. Berber. Parking. Laundry. Haines Street. Shore Management. 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1595. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with walk-in closets. New carpet/new paint! Laundry. Washer/dryer. Balcony. Fireplace. 858-598-1111 x193. www.utopiamanagement.com.

PACIFIC BEACH. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. West of Ingraham, 2 parking spaces. Fireplace, dishwasher. Bright and sunny. \$1400. 1447 Chalcedony Street. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2495. Spacious, bright 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. View. Spa. Skylights. Vaulted ceilings. Wet bar. Oversized 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Excellent condition. 1655 Chalcedony Street. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 parking, on-site laundry, 1-year lease. \$995/month, \$1000/deposit. Half block to bay. Available now. No dogs, cat OK. 3820-3838 Haines. 858-837-0364.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upper level. Off-street parking. Appliances. No pets. Available now. 4451 Haines Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to ocean. Nice and clean. Off-street parking. Laundry room. No pets. Available now. 1050 Hornblend Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Off-street parking, new appliances, rehabbed building. No pets. Available now. 4451 Haines Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 3 blocks to ocean. Nice and clean. Off-street parking. Laundry room. No pets. Available now. 1050 Hornblend Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Upper level. Off-street parking. Appliances. No pets. Available mid-January. 4451 Haines Street. 858-270-4492 x203.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment (20x18). 2 blocks to beach. 2 parking spaces. Washer/dryer. Water paid. Large closets. New carpet and stove. 936 Loring. 619-995-3634.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1325. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in central location. Close to shops and restaurants. 1661 Thomas. Available 1/10. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in garden complex setting. Well-maintained building near bay, freeway and shops. 2150 Thomas #6. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-483-3887.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975-\$995/month. Upgraded 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious. 2 blocks to Crown Point Shores. Parking. Pool. Laundry facilities. Cats OK. 3880 Jewel Street. Manager, 858-272-0068.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. Spacious sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, large balcony with sunset view. 8 blocks to ocean. 4 blocks to bay. Great location. Near all. Available 1/1. 858-273-8763.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo, wet bar, fireplace, dining room, off-street parking. 2040 Diamond. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Superior location 1/2 block to bay. Parking. Laundry. No pets. 3825 Riviera Drive. Available 1/10. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in small complex. Great location. Coin laundry. 1811 Pacific Beach Drive. Available 1/10. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 900 square feet, upper unit, laundry onsite. 1932-1/2 Missouri. Steve Richards Realty, 858-483-2844.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location across from Henry's Market. Close to shops and beach. 1236 Felspar. Open Saturday 12/18, 11:30am-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851 or 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath—1 month free rent! Cozy complex, on-site laundry. Sorry, no pets. 4474 Bond Street. 760-402-8325.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Darling cottage-style apartment in garden setting. Close to beach. 1340 Grand Avenue. Torrey Pines Property

Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with 1-car garage and patio. Quaint beach complex near shopping. 2075 Emerald Street. Open Saturday 12/18, 10-11am. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with 1-car garage. Quaint beach complex close to shopping. 2067 Emerald. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large, upstairs, remodeled apartment, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, private balcony, coin laundry, parking. 6 blocks to ocean, 1 block to bay. No pets. Available 1/25/05. 1346 Pacific Beach Drive. Del Sol Properties, Broker. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625. 4682 Bayard. Just 1 block to the beach. Incredibly spacious studio has 3 closets, full bath, kitchen, dining area and more. A must see! 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom, large, upstairs apartment, appliances, coin laundry, carport. No pets. Available 1/20/05. 3711 Ingraham. Del Sol Properties, Broker. 858-270-2071.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home. 1/2 block to beach. Fully furnished, hardwood floors, yard. Washer/dryer. No pets/smoking. Quiet. Available now to June, short-term possible. 858-483-5151.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$745. Security deposit \$600. Studio, upper unit, near Crown Point Bay. Laundry. Quiet building. No pets. 4275 Kendall Street. 858-273-4042.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, lower, near Crown Point Bay. New carpet. Laundry. Quiet building. No pets. 4275 Kendall Street. 858-273-4042.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$100+ move-in special! 1 bedroom, \$965. No pets. 1152 Oliver #8. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more throughout the county at www.melroyproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$825. Studio apartment in superior location near bay. 3801-1/2 Riviera Drive. Available 1/7. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Excellent Crown Point location. Close to Sail Bay, 4015 Haines. Open Saturday 12/18, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-699-3851 or 858-454-4209.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$300 off first month's rent! 1 bedroom. No pets. \$915. 2121 Thomas #5. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more throughout the county at www.melroyproperties.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BAY. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. Well-maintained complex in central location. Pool. Recreation room. No pets. 2710 Grand Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-273-8657.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1350. Great 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 block to bay. Patio. 858-272-8058.

PACIFIC BEACH. 1/2 month free rent! \$1300. 2 bedroom plus storage. Nice carpet and floor tile, fresh paint, dishwasher, mirrored wardrobe, patio, laundry, 2 car off-street parking. Beaches/shopping/freeways close. 2049-B Garnet. Phil, 760-728-4378.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$895. Spacious studio, recently repainted, carpeted, and tile installed. Large walk-in closet, stove, refrigerator. Private patio deck. Close to restaurants, beaches, shopping. Will go fast! 2050-1/2 Diamond Street. Call 619-255-7834.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. 6 blocks to beach! Off-street parking, private entrance, single level floorplan, available now. Agent. 619-379-9037.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1200. 2 bedroom. Just 2 blocks to bay! Parking. On-site laundry. Cats only. 2073-1/2 Oliver Street. Manager, 858-483-6190.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1100/\$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious. Parking. Laundry. Pool. No pets. 2275 Grand. 619-276-5520.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1850/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building, 2 parking spaces gated, very quiet. 3955 Honeycutt. All new inside. Agent, Bob, 858-735-6968.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$100+ move-in special! 1 bedroom, \$900. No pets. 4323 Gresham #1403. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more throughout the county at www.melroyproperties.com.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Spacious studio. 1-1/2 blocks to beach! Very clean and well maintained. All utilities paid. No pets. \$860/month, deposit \$860. 860 Missouri Street. #B. www.timcassidy.com 619-275-LIST.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1900. Luxury townhouse, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, attached 2-car garage, all appliances included, washer/dryer in-unit. New carpet. Close to all. No smoking/pets. Available 1/17/05. Drive by 1954 Missouri Street. Please do not disturb residents. Call 858-274-8251 or ali-christine@msn.com. http://groups.msn.com/Christalinespropertymanagement

PARADISE HILLS/BONITA. \$1645. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, patio, wood floors, vaulted ceilings. Pet OK. 619-300-8550.

PARADISE HILLS. \$400 off first month! 3 bedroom, 2 bath in gated community with pool and parking. \$1250. No pets. 7426 Tooma Street. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more throughout the county at www.melroyproperties.com.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. \$1500. Great area. Beautiful newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Hardwood

floors, garage, washer/dryer, deck/balcony, pool, tennis/basketball courts. 24 hour security. Pet OK. Must have good credit. 619-251-1069.

POINT LOMA. Up to \$900 off! No deposit! Beautiful 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$950-\$1550. Pets welcome! Clubhouse. Fitness room. Business room. Tennis. Heated pool and spa. Convenient parking. Near shopping, beaches, and quick freeway access. Stonewood Garden Apartments, 3889 Midway Drive. Call today, 619-223-4766. www.sdreader.com/rent/2118.

POINT LOMA. \$1100. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath, top floor. Resort-style living. Balcony, dishwasher, reserved parking space, ac about second. Pool, spa, more. Nonsmoking. 3050 Rue D'Orleans. 619-972-4206.

POINT LOMA. Great move-in specials! 1 bedrooms, \$875/up. Ocean, bay, city views (select units). Dishwasher. Tile counters. Air conditioning. Covered parking. Elevators. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Rooftop sundeck. Gym. Laundry. Internet access. Barbecue. Picnic park. No pets. PointLomaTowers@att.net. Point Loma Towers. 3811 Marquette Place. www.sdreader.com/rent/1003. 619-223-6577.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. 1 bedroom condo in large resort-style complex. Reserved parking. \$1050/month. 858-864-8633 or 858-866-4880.

POINT LOMA. \$1950. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Washer/dryer, 2-car garage. Downtown view. No smoking, no pets. 619-226-0221.

POINT LOMA. \$765-\$850. Large studio and 1 bedroom. Parking, laundry. No pets. 4390 Temecula Street. 619-523-3969; 619-279-9818. www.melroyproperties.com.

POINT LOMA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$875. Upstairs, vaulted ceilings, laundry on-site. Quiet, great location. Pet on approval. 2777 Nimitz Boulevard. 619-297-0269.

POINT LOMA, SHELTER ISLAND. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, parking. Cat OK. Call 619-224-2282.

POINT LOMA, \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Fireplace, appliances including washer/dryer in unit, 2 decks, 2 gated parking spaces. Locked storage area. Near bases. 619-224-1114.

POINT LOMA. \$700 rent. \$500 deposit. Studio apartment. No pets. At 1655 Scott Street (at Keats). Agent, 619-299-8515.

POINT LOMA. \$900. Downstairs 1 bedroom, hardwood floors. Laundry. Charming older building. Convenient to all. 3218 Ollie Street #B. 619-224-4478, 619-254-8703.

POINT LOMA. \$1365. Refurbished 1194-square-foot, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse apartment. Ceramic tile and carpet floors. Huge closets. Private patio. Pool. Saunas. No pets. Available 1/5/05! It's a great place to live! 619-226-8158.

POINT LOMA. \$1075. Refurbished 944 square foot, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Fantastic ocean and sunset views. Ceramic tile and carpet floors. Huge closets. Deck, pool, saunas. No pets. Available 12/26/04. 619-226-8158.

POINT LOMA from \$995. Beautifully appointed 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes. Pool, spa, view deck, fitness center, media room, gated parking. Gorgeous gated community. 3950 Leland. 619-223-1390.

POINT LOMA. From \$800. Large loft style studio. Gated entry, off-street parking, laundry. No pets. Call for move-in special! 2089 Chatsworth. 619-222-0152.

POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. \$925. Upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 parking. Laundry on site. Cats OK. 2217 Poinsettia, at Voltaire. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856, www.booneproperties.com.

POINT LOMA. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1311 Evergreen. Available 1/1/05. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

POINT LOMA. \$1795. Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom apartment in private complex. Refrigerator. Stove. Dishwasher. Air conditioner. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. Patio/balcony. www.utopiamanagement.com, 858-598-1111 x193.

POINT LOMA. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, new kitchen/bath, dishwasher, laundry. Off-street parking. Quiet, clean, small building. 2123 Jarvis Street. 619-223-6302.

POINT LOMA. \$1700. Luxury townhouse at Park Point Loma. Large living areas. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings. Attached 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi. Available now. 1-213-216-3325.

POINT LOMA. \$790/month, \$790/deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. No pets/smoking. Off-street parking. Close to village. Available immediately. 3028 Macaulay. 619-222-4458.

POINT LOMA/LOMA PORTAL. \$1250. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated parking. Convenient West Point Loma Boulevard location near YMCA, Sports Arena and Ocean Beach. 4457 Temecula. Open Saturday and Sunday from 11am-1pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-735-8490.

POINT LOMA. 1/2 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom with patio, \$1150 includes utilities. No pets. 4311 Temecula. 858-483-5111 x17. More at www.melroyproperties.com.

POINT LOMA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, top floor, courtyard view, reserved parking, all amenities, gated community. Available now. 3050 Rue D'Orleans. \$1030/month. Agent, 619-656-2539.

POINT LOMA. \$895. 1 bedroom in beautiful building. Close to YMCA. No pets! Call 619-838-4700. www.lomavilla.com.

POINT LOMA. A must see! Large, newly remodeled 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$980! First month's rent free! Pool, sauna. Close to shopping. Convenient to I-5 and I-8. Sorry, no pets. Loma Portal Apartments, 3131 Cauby Street. 619-987-5700, www.rasnnyder.com.

RAMONA. \$1800. 2 bedrooms plus office/nook, 2 bath, 1800 square feet, remodeled. Fireplace, washer/dryer, new kitchen appliances, garage. Pets/horses OK! 858-273-7131.

RANCHO BERNARDO/SABRE SPRINGS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New kitchen, carpet, linoleum, curtains, fixtures. Refrigerator, washer/dryer included. 13288 Wimberly Square #188. 619-507-0753.

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$1595. 1/2 off first month! 3 bedrooms, 2 bath condo. Patio. Park-like. Appliances. Good schools. Section 8 welcome. 18826 Caminto Cantilena. 858-472-0861.

RANCHO BERNARDO/SABRE SPRINGS South. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Attached garage. Mountain views from 2 balconies. Extra storage. Custom maple cabinets. Gourmet gas range. Community pool. End townhome unit. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

RANCHO BERNARDO. New luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Upper floor/balcony. Stainless, hardwood, air, laundry, vaulted. Gorgeous views, ponds, waterfalls, pool, spa, gym. \$1490. 858-442-8195. www.coastwayrealty.com.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$1250. Condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 890 square feet. Off Highway 56. Washer/dryer, refrigerator. New carpet, paint, air conditioning. Covered parking. Near shopping. 858-673-1158.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$1250. 2 bedroom,

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SCRIPPS RANCH. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. 2-car garage. Pool/spa. Fireplace. Balcony. Washer/dryer. Small dog ok. Available 1/01/05. 10030 Scripps Vista Way, #57. \$1650. 619-523-2355.

SCRIPPS RANCH. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo located in Triana Community. Air conditioning. 1-car garage. Pool and spa. 11839 Spruce Run Drive

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garage. Pets, smoking considered. Community pool, spas. \$1,900. Call 858-531-4649.

SOLANA BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs duplex. West of I-5, fireplace, all appliances, carport, great location. 857 Stevens Avenue. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

SOLANA BEACH. \$1850. Estate guest house. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Quiet, garage, tennis courts. Large kitchen, living room. Park-like setting. No smoking/pets. 858-755-1627.

SOLANA BEACH. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, attached 2-car garage, yard, available now, \$1750. Also, 3 bedroom, 2

bath, 2-car garage, fenced yard, \$1900. 858-259-0134.

SOLANA BEACH. Studios from \$1035. Close to beach and Cedros Design District. Full kitchen and bath breakfast bar, ceramic tile, patios, balconies. Terrific move-in special! 858-755-1466.

SORRENTO MESA. \$1550. Move-in Special-free utilities until 5/05! Spacious 2 bedroom, 2.25 lower corner condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, hardwood floors, tile. 2 parking. 858-254-4286.

SOUTH BAY. \$1600. Newer 3 bedroom, 3 bath tri-level townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator, 2-car garage, patio, deck. No pets. 858-678-1570 or 619-922-7933.

SOUTH BAY. \$750. Large 1 bedroom apartments in gated senior community. No pets. Call 619-423-7941.

SOUTH PARK. \$1750. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. A must see! Recently upgraded luxury condo. Perfect for roommates. View of downtown. Walk to park. Laundry, granite counters, new appliances. Pet OK on approval. 619-459-6379.

SOUTH PARK. Rare find! \$1025. \$450 deposit. Awesome 2 bedroom, 1 bath with view. Newly remodeled, clean, garden-style apartment. Quiet! Pool, laundry, barbecue area, storage. Sorry, no pets. 619-283-7447.

SOUTH PARK. \$725. '50s retro, studio on canyon. Private patio, italian tile, full kitchen/bath, utilities/cable/washer/dryer paid. Possible pet. Available now. 619-548-0635.

SOUTH PARK. \$800. Large 1 bedroom, gated, garden setting. Near bus, stores, restaurants. Very quiet. Laundry, parking. Available December 20. 3136 Hawthorn. 619-284-1760.

SPRING VALLEY. \$720-\$1085. \$200 off deposit. No application fee! Studios, 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments with fireplace, dishwasher. Breakfast bars, closed in patios. Central air conditioning/heat. Fireplace. Covered assigned parking. Calavo Woods Apartments. 10850 Jamacha Boulevard. 619-670-1858.

SPRING VALLEY. Sublet January through April. Tranquil studio guest house on lake, base of San Miguel mountain. Daybed,

desk, bookshelves, TV, Internet. \$600. References. 619-838-2059.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex with large fenced yard! 1-car garage included. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher. Must see! 8722 Valencia. Cogan Properties, 619-283-2144.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1495. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with view. Upper unit. Off-street parking. Water included. Washer/dryer hookups in unit. Agent, 858-815-7368; www.sandiegobestrentals.com.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Everything remodeled. Large yard. Parking. Laundry room. Close to freeway, walk to shopping. Available. 1210 Helix. 619-582-5033; 619-483-0205.

SPRING VALLEY. \$815. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Move in special! Spacious, easy freeway access, no smoking/pets. 8965 Switzer Drive. 619-741-4145 or 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

SPRING VALLEY. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 2 parking spaces. Remodeled last year. Little bit of country. 9110 Valencia. MTM, 619-464-6444.

SPRING VALLEY. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath duplex. 2 story, 2-car garage, patio, small yard. New carpet and paint. 9074 Valencia. MTM, 619-464-6444.

SPRING VALLEY. \$765. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, very quiet complex with a sparkling pool, laundry and parking on site, air conditioning, low deposit. A must see! 10030 San Juan Street. 619-280-8681.

SUNSET CLIFFS. \$2000. Ocean view, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, right on the cliffs with private beach. Open, airy, clean, quiet. Call Brian, 619-523-2021.

TALMADGE, SOUTH. \$600. 1 bedroom, 596 square feet. New carpet and paint. All appliances, laundry, hot water free. Gated yard and building. 858-414-6026.

TALMADGE. \$1195. Call for hot move-in special! One of a kind! Huge, 1200 square feet. 2 bed, 2 bath, each with make-up table. Art deco decor with carpet and ceramic tile floor, accent painting, walk-in pantry, tons of closets, extra large refrigerator with icemaker. Microwave, stove, dishwasher, air conditioning. Cable ready. Elevator. Enclosed patio or balcony. Off-street parking, laundry facilities, security building. Cats OK. On 49th Street above El Cajon Blvd. 858-695-1663.

TALMADGE. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Stove, refrigerator. No pets. Near tennis court. 4538 Norwood. Contact manager, 619-808-9628.

TALMADGE. \$300 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, \$895. No pets. 4424 51st #2. 858-483-5111 x42. Much more throughout the county at www.metroproperties.com.

TALMADGE/COLLEGE AREA. \$850. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet complex. Off-street parking, coin laundry. No pets. 4438 Menlo Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

TALMADGE/KENSINGTON. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1200 square feet. Centrally located. Newly remodeled. Large back yard. No pets. Washer/dryer in unit. Available immediately. Section 8 OK. 760-685-2111, 760-741-3564.

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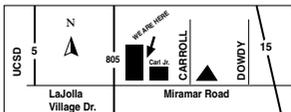
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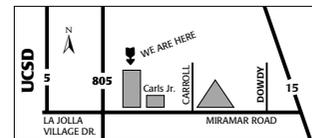
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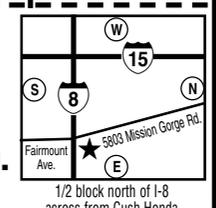
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— Eccentric British rock musician Genesis P-Orridge (born Neil Megson) and his wife and partner, Lady Jaye Breyer, are gradually transforming themselves surgically into gender-neutral human beings (“pandrogynous”) resembling each other. Eventually they will be indistinguishable in order to demonstrate how overrated gender is as a point of reference. (For example, he wore a lace dress at their wedding and she dressed as a biker guy, with mustache; for Valentine’s Day 2003, each got breast implants.) P-Orridge told *SF Weekly* in October that their goal is to jointly become a third person, distinct from either of them.

More Scenes of the Surreal

— (1) Katherine Williams was kicked out of the public library’s community flea market in Spring Hill, Tenn., in October because she offered for sale a yellow duck-shaped bath sponge, larger than a football, that vibrated (to the delight of her child, she said). City officials (who were apparently focused on the word “vibrate”) concluded that it must be a sex toy and said her booth violated the town’s adult-business law. (2) Archaeologists excitedly announced in October that in examining ruins on the Wittenberg, Germany, property of 16th-century philosopher Martin Luther, they discovered the actual stone toilet on which he composed the manifesto that launched the Protestant Revolution. (Luther suffered chronic constipation and thus spent much of his days on the toilet.)

Things People Believe

— In November, former mayor Diana Cortez of La Grulla, Texas, and the town’s former book-keeper pleaded guilty to taking \$53,700 in federal community grant money and spending it all on psychic consultations. ... In August, Missouri’s St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association fired psychic David Levin after seven years’ service, during which time it paid him \$1.4 million in fees and expenses. Levin’s business card read “executive coach,” and the association president admitted Levin had “uncanny” abilities, but Levin prominently attributed his astute-

ness to his spiritual powers, which he said he has in common with his wife and 15-year-old son.

Life Is Too Long

— Showstopping designs for women during October’s Fashion Week in Paris this year included (according to a report in London’s *Daily Mirror*) a formal, plastic, nearly transparent bag, about three feet by four feet, designed to be worn over the head (from Dutch designers Viktor and Rolf); a set of deluxe armor plates resembling football shoulder pads (and helmet) (from Alexander McQueen); and an outfit seemingly consisting of more than a dozen foot-long black tied bows extending from the shoulders to below the waist (Viktor and Rolf).

— Mr. Ilker Yilmaz, 28, of Istanbul, inspired to bring pride to Turkey by achieving a Guinness Book world record, decided to challenge Canadian Mark Moraal’s 8.7-foot mark for squirting milk out of his eye. In October, exploiting what he called an anomaly in his tear gland, he sucked milk up his nose and pinched it 9.223 feet out of an eye socket in front of several witnesses and is now awaiting official recognition.

The Continuing Crisis

— In one of the stark reminders of regional language variations in the United States, a game resembling horseshoes is fast becoming a pastime in the Midwest that likely would not be so popular under the same name in the South. In this game, contestants throw beanbag-like bags of corn toward a platform that has a hole in the center, trying to score points (in the hole, on the platform, or knocking your opponents’ bag off the platform). Some refer to the game as Corn Toss, but the more popular name, according to a September report in Ohio’s *Columbus Dispatch*, is Cornhole.

— Included among “weapons” allegedly found on inmates at the Grafton prison in Australia, reported in September in Brisbane’s *Courier-Mail*, were four venomous redback spiders that an inmate said were “pets” that were regularly “milked” of venom by inmates in order to produce a toxin that they could inject to help them get high.

The Laws of Irony Are Strictly Enforced

— (1) Friends tried to persuade a 37-year-old man at a party near Greenville, Mich., in September that he was too drunk to drive home safely, but the man became enraged; in the ensuing brawl, the man was clubbed in the head with a flashlight and died. (2) Parent Deborah Meister, 46, was charged with assault in Anchorage, Alaska, in September following a public meeting on school policies at Central Middle School; according to police, Meister roughed up an assistant principal because she thought he had been too cavalier about the problem of student bullying.

Creme de la Weird

— Among the unsuccessful 2004 write-in presidential candidates (according to a November report on NJ.com): Jack Grimes of Maryland, who admires the leadership methodology of Saddam Hussein but would rely on telepathy and astrology to make tough presidential decisions; Sterling Allan of Utah, who alphabetized and then numbered every word in the Bible and said that the codes he produced told him to return the United States to the gold standard; and Randy Crow of North Carolina, who says that, despite a government-implanted chip in his brain, his administration would crush the “Omega Agency,” which he says steals from people, staged the Sept. 11 attacks, and may have the ability to vaporize everyone.

Least Competent Criminal

— It was one of the classics, but it happened anew, in Bloomington, Ill., in October. Donald R. Hilger was arrested and charged with robbing 11 local businesses during the previous two weeks. He was picked up shortly after the robbery of a Jewel/Osco store, and police brought two of that robbery’s witnesses by the arrest scene to see if they could identify him. According to police, however, as soon as the employees spotted Hilger, Hilger pointed at one of them and blurted out, “That’s the one I robbed.”

Recurring Themes

— A 47-year-old tribesman from Vietnam, who had relocated to a U.S. government-sponsored Montagnard community in North Carolina to escape persecution, got homesick and headed back to Vietnam in September. However, he lost his papers and is now stranded at Los Angeles International Airport because no country will issue him a visa, in a dilemma reminiscent of that of Merhan “Alfred” Nasser, who has been chronicled several times in “News of the Weird” since 1988 (and in the recent movie *The Terminal*) and who remains at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris. The tribesman is convinced that his only chance of repatriation will be lost if he leaves the airport, but at press time, he was continuing to examine options while making his home in an airport chair.

Readers’ Choice

— Robbers stole \$70,000 from the Lucky Dollar Casino in Greensburg, La., in November, and, acting on a deal-seeking tip from one of the robbers, police checked a creek near Baton Rouge, where two of the three moneybags were recovered. A search downstream turned up the third, which had been carried away by beavers and used in the construction of their dam, with apparently all of the money still inside. Jacqueline Wall, 25, was charged, and at least one other arrest was expected.

More Incompetent Criminals

— Joel Crytzer, 63, was charged with marijuana possession in November in Butler, Pa., when officers spotted some pot on the floor of his car. Cops stopped him because Crytzer had been cruising down the road on three tires. ... Kevin Martzett, 39, was charged with robbery in Cass County, Neb.; according to police, besides taking money from the victim, he also forced the victim to cash a \$75 government check made out to “Kevin Martzett.”

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Location: [4500] Pescadero Avenue, Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 2:00-4:40 a.m. on 11/14/04

Investigation: On 11/14/04 at 10:32 a.m. I received a radio call to evaluate an incident, which had been reported as a possible kidnapping. I arrived at N.D.'s house and spoke with her...she was waiting with her three small children and her husband. Throughout our interview, her husband repeatedly answers questions aimed at her. I was forced to remind him that I was questioning her, not him. At that point he stepped out of the room with the children.

According to N., she was at her friend R.F.'s home. At 2:00 a.m., F. began to drive her home but experienced mechanical difficulties a few blocks later. He parked the vehicle and they walked back. From there F. called for a Yellow Cab.

The driver was instructed to pick them up in the alley. The driver was told to take them to F.'s vehicle so F. could unhook the battery. F. finished and walked back to his home. N. remained in the cab. The driver asked her if she had money to pay for the ride and she told him that she only had \$2, but her husband would pay.

N. said that her answer infuriated the driver. Instead of telling her to get out of the cab, the driver took off down Adair Street. The driver sped up and down several dark alleys. N. said he was going so fast on the uneven alley pavement, her head struck the ceiling of the vehicle as they went over a bump.

She demanded that the driver stop and let her out. The driver refused, telling her, "I'm so pissed off with you." When the taxi reached Sunset Cliffs Boulevard...she opened the back door. The driver asked her what she was doing. She said she was getting out. The driver stopped



the cab. She jumped out, calling the driver "a freak."

She ran back toward Newport Avenue, where there was an open gas station. Several men were walking around outside so she asked them for fifty cents so she could call another cab. The men gave her \$5. The clerk of the station walked outside to see what was going on. N. told him what happened to her and he called North City Cab to take her home. N. believes it was about 4:30 a.m. when the second cab was called.

N. described the cab driver as possibly being Middle Eastern, in his late 30s, with short dark hair combed over his head, facial stubble, wearing a dark leather jacket, dark pants and a blue collared shirt. He had an accented voice but spoke English very well.

I telephoned Yellow Cab and requested to speak with a supervisor. A male named M.L. leases [the cab in question]. The cab was in service during the time N. said this incident occurred. Records indicate that a male named R.F. called for a cab at 3:20 a.m. Records show that M.L. was driving the cab until midnight, but after that the records don't distinguish who was driving the cab. There is no indication that the driver of the vehicle changed, but the company is unable to positively say who was driving the cab after midnight.

BOMB THREAT

Location: 700 Orange Avenue, Coronado

Time/Date: 11:54 p.m. on 11/17/04

Report: The Coronado Police Department received a 911 call trans-

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ferred from the California Highway Patrol advising that a bomb had been placed inside of the police department facility. The caller indicated that the device would detonate in three hours.

Several streets around the building were briefly blocked off while Coronado Fire Department and Navy Bomb Technicians searched the facility with explosive-detecting canines. The area was reopened around 3:20 a.m. when it was determined that there was no threat.

Detectives identified David F., a 48-year-old transient, as a suspect in this case. They were able to identify him by cell phone records.

TERRORIST THREAT

Location: [1400] J Street, East Village

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. on 11/20/04



Investigation: B. was called into the Human Resources Department and was subsequently suspended from work for three days. When B. came out of the office, he walked over to S. [his immediate supervisor] and said he had been sus-

pending. B. then said, "I guess I should go home and polish my .380." S. told me he did not take the comment seriously and that he was not in fear. S. then went and told the Human Resources manager about the statement.

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Location: 415 S. Cedros Avenue,

Solana Beach

Time/Date: 5:45 p.m. on 11/30/04



Report: Since the employees [of Leo Hamel Jewelers] electronically control access through the front door, two white male adults smashed a large window leading into the store. The men were wearing hooded sweat-shirts and ski masks. One of the men ordered the employees to get down on the floor and threatened them with a dark colored handgun. The other suspect was carrying a silver colored automatic handgun. They proceeded to smash the glass of the display cases and remove the jewelry. No one was injured in the commission of the crime and though a dollar amount was not given for the loss, it was considered substantial. The suspects fled the scene and later abandoned their getaway vehicle. A later check of that vehicle disclosed that it had been stolen earlier in Escondido.

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"With all that fidgeting, I looked like a damn monkey."

By John Brizzolara

A real possibility for this Friday night, at the Cygnet Theatre Company at 6663 El Cajon Boulevard near Montezuma Avenue and San Diego State, is the play by David and Amy Sedaris titled *The Book of Liz*. Since it was reviewed in these pages recently, I will not, as we young African-American chicks say, go there. Stage criticism and what-not, I mean.

In fact, the only comment I will offer is a confession consisting of the phrase "I left at intermission."

That's just me. I polled audience members at random during halftime and received multiple thumbs-up. And the folks at salon.com would not have left when I did in favor of a taco over Amy Sedaris; they quoted her about her appearance on *Conan O'Brien*. She said, "God, with all that fidgeting and unfocused energy I had, I looked like a damn monkey. So annoying." To which salon.com drop-spaced and fashioned as a single paragraph the sentence: "Some call it quality entertainment."

Well, okay. Had I not been enduring hunger pangs and a headache, I might easily be on the same page; but I still, several days later, wonder if I can fashion a metaphor for comedic dialogue

that fidgets like a damn monkey.

The draw here is clearly the magazine works and collections of David Sedaris (*Barrel Fever* and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, etc.) and the Comedy Central series starring Amy Sedaris as a 46-year-old prostitute and drug addict. A. Sedaris's character, Jerri Blank, returns to high school in the offbeat and flat-out funny *Strangers with Candy*, a fish-out-of-water premise as likely to put the "Z" back in *bizarre* as to gag you with sudden hilarity from far left field.

The Book of Liz is another fish-out-of-water gag, but not the only one. The riffing on the Amish (here referred to as the Squeamish), cheese balls (one is nearly clubbed over the head — figuratively — with cheese balls), gays, alcoholism and AA (the Big Book is described as something like an instruction manual for sucking the life out of everyone in a room). Then there is the restaurant business and Sister Elizabeth Donderstock's excessive perspiration, which all combine in a sort of absurdist stew that kept me grinning surely enough. What I did not do once — nor did I witness anyone else at this — was to slap my thigh, guffaw, snort, or blow anything through my nose.

So much for resisting my temptation to review. It is just that I have yet to be compared to George Bernard Shaw or Max Beerbohm, and this oversight must cease.

The play was directed by Sean Murray and features ace acting by Melissa Fernandes, Annie Hinton, Michael Grant Hall, and David McBean, but one wonders how Fernandes and Grant Hall alone could memorize the staccato, machine-gun lines and deliver them sensibly. They did though.

Included in the program is an interview conducted by Nathan Rabin with Amy Sedaris. Rabin asks at one point, "What's your collaborative process like?" Meaning, of course, with her brother. A.S. tells him.

"We come up with an idea. Sometimes I'll be, like, 'I want to do something with miniature doll furniture,' or 'I want to do something where I live in a shoe.' I'll throw something out and we'll obsess about it for three months, and we'll exhaust it, joke-wise. The whole time, David's taking notes. Then when it comes time to get together and start writing, which is usually two weeks before they need a script, we'll just sit down and laugh and improvise. Then, when it comes to casting, we usually use the same people, and we read it, and

then we throw it away, and then we start again. We ask everybody in the group, 'What do you think you do best?' And then we'll take advantage of their talents and write specifically for them, and then we'll usually have a script. We usually don't have previews. We're always still working on it constantly throughout the show. We don't even have full scripts of anything we've done. We've got pages of misspelled words and pages are missing. [Publisher] Little, Brown wants to do a collection of the plays eventually, so what'll happen is we'll have to sit down and write those. David will write a new ending or something that never existed."

Following this excerpt from the interview in the program is Amy Sedaris's recipe for cheese balls. I should not divulge the deal here because I still think attending the theatre tonight or any weekend night until December 23 to see this thing — or David Sedaris's *Santaland Diaries*, running through December 20, which I have not seen but am angling on — is a good bet. A Friday-night cheese ball of merriment. Or Saturday or a Sunday afternoon matinee. Don't make my mistake and show up very hungry and with a headache. You would be less likely to leave during intermission.

Okay, one thing. I think the key in the recipe is A1 steak sauce.



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Minnesota Focus

Cole Klick came from Minnesota in a 2001 Ford Focus station wagon to attend college in San Diego.

"It's a nice trip once you get past Nebraska," he says. "Deserts and mountains make it interesting. It takes about 30 hours."

"Climbing the Rockies didn't slow the Focus down?" I ask.

"Not too bad. Going up, you turn off overdrive and that helps a lot. It's a four-cylinder, four-speed automatic. It's got enough power, though sometimes it would be nice to have more, when you're getting onto the interstate or changing lanes.

"It gets great gas mileage, 30 miles per gallon, almost. And the Focus — especially the station wagon — is a good car to have if you're an active person. You can fold the backseats down. I can just open

the back and throw my wet suit and all my surfing gear in there.

"I can hold five people comfortably with all kinds of gear. And if I want to go to the drive-in movie in Imperial Beach, which I do on a regular basis, I just back in and open up the gate, fold the backseats down. I bring a couple pillows and blankets and have a good time on a Friday night.

"It's got the surfboard rack on top, but if I don't want to bother with that, I can fit my board inside. I've got an eight-foot board and a six-six. If I'm using the six-six, I just fold the rear seat down and it fits right in. My eight-footer, I have to slide between the driver and passenger seats.

"I ride a racing road bike, and if I don't feel like putting my bike rack on, I can just fold the backseat down and fit it inside without even taking off a wheel."

"The Focus sounds all good so

far," I say. "Have you had any problems with it?"

Cole says, "I had my door handle ripped off by a couple of security guards at a dance club. I went there with a couple friends, and one of my friends got kicked out. I went out looking around for him, and he calls to me and comes running. He jumps in and shuts the door, and then all these security guards were all over my car, and one of them ripped the handle off. I've tugged on a lot of door handles and not had any break off. So I was surprised.

"I've had a couple other problems that I guess are typical of the Focus. Even if the brakes aren't bad, they squeak. Another thing that's not really bad but it kind of fools you into thinking the car's got more power than it really does — right when you give it gas, the accelerator's really touchy, so it kind of throws you back, even if you try and creep it up."



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Since Cole's from rural Minnesota, I ask, "How do you like driving in San Diego?"

"It's just more of everything, more lanes, a little more traffic. If I don't make an exit ramp, sometimes it's a little scary. Having five lanes is nice, though. You can get in the left lane and not have to worry about people going slow. And there's no snow and ice like I'm used to."

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"You know, I had my doubts that this sign would be assembled, given the short deadline, but I think the team can pull together and make it happen," I say to the cameras. "We had a couple minor setbacks when Mark smoked a bunch of pot at lunch and broke a rack of glass tubes, but I think we'll be able to move past those mistakes and still get this project out on time."

"Stay tuned as Ollie assembles yet another neon sign in his minimum-wage production job," the announcer commands as we cut to commercial. Then the screen announces my endorsement of Milwaukee power tools and instructs how you can own your very own DVD copy of this episode.

Thinking of my life as a Discovery Channel program is about the only way I can make it through the day. Cameramen and producers follow me around the shop as I rivet together metal letters, wire electric lights, and glue on plastic faces. The viewing public watches as I smack my thumb with a hammer and cut my hand with a utility knife. My fan base likes it when I cuss, and all they hear are a string of censoring beeps.

Although it is a big boost to my production, it has also made for some uncomfortable moments.

"What the fuck are you doing? I'm not paying you to talk into that mop handle; I'm paying you to clean this shitter out."

"Okay, boss. Sorry," I say as the owner leaves me in the bathroom. "That was 'Macho Man' Randy, owner of American Neon, and he's not happy with Ollie's fiddle-fucking around while he's supposed to be scrubbing toilets," I announce into the wooden microphone with a voice in a much deeper range than I normally use.

As a consummate professional I handle every aspect of the production. Including the graphics and text that would sit beneath my framed image as I work. I'm forever changing and reworking the words to best describe me. First it was "Fabrication Expert." Then I changed it to "Maestro of Manufacturing," and then ultimately to "Creation Maven." But if my life at work were really a TV show, my title would probably be "Dumbass Who's Late Getting Back from Lunch and Talks to Himself a lot."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

Pee Wee's Playhouse on DVD

My roommate Kip is reliving his inebriated college days by introducing his skeptical wife to this 1980s phenomenon. We force her to sit on the couch, and she grouches in discomfort at every scene. "What the hell is this? I don't get it."

"You're not supposed to get it," Kip and I relay. "It's American television's introduction into gay subculture and stereotype. Look, there's Jambi the dishy queen, Dixie the butch cab driver, and Tito the bodybuilding life-guard." We let her draw her own conclusions as to Phil Hartman's orientation as lusty seaman Captain Carl.

It's clear Renee still isn't buying it when she asks, "Why is Morpheus dressed like a cowboy?"

I wonder if Larry Fishburne still puts "Cowby Curtis" on his resumé.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Dr. Wayne Dyer: The Power of Intention
PBS 11 8:00 p.m.

I wish PBS would stop playing this hogwash and get back to art, music, and photography profiles. This guy can weave a fine tapestry of anecdotes and pseudo-science together with a touch of good old-fashioned bullshit to pitch his multimedia self-help suite all he wants, but I'm not going for it. Apparently, the "Universe" and "Karma" favor snake oil over sincerity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Wing Nuts
DSC 35 9:00 p.m.

Here is yet another pipe-dream production. Along the same vein as the other Discovery Channel builder-and-mechanic acts, this pro-

gram's premise is about taking scrap airplane parts and making upscale furniture. I haven't seen it yet, but the idea of it hits me where I live. If they can use a skilled technician in the art of making abandoned spools into coffee tables, then I may have found my next calling.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

On Deadly Ground (1994)
TNT 34 10:00 p.m.

Paunchy and over-the-hill Steven Seagal gets in touch with somebody else's roots as he defends Inuit land against a big oil company. The closing scene has activist Seagal giving a conspiracy speech that fills my mind not with ideas of energy-efficient fuels, but with the suspicion that he has a tinfoil hat under his pony-tailed wig.

Queer Eye for the Straight Guy
BRAVO 42 5:00 p.m.

Moving into a new place with zero furniture has left me watching a lot of decorating shows. My inflatable mattress on the floor and cardboard-box chairs could use some flair. I like *Queer Eye* because while others may have an unspoken theme, this one just comes right out and kicks you in the shins with it: gay men equal design taste, you lazy slob.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

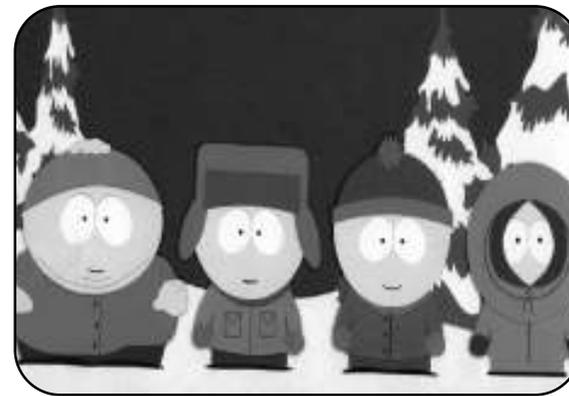
The Ultimate Poker Challenge
KUSI 9 6:00 p.m.

Anything that handles Deadly Sins, not as undertone but as its foundation, has my attention. I'm a lemming to TV poker in the hopes that I, too, can make a million in quick cash by way of greed, lying, and pride, all in one sitting. Cardinal Virtues just don't play that well in my house.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

South Park
COMEDY 48 9:30 p.m.

South Park is redeeming its good name. Like others, I cry a little at great works of art. Last week when Mr. Garrison's boyfriend, Mr. Slave, shoved Paris Hilton up his ass in a "Whore Off," I got a little misty.



South Park

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Father of the Pride
NBC 7 9:00 p.m.

NBC postponed any new episodes of this raunchy 3-D cartoon because they had the bad luck of premiering it the same year Roy Horn was mauled by his own tiger. It looks as if the network executives realized Roy is not going to get any better, and they are not going to get any richer by delaying it further. By all means, carry the hell on.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

The King of Queens
CBS 8 9:00 p.m.

This show is so stupid. I have watched a couple episodes, and the only plank of comedy holding this weak platform together is Jerry Stiller. You have to wade through 20 minutes of crap to get to his two minutes of gold. Even Patton Oswalt is dimmed down by the writers. I heard Leah Remini has porked up to a decent weight, though, and that'll make this worth the effort.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Buffy the Vampire Slayer
UPN 13 7:00 p.m.

I can't stop watching this. What I originally deemed as a "crapfest," I now categorize as "oddly compelling." I had no interest in this during its original run at the turn of the millennium because the corresponding movie was so terrible. The writing on TV is volumes better. The movie's only memorable mark was Paul Reuben's post-masturbation return to Hollywood. And, we're right back to Pee Wee. It's the circle of life, folks.

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