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Sneer Bubbles

In advance of San Diego's most recent mayoral race, I would have said that the best of the feasible outcomes would have been the election of Donna Frye; now I am compelled to admit that the appointment of Frye would be the worst feasible outcome. With such appointment, the precedent would be established not only that the courts or bureaucracy will attempt to allocate votes on behalf of people literally too stupid to vote, but that the system will give them a disproportionate share of the vote.

Your Don Bauder ("City Lights," December 23) can sneer "puh-leeze" as much as it puh-leezes him to do so, but the fact is that a voter who understood the rules could begin to vote for Frye, write her name, and then decide against voting for her and therefore not fill in the bubble. I don't know how many voters did this, Don Bauder can't know how many voters did this, and the courts won't know how many voters did this. If the courts award to Frye all the unbubbled ballots with Frye's name (or, worse, all those with Frye's name even if they bubbled another candidate, as some voters indeed did), then it will seize on her behalf votes from competent voters who chose not to vote for her.

Democrats have often noted that the intellectual high end tends to favor their candidates. What the Democrats must face is that their distribution is not so much skewed to the high end as it is fat-tailed, with the intellectual low end also favoring Democrats. That low end can't seem to manage to actually cast its votes or to cast them for the candidates whom it favors (e.g., Gore rather than Buchanan). Republicans, more clustered

around the intellectual middle, don't much have this problem.

Daniel Kian McKiernan
Hillcrest

Pity Sandwich

Sandwiching the beautiful article by David Lehman ("Lady Lazarus and Lady Liberty," December 23) between "Diary of a Diva" and John Brizzolara's latest. Glad I happened upon it. You made sure that it would likely be missed by a great number of your readers. Pity.

M. Creditor
via e-mail

Necessity Horror

I found "We're Not Coming to Get Her" ("City Lights," December 23), by Ernie Grimm, particularly horrifying, as I am a disabled but marginally ambulatory senior citizen. Right now, I can still drive and I have an old car. I'm low income, and it will therefore, without a miracle, be my last car. Right now I can occasionally walk the two and a half blocks to the bus stop. I have found that the bus drivers tend to start their vehicles before you're seated. Also, the stairs and curbs are difficult to maneuver. If I'm fortunate enough to live another 10 or 20 years, this will become impossible as my condition is progressive. The higher-ups who decide how taxes should be spent are usually wealthy enough not to have to worry what will happen to them when they become old and/or disabled. They also don't know what it's like for working poor who must take buses to their jobs and can be fired if the buses aren't on time. If you don't have or can't afford a car or are no longer fit to drive, you may as well be in a prison with no food service. I've lived in Southern California for 54 years — transportation is a necessity of life here. Give me wheels or give me death.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont

Press Needs

Thank you for your optimistic year-in-review story about theater in 2004 (Theater Review, December 30). I would like to add one item to Jeff Smith's wish list, however. That is, more and better press coverage of theater. If there were more press, there would be more audiences, and then the city and

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Friends in high places He's been an aide to Democratic ex-congressman **Lionel Van Deerlin**, top lieutenant for onetime Republican city councilman **Uvaldo Martinez**, local functionary for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and executive director of Democratic ex-governor **Gray Davis's** Commission of the Californias. In between, he's been entangled in the long-ago city



Rudy Murillo

hall credit card-spending scandal that got Martinez booted from office; later he got caught up in North County political consultant **Colin Flaherty's** campaign-money-laundering case. His name is **Rudy Murillo**, but unlike his close friend Flaherty — who has reportedly yet to pay the \$76,000 fine levied against him in that matter by the state's Fair Political Practices Commission — the worst thing Murillo's ever been charged with is failure to pay \$846 in parking fees and fines during his years at city hall. Murillo left his state job after Davis was booted from office by the recall. He soon signed up with the San Diego State University Foundation, where he said last summer he was trying to line up a grant from a major foundation to pay for an educational development program for some of Tijuana's maquiladora plants. Now Murillo, a close buddy of Democratic Party insider and Davis ex-chief-of-staff **Lynn Schenk**, herself currently picking up \$99,000 or so a year as a member of the state's Medical Assistance Commission, has moved on to yet another state-sponsored venue: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, where he has become director of the state government relations office. "Rudy is familiar with UCSD. He was graduated from Revelle College with a degree in chemistry in 1971," says an e-mail circulating at Scripps. "He worked closely with Congresswoman Lynn Schenk to write and implement her amendment establishing a designated commute lane (later dubbed SENTRI) between the U.S. and Mexico." It adds: "Rudy is now SIO's designated State Relations contact, so please contact him if you have any State-related concerns or questions."

Stadium drum beat When the *Union-Tribune* gets that old special-interest bit in its mouth, it seldom lets go. Witness the recent spate of stories the paper has run about how decrepit the once-mighty Qualcomm Stadium has purportedly become. The campaign began on Sunday, December 12, with a 1200-word story under the bylines of **Caitlin Rother** and **Jeff McDonald** with the headline "Chargers fans just seething in the rain; Complaints trickle in over slow-draining Q." The piece described a wheelchair-bound dowager getting wet in her luxury seat and quoted city stadium manager **Bill Wilson** as saying the venue, which taxpayers spent more than \$60 million to expand and remodel in 1997, was already out of date: "It leaks all over. This place is a sieve. We have tried everything...from rubberized joints to the high-tech stuff they use on the LAX runway...and the place still leaks." Last Thursday the paper's Holiday Bowl story again flogged the leaky-stadium angle. The campaign hasn't been limited to the *U-T*. On December 13, the day after the first *U-T* story, listeners of KPBS radio



Mark Fabiani

heard from Chargers lobbyist **Mark Fabiani**, who argued that a new stadium was needed. The station is run by San Diego State, which plays its football games at Qualcomm and gets hefty financial backing from new stadium boosters. On New Year's Day, a *U-T* editorial followed up, calling the existing stadium "leaky, creaky, and crumbling."

Watery grave The demise in the great tsunami of **Poom Jensen**, grandson of Thai king Bhumipol Adulyadej, brought a torrent of local press coverage last week. On Wednesday, the *Los Angeles Times* described the dead 21-year-old as the son of "Princess Ubolratana and her ex-husband, **Peter Jensen** of San Diego." The prince's father was said to be "a locally prominent businessman" who "was involved in several high-profile ventures, including a gold-mining business in Northern California and companies in the water sales market." The *U-T* followed the next day, playing up Poom's battle with autism and his parents' marital discord. Neither paper got around to mentioning Peter's infamous connection to **Dick Silberman**, the felon and Democratic financier once married to former San Diego GOP Mayor **Susan Golding**.



Dick Silberman

Before he was sent to prison for money laundering, Silberman was chairman and Peter Jensen was president of Yuba Natural Resources, an outfit that Silberman claimed would make millions dredging for gold on the Yuba River north of Sacramento. Investors included all the likely San Diego suspects of the era, including **J. David**



M. Larry Lawrence

Dominelli, later convicted of swindling millions from unwary investors, and **M. Larry Lawrence**, the late Hotel Del Coronado mogul whose body was relocated from Arlington National Cemetery after it was revealed he'd lied about his war record. Jensen was featured in an October 1985 *Forbes* story as saying, "You can pan dog shit out here and find gold. There's gold everywhere." A skeptical *Forbes* described Silberman's ties to La Jolla's **Allen Glick**, whose service on behalf of the Kansas City Mafia has been forever enshrined in the movie *Casino*, and suggested investors eschew Yuba stock. Jensen took over after Silberman's fall and the money-losing venture morphed into a water-rights-sales company. But by 2000, the *Sacramento Bee* reported, the company's stock had collapsed to 35 cents a share, and Jensen had thrown in the towel: "Trying to do a water deal is like trying to align 20 planets at the same time."

— Matt Potter

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Conspiracy of Deliberate Ignorance

By Don Bauder

City government's culture of secrecy has bred something worse: a culture of deceit. The history of the 2002 ballpark bonds proves the point. Federal and local investigators, in their criminal and civil probes into the city's

indeed rotten: in bond prospectuses dating back to 1996, it had given false information on its pension

nying the bonds indicated that the real estate development that was supposed to pay for the ballpark was not going to take place as promised. Voters in 1998 had been told that the project would be "revenue neutral." They had been given specific projections on how the hotel, retail, and property taxes thrown off by the promised development would pay the interest expense of the bonds. But by 2002, just before the



Petco Park

false financial disclosures, should examine the ballpark bonds.

Those bonds gave Wall Street advance notice that something was rotten in San Diego government. Two years later, the city admitted that something was

deficits.

But were the concealed pension deficits the only problem? Hardly. The handling of the ballpark bonds was a clue that more muck lay under the surface. First, the information in the prospectus accompa-

bond sale, the city was admitting, "neither the timing nor the amount" of

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I Had to Stop Drinking Liquids

By Suzanne Deal

It turns out after seven years of employment that I'm a volunteer special education teacher for the San Diego Unified School District.

What a surprise. I've been sick four days this month (a virus and laryngitis) and forgot to pick up the pay stub for my automatic deposit on Friday. On Saturday morning I called my bank to find out the total deposited in my checking account — 33 cents. I'm pretty sure that's earned interest, but I could be wrong. So I either made 33 cents or nothing for working ten hours a day, including Saturdays, for the month of September. I've never complained before about the pay I receive as a teacher, but I'm going to have to speak out now. Thirty-three cents is not enough to cover the amount of money I spent to set up my classroom! It's very expensive to meet the aesthetic demands of the Blueprint for Student Success, so I'm asking for a raise or for a larger supply budget.

Here are the facts: each teacher received a box of supplies the first day of school and a case of copy paper. My supply box contained eight dry-erase markers, four boxes of pencils, four dozen erasers, four chart markers, writing journals, and lined paper. That's all of the supplies I get until further notice. At a staff meeting, we were told to barter supplies with other teachers. I have a vial of white board cleaner coming to me for my bartering skills. I went through every cabinet in my new classroom to see what supplies I needed. I had no individual dry-erase boards, one pair of scissors, one container of glue, no paintbrushes, no paint, one stapler, no tape, a broken cell phone, four containers of broken Crayons, one box of used Crayola markers, one package of sentence-strip paper, one large lined pad of newsprint paper to make charts, and a couple of reams of colored construction paper. I also have an expensive

presentation station still in the original box, a digital video camera, and a brand-new laptop computer. I am allowed 3000 copies on the good copy machine with paper over the next four

to \$250. Then, extras like colored pencils, markers, folders, file folders, hanging folders, and rubber stamps added another \$100. For science materials I spent \$20. We used to have a great science program (Full Option Science System — FOSS) with materials at each school site, but apparently word got out that teachers could not be trusted to choose the correct units (even though the kits are clearly labeled by grade level and contain videos demonstrating how to teach each unit).

In an effort to improve

time.) So if I want to teach science at other than the assigned mystery dates, I have to buy my own supplies. I've also spent \$50 on photocopying and laminating.

We were also told that we need to teach math modules on the district timeline or the principal would be "mad" at us. Unfortunately, there is no money to purchase math workbooks or teacher's editions for anyone who doesn't have the materials. Since half of the teachers at our school site were switched to a different grade level and classroom in an effort to "improve" test

he arrived. I was able to pick through discarded materials for enough used math workbooks for my students, but I don't have any teacher's materials. Some of the books have pages ripped out or filled in, so when the photocopying machine is working, I have to copy the worksheets so that I have enough.

The staff developer (who doesn't work with children) met with me the second week of school to ask me what materials I needed. I made a list for her. I said I needed money to buy workbooks for my students. She said there was

we now have an ugly, boxy library that faces the back of the school — thanks to Proposition MM's \$1.51 billion bond measure and Mr. Nakamura, the architect whose company earned \$311,300 in designing fees. As a result of construction, the bungalows behind the library have no regular phone service and had lights but no electricity for three months last year. The students couldn't check out library books for the first five weeks of school this year because the computer system doesn't work. We were promised



Suzanne Deal

months. The first week of school the copy machine had no paper and there was no laminating material on site.

Now, in order to teach Interactive Writing (don't ask), I need individual dry-erase boards and markers for each child in my classroom. Dry-erase markers are \$13.18 a dozen. The dry-erase boards are \$2.95 each. Add tape, staples, mounting adhesive, ink pads, stickers, and other materials I need to have in the classroom and the total came

science instruction, all of the kits were confiscated in 2001. Two mystery kits are doled out per year from the parking lot at the Instructional Media Center at times that are secret from teachers. (Okay, I could call the science office and find out what and when, but there was no working phone in my classroom until October 1, and between searching for an unlocked bathroom and a working photocopying machine, I just haven't had

scores, there are at least several teachers per grade level who don't have the materials they need to teach math. We were told to talk to other teachers to see if we could find the books, workbooks, and teacher's materials we need. Or we could find a teacher who teaches math at a different time and borrow her books. Our new vice principal is working on setting up a better system for keeping track of materials, but none was in place when

no money to purchase workbooks, but I could spend \$350 for books for my classroom library. Since my class was changed from fourth and fifth grade to second and third grade, I spent \$800 of my own money at thrift stores (the Salvation Army rules!) on a classroom library over the summer. I told her I didn't need library books. She said that was all I could spend the money on. End of discussion.

And speaking of libraries,

phone service and a functional library by October, but it hasn't happened yet. The teacher's aide who works in the library has to check out the books by hand. I have a cell phone but no charger for my classroom use.

We also have three staff bathrooms that lock automatically after use so that we have to go to the office to get the *one* extra key to go to the bathroom (once someone forgets to lock them open) or

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such revenues could be predicted.

The most prominent red flag was the interest rate. The city was selling \$169 million of *insured*, AAA-rated tax-free bonds at an interest rate of 7.66 percent — a staggering two or three percentage points higher than the rate on a similar bond in those days. Indeed, 7.66 percent was the equivalent of a yield on a municipal junk bond — some very low-rated, uninsured, highly speculative municipal bond, such as for a project to turn sewage sludge into chocolate ice cream.

At the time, and to this day, some attorneys who were involved in the transaction insist that the high interest rate was a result of lawsuits against the project. Should suits succeed, the bonds could become taxable. But this argument doesn't wash because by the time of the bond sale,

more than 90 percent of the litigation had been decided; only three suits were on or headed for appeal. Furthermore, a 7.66 percent yield was still high for an insured, *taxable*, AAA-rated bond at that time. People in the municipal bond industry — then and now — had not seen insured bonds with such high yields, even if one day they would be deemed taxable.

Also, the bonds did not go to competitive bidding. Wall Street's biggest brokerage, Merrill Lynch, had a monopoly on the bonds, to hold them itself or sell them to favorite customers. Even though the bonds were insured, they could only be sold to rich, so-called "sophisticated" investors, probably institutions. "We still don't know" whether institutions or well-heeled individuals got those bonds, says Donna Frye, the only councilmember to vote against the bonds' issuance. "What was being said [in council] didn't seem to match what I was reading in the binders

and binders of documents."

Did Merrill Lynch or the bond insurer, Ambac Assurance, discover the pension falsehoods back then? "It's possible," says attorney Stanley Zubel, noting that the insurer could sue to recover its funds in case of default. "Why would they charge such a large premium [high interest rate] if they knew there was gold in the back room?"

The city isn't talking. Ambac won't say if it knew of the pension disclosure problems because it had signed a confidentiality agreement with Major League Baseball. Merrill Lynch says it relied on the information provided by the city. Mistake. Although the bonds came out in February 2002, the city said that as of June 30, 2000, the pension system was 97.3 percent funded and the deficit was only \$69 million. (It's now more than \$1 billion.) Why didn't the city give the numbers for mid-2001? "This is the game the city and pension system always play," says Diann

Shipione, whistle-blowing member of the pension board. "They dial back to the best numbers they can find in the past and give those numbers with an unstated suggestion that those numbers remain current, knowing they are completely fictional."

A dubious superior-court action cleared the way for the bonds. In 1998, when voters were told explicitly how the ballpark would pay for itself, the city gave itself some slight wiggle room. The Padres could "fine-tune" the mix of buildings. But in late 2001, law professor Robert Simmons filed a suit noting that the team had been relieved of 66 percent of its obligation to build office complexes and 33 percent of its pledge to build retail space. The proposed 1000-room Campbell Shipyard hotel — and other hotels — had not been financed. This was hardly fine-tuning. It was bait-and-switch, argued Simmons.

In late 2001, city council had approved a proposal to

permit most of the real estate to be condominiums, lofts, and townhomes — not what had been promised. But property-tax revenue from housing of any kind is always offset by infrastructure costs. This would be particularly true for subsidized condos in the ballpark district. There wouldn't be a chance the project could pay for itself — if there ever was one.

Simmons's argument was unanswerable, so the city didn't answer it. The suit was filed in early December of 2001. The city simply went to court and demanded that it had to be adjudicated — *in the city's favor* — by January 30 of 2002, or the project would die and Major League Baseball would leave San Diego. There was no documentation to back up this claim. Nonetheless, Judge Frederic Link gave the city what it wanted, when it wanted it. Simmons was not given the standard time to prepare for the suit and take testimony or deposi-

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tions. So he dropped it.

"They polluted the judicial process," says Zubel, who represented Simmons.

"The Simmons case was ordered to trial knowing that there was no time for the plaintiff to prepare. That case was expedited based on the politics of the moment."

In many observers'

opinions, any probe of San Diego's pattern of under-the-table dealings must extend to superior court. Zubel has another case that the appellate court has twice sent back for retrial. Filing for his client Harvey

Furgatch in 2000, Zubel challenged a 1999 deal in which within a month, the value of a parking lot zoomed from \$14 million to \$21 million — the exact gap the city needed to complete its ballpark-financing

package. The first superior court judge threw it out, claiming that Zubel should have sued the city as well as the port district. The appeals court sent it back. A second judge threw it out, claiming Zubel should have

also sued the state lands commission. The appeals court sent that one back, too, with specific instructions on what the next superior court judge has to do to handle the case equitably. It will be tried again in four months.

"Our local public officials are treating the business of government as if it were their private business," says Zubel. "You can't treat the public treasury like your own personal checkbook."

Scott Barnett, former head of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, recalls that in 1998, as the city headed for a ballpark vote, he wanted something done about the structural, or realistic, deficit of \$40 million a year. He suggested a spending freeze. But he was thumbed down: if spending were frozen, how could the voters be told that there was lots of money for a ballpark? "There was almost a conspiracy of deliberate ignorance between the manager and the city council. The council basically said, 'We don't want to know,'" says Barnett. To balance the books, the city sold assets, diverted money from sewer and water funds to the general fund, neglected infrastructure and maintenance of safety equipment, and escalated the borrowing of money from the pension system.

Some of this activity is still going on. Barnett is not convinced that Mayor Dick Murphy is in on the conspiracy of secrecy. "I think he is absolutely ignorant of how bad finances are. Which is worse? Being venal or ignorant? In his case, it's mostly ignorance."

And what is the ballpark costing? Barnett thinks annual tax revenues from district development come to only \$5 million. Debt service is \$18 million. Therefore, the ballpark is costing \$13 million a year and will drain the city of \$10 million a year in perpetuity, even if more hotels are built. Former councilmember Bruce Henderson thinks the annual ballpark cost could be above \$30 million, considering opportunity cost, or where the money might have been spent advantageously. ■

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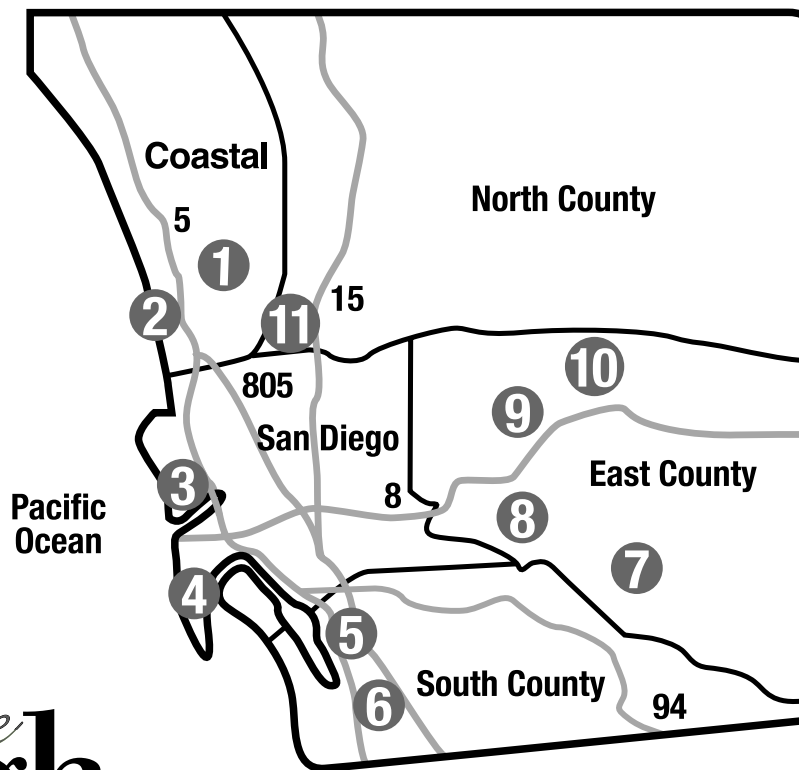
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wait in line to use the nurse's bathroom. There's some sort of complicated procedure to get the locks fixed through Proposition MM that no one has figured out how to navigate. I spent my 15-minute breaks the first week of school trying to locate an unlocked bathroom. I had to stop drinking liquids. Then I got a black-market bathroom key to the bungalow bathroom and was able to reduce bathroom breaks to 10 minutes rather than 15. I asked a locksmith how difficult it would be to fix the locks, and he said maybe five minutes. I asked him to accept a 33-cent payment to fix our locks — my entire earnings for the month of September — but he said it would jeopardize his license, so he couldn't accept the job.

I'm going to have to check with the teachers' union to see if, as a volunteer teacher, I need to attend any more stupid development — I mean, staff development because I'd rather spend the four hours a month of this wasted time planning lessons for my students and cleaning my classroom. I'm not going to say anything about the out-of-town writing consultant who came to our school to train the staff on Writer's Workshop at \$115 per substitute teacher, times 37 teachers, times 4 visits (\$17,020), plus the \$109,000 a year the school district pays the consultant. We've got another consultant for guided reading who flies in from New Zealand. I'm also not going to ask why the staff developer who has attended numerous training sessions over the years even needs to bring in consultants to train the teachers. (I'm enrolled in a graduate writing program, so I know a little bit about writing and the writing process on my own dime.)

I'm also not going to mention that the custodians' and gardeners' hours have been cut back to the point that they are overworked and don't have enough time to keep the campus looking as good as our children deserve. Or that we don't have enough staff to monitor kids' safety on the playground. (Staff developers and con-

sultants don't do recess duty.)

I'm also not going to mention that the counseling staff doesn't get enough time to address the needs of the children at our site. (I sent a note with a student to the of-

fice twice asking for assistance for a tantruming child and got no response. My aide called in sick that day, and no substitute showed up.) The principal did have time to observe my class the same day. Instructional calibration

is an important aspect of the Bersinista regime. Practical assistance in any form is not.

I spent a week putting up "Mitz Lee for School Board" signs. On Halloween day, I stood on a corner outside the stadium before the Charg-

ers/Raiders game waving the signs and yelling, "Go, Chargers!" I had to do something to relieve the frustration of being asked daily to spin straw into gold — and, by the way, get your own straw.

P.S. I finally got paid, three weeks late, after a heroic effort by our school secretary. Now I can afford to buy pencils! I've been doing the happy dance since the school-board election. I'm giddy with joy... ■

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Dear MatAl:

Longtime listener, first-time caller. Me and my cohorts were messing around with the age-old mystery of how many times a sheet of paper can be folded. We got as high as eight folds. What is the magical number? Do the paper density and size matter? And finally, why is there a limited amount of folding?

— Rob, the net

The elves decided this would be a perfect begin-the-year question, since everybody's got a ton of foldable stuff around, everything from wrapping paper to old tamale corn husks. A few days ago, the elves started folding stuff in half to see if they couldn't beat eight. Most of the time, they couldn't beat seven. But once they were through, the trash looked very tidy, what with all the neatly creased and stacked failed experiments. Grandma plans to make this an Alice family tradition.

It has been an old assumption that for whatever reason, eight was the maximum number of folds that could be made in a piece of paper, folding it in half repeatedly. This seemed to hold true whether the paper was folded each time along its length or the folds were alternated along the length and the width. No one demonstrated that the rule of folds was not true until a few years ago when a high school math teacher gave the assignment to his class: Fold a piece of paper 12 times.

An annoyingly bright girl with the unpromising name of Britney — Britney Gallivan — presented Teach with a four-inch-by-four-inch piece of microscopically thin gold leaf painstakingly folded 12 times. Clever, but gold leaf isn't paper, he observed. But Britney was on the right track. She considered the thickness of a particular piece of paper relative to the width of the sheet, chewed awhile on her pencil eraser, and came up with a formula that would predict how wide a piece of paper would have to be, given its thickness, to be folded N times along its length. There's more to it than this, but in part, it's based on the idea that on fold number one, you end up with double the original paper thickness and only half its original width. On fold number two, you have four times the original thickness and one fourth of the original width. If you continue to double one and halve the other, very quickly a sheet of ordinary notebook paper or a newspaper sheet is in an unfoldable lump.

Britney managed to find an industrial-sized roll of toilet paper 4000 feet long. According to her formula, this was the length of the sheet she would need if she were to fold the tissue lengthwise 12 times. She and her parents unrolled the paper along a hall in a shopping mall and started measuring and folding. And danged if it didn't work. She even wrote a booklet detailing the math logic in her experiment and came up with a second equation for predicting the number of alternating length-width folds for a given sheet. We can only assume Britney got an A that semester. Grandma's still trying to track down her source for the TP, and the elves sure want to know what it would be used for besides cracking math myths.

Heymatt:

Clockwise, beginning with the car farthest to the right of all others, one at a time. What is so difficult about that? Apparently, roughly half of the drivers in San Diego (according to my informal, one-person survey) don't understand four-way-stop choreography. Maybe you can enlighten them.

— LP, Hillcrest

Bzzzzzzzzzz! Awww, so sorry, LP. But we have a lovely parting gift and the full truth, if that's any consolation. And by the way, we do agree that the four-way stop is the instrument of the devil. Unfortunately Section 21800c of the state vehicle code assumes we arrive at these ugly vortexes just two cars at a time. Obviously no legislators have driven in Hillcrest lately. Anyway, here's all the state has to say about the situation. "When two vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at the same time and the intersection is controlled from all directions by stop signs, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on his or her immediate right." (N.B.: This doesn't apply at T-intersections.) Operative words here, "at the same time." In fact, the vehicle that arrives first at the stop line should be granted the right of way by all other stoppers. After that the right-of-way goes counterclockwise around the intersection.

Apparently this works in theory and in Sacramento. Realistically, there are enough holes in the law to garage a monster truck. First of all, the monster truck wouldn't bother to stop for the sign, no matter when he arrived at the intersection, throwing all rules out the window. And even if everyone agreed that all four cars arrived at their respective stop lines at exactly the same moment, legally that would mean each driver would yield to the driver on the right, round and round in endless circles. Until somebody caught in the traffic buildup behind them broke the stalemate in some rude and painful way.

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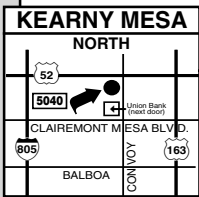
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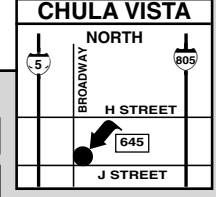


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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Fresh Start

I've stepped out of the darkened cave — or, more precisely, have exited the animal den known in another life as my living room, to stroll in fresh air and reconnect my chakra with living things. This adventure is a result of this morning's discovery that my living room seemed to be congested with — I'll say it out loud: food droppings. Bits and pieces of pizza, hamburger, bacon, T-bone steak, egg yolks, breadcrumbs, potato chips, turkey bones, pork ribs, plus several to many organic items I do not, at present, recognize. Remnants of the above sprinkled the gray living room rug like snow dusting Mt. Helix. The droppings probably went unnoticed for a time due to the thick overlay of food wrappers, newspapers, magazines, dishware, dirty clothes (mostly socks and shirts), assorted containers (glass, plastic, and metal) used to hold liquids. There appeared to be evidence of alcohol consumption. Finally, there were a very large number of popcorn kernels.

The indoor sludge heap is due entirely to 26 college-football bowl games and 32 NFL games that were played over the course of 12 days.

It gets harder every year.

I have, long ago, lost track of my football bets and will have to rely upon those who lost to pay up and those who won to contact me. This is a perilous way to begin 2005.

On the other hand, on the happy side of the street, this appears to be a providential moment to jot down a few New Year's sports resolutions.

Resolution number one: I will find a way to like Marty Schottenheimer.

Well, this one won't last 48 hours. Unlike those who bowed and bootlicked before the Schottenheimer as soon as the Chargers started winning, I have remained steadfast. I didn't like him when he was 4 and 12, and I don't like him today, when he's 12 and 4.

At bottom, excessive, soul-suffocating caution is what I hold against Marty. Caution is unbecoming in life, ugly in sports, and a crime in the NFL. Take Sunday's game. Sure, other playoff-bound teams were holding out their stars — the star quarterback, the star running back — not wanting to get a franchise player hurt before the playoffs begin.

But Marty held out an entire squad: Drew Brees, LaDainian Tomlinson, Randall Godfrey, Eric Parker, Tim Dwight, Antonio Gates, Keenan McCardell, Lorenzo Neal, and Jamal Williams. The equipment manager was on the bubble.

Resolution number two: I will write about women's sports more often this year. This one I have a good chance of keeping.

I've dropped the ball on women's sports lately. This noncoverage, unintended as it was, illustrates the predicament of women's sports. It's hard for the movement to get traction when someone like me, a general-interest sports writer who is on their side, has to make a resolution to write about their games.

I like women's tennis better than men's tennis. I like women's track-and-field and women's soccer and women's golf. I find women's basketball, football, and baseball to be an acquired taste. Unhappily, those sports are where media, fans, money, and fame congregate.

Resolution number three: I will not write a National Hockey League is Dead column. This one, I'll keep.

Resolution number four: More baseball and more NASCAR. Another keeper.

Resolution number five: I will watch televised sporting events all the way through to the end even if I have no money on the game. I'll give this one week.

Resolution number six: Give steroids a rest. I've been writing about steroids, always implicating Barry Bonds, for over two years. The rest of the media have finally caught up. They can take it from here. May well keep this one, at least until somebody goes to trial.

Resolution number seven: More Tijuana and Baja sports. They've got minor-league pro football and baseball down there. They've got offroad racing headlined by the Baja 500 and Baja 1000, bullfighting, greyhound racing, the always-ignored jai alai, golf, paintball, pro wrestling, pro boxing, any kind of fishing, any kind of boating, camping, snorkeling, diving, bicycling, surfing, running, tennis, hunting, legal sports betting, and, if you really feel you have to, snowboarding.

Sounds fabulous. And then one thinks of the border and remembers that the Bush administration is in the process of hiring 10,000 additional border agents. One thinks of the towering paranoia and mindless swagger one encounters when interfacing with newly empowered homeland security personhoods. One wonders if that joint you left in the back seat 15 years ago is still there. One wonders if there is a traffic warrant, a 1987 ticket for jaywalking in Atlanta, Georgia, lurking in some distant crime-stopper's computer database. Everything is accessible to everyone now, and everything is aailable offense. Hmm. Perhaps this resolution would be better placed next year.

Just kidding. Sort of.

Finally, if there's a sport you love, send me an e-mail and tell me about it. Maybe we can find a place for it here.

The Vegas Line

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Federal agent John Parish entered the room with local Internal Revenue Service territory managers. The casual meeting was off-site during the holiday season. "Merry Christmas," Parish greeted his coworkers. Parish's supervisor corrected him, "It's Happy Holidays, not Merry Christmas."

"Many [Christians] are tired of being politically correct," said Parish. "People are saying 'I'm not going to be PC anymore. This is my holiday. It's Merry Christmas, not Happy Holidays or Season's Greetings.'"

I spoke with Parish, a San Diego IRS group leader (a supervisor over a team of IRS agents), about being a Christian and working for the federal government. "Anything [Christians] do regarding our faith we have to do on our own time and outside of the work environment," said Parish. "There is confusion on what I can or cannot do at work as it relates to my faith. I always need to think about how far I can go without getting in trouble."

"Inside my work area, I keep a Bible because it is an enclosed office. However, for those who are in cubicles, anything that is deemed offensive has to be removed," said Parish. A Christian with a cross in his work area can be asked to remove it.

"There are more restrictions at work than there should be," said Parish. "I think expressing our faith should be allowable. For example, if I speak with a fellow employee who is having a personal crisis, I want to pray with him. If he is open to praying with me, I have to go to coffee, so it is our personal free time." Parish said his desire is to be able to pray with coworkers in the office.

"From my Christian perspective, my work is not the end, but the people I am working with are the end," said Parish. "I have specific tasks and duties to accomplish during the day, but above all of these, I consider the individual needs of the people I work with."

Outside of work, Parish is a deacon at Canyon View Christian Fellowship in Tierrasanta. As a deacon, Parish prays with people every Sunday. During the week, he leads a Sexual Relational Wholeness support group for "people who struggle with issues of homosexuality and lesbianism." He teaches a Living Waters program for people with abuse, addiction, codependency, lack of intimacy issues, and other relational problems. Parish remarked, "I'm one person at work and another person out of work."

Parish believes that the minority is the group that is pushing the agenda of separation of faith in the workplace. "It is the vocal minority, the ACLU and atheists that seem to have a legal pull," stated Parish.

"Our founding fathers would be surprised with how far things have gone. It was never intended to not have religion in the life of society." Parish said, "[The idea of separation of church and state] didn't come from the Constitution. The idea came from a letter from Thomas Jefferson." Parish was referring to a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote January 1, 1802, stat-

ing the government should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between church and State."

Parish said that people have gone too far from the original intent of our founders. "People of faith founded this country. Religion is a very integral part of our nation. In fact, the whole legal system was founded on Judeo-Christian ethics, beliefs, and morals. You cannot take those from our society and have a viable society."

I also spoke with federal agent Henry Lee, an IRS group leader in San Marcos. Lee began our conversation with a disclaimer, "I do not speak on behalf of the IRS and all aspects of my faith are a private matter." Prior to our conversation, Lee spoke with human resources, media relations, and consulted a legal guide, Christian Rights in the Workplace, to ensure our conversation wouldn't jeopardize his work.

Lee served one year as the president of Christian Fundamentalist Internal Revenue Employees (CFIRE), an IRS-sanctioned group.

"CFIRE operates under Presidential Executive Order 11491 [pertaining to labor and management relations in the federal service, signed in 1969]. This allows us, on our own free time, to meet. There are no additional costs incurred to the government," Lee remarked. People who join the group agree that the Bible is without error, God is a Trinity and Christ is the only salvation from hell. Its members gather in an IRS conference room once a

week. During the meeting, they study the Bible, talk about each other's lives, and pray together.

I asked Lee if he ever felt persecuted for being involved in CFIRE or for his beliefs. "I can't say I've been persecuted. The only negative reaction I know about is people joking about my faith. I know that there are other people who question the validity of CFIRE. They do not believe we should be able to exist."

Lee views his work as secondary to his faith. As a Christian, he says the conversion of non-believers to Jesus Christ is more important. "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes," Lee recited to me part of Romans 1:16. Lee looks to speak about his faith in conversations. "People often ask what I did over the weekend," Lee said. "Because I'm so involved at my church, Calvary Chapel San Diego, it is easy to discuss what I believe." Lee emphasized that he does this while honoring the guidelines of the federal government.

Even with the restrictions of speaking about religion, Christian leaders are encouraging people to a higher integration of faith within the workplace. Reverend Billy Graham said, "I believe one of the next great moves of God is going to be through the believers in the workplace." Graham's son, Franklin, said, "God has begun an evangelism movement in the workplace that has the potential to transform our society as we know it."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron,

My eldest son will be having his bar mitzvah in February. About 200 people are invited. I felt obligated to invite the two people who work in the same department as me, as well as the CEO of our company (who hired me in the first place). It seemed right to invite these people because I work closely with them and I figured they might hear about the event since I had to make phone calls about it at work when making the arrangements. I didn't want them to feel left out. Our company is now doing some downsizing and has let my whole department go, so my two coworkers and I (as well as others who work in different departments) will be out of a job come the first of the year. The CEO apologized to me and said she had no choice. She also said that she would not be coming to the bar mitzvah now, as she realized I'd issued the invitation based on a work relationship that will no longer exist come the time of the event. I thought that was very sensitive of her. One of my coworkers said essentially the same thing. The other coworker I'd invited, though, a very young woman, doesn't seem to have gotten the idea that it might be graceful for her not to come to the bar mitzvah now that we won't be coworkers anymore. My wife thinks I should uninvite this woman, since circumstances have changed. I'm not sure how to do this. This is a perfectly nice woman who I like well enough and I don't want to upset her. How do I retract the invitation? It seems awkward. She's been talking about how much she's looking forward to coming and meeting my family.

CORPORATE JOE IN O.B.

Dear Joe,

Very sorry to hear that you lost your job. There's a lot of that going around lately. Here's hoping you find another position you like even better real soon. I'm not a fan of disinviting people after you've already asked them to a party — unless they've done something really heinous. In my view, taking back an invitation is a measure to be used only in social emergencies. This doesn't feel like such an extreme situation to me. If you've no bad feelings toward this woman, and she hasn't misbehaved, why not let her come to the celebration as planned? You'll hardly notice her in the teeming crowd you've invited. I'm afraid I don't see the need to punish her for the downsizing, which is not her fault, by rescinding the invitation. If you talk to your wife maybe she'll come around to the realization that this woman's presence isn't going to hurt anyone, and since she was already invited the generous thing to do

would be to allow her to come and make her feel welcome.

Hi Saffron,

I like your column, but disagree with a recent issue's advice. "Luke of La Jolla" acted oddly toward a friend who asked to borrow his laptop. He was really adamant about not wanting to let anyone else use it, even for a few moments. I agree he could have handled this in a less off-putting fashion. But it's really not a generosity issue. People keep their bank accounts, bills, investment information, and employment information on their computers — as well as photos and personal correspondence. I have all that kind of stuff on mine. I wouldn't feel comfortable giving someone access to my laptop either, unless I was sitting next to the person and could be sure that they were only using a Web browser to access their e-mail. The best way to avoid this issue: Bring your laptop everywhere you want to, but don't turn it on in front of others with whom you don't want to share. You can then beg off by saying the battery's low, or some other excuse. It's kind of rude to use a cell phone or other personal device when you're in the company of friends anyway. I realize it may appear selfish to others, but some things you just don't share — laptops should fall into the same category as hairbrushes, mascara, and husbands. I wonder if anyone else will write in to agree with me?

C.Z. FROM NATIONAL CITY

Dear Saffron,

Luke has very good reasons not to let his friends check their e-mail on his laptop. They are called viruses, worms, and other malevolent downloads. It is not an act of friendship to ask someone to open up their valuable equipment to e-mail when he (or she) doesn't know where that e-mail has been or where it is coming from. Luke is smart to be cautious.

D.L. FROM NORMAL HEIGHTS

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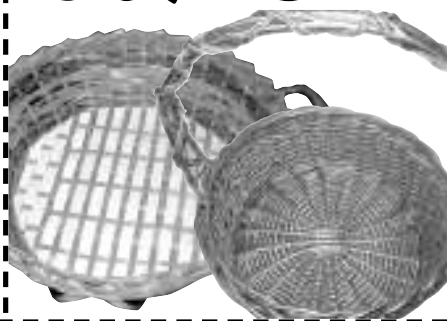
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—EVE KELLY

Margaritas are the signature cocktail of the Kelly household. As hot days turn to warm evenings from April until Halloween or so, we often sit with friends on the deck, slurping down the slushy, limey drinks.

Patrick sometimes puts his collection of traditional *rancheras* on the stereo before we hit the green plastic chaise lounges, just to heighten the experience. But the icy drink is just a bit chilly to serve our friends at our parties during these winter months. Not that we haven't tried. When he walked around the living room with a tray full of margaritas during our tree-trimming party last month, the response from our sweater-clad guests was pretty wintry. "More for me," Patrick gamely cracked at each raised hand of refusal, but I could see the poor man was hurt and confused. A wife just knows these things. I decided that Patrick was too good a man to suffer such humiliation again, and I resolved to come up with our signature Kelly wintertime cocktail.

The first call went out to Beverages & More in La Mesa. "People tend to come in looking for mulling spices to use with wine at this time of year," explained assistant manager Mark Milutin. "Mix the spices with your wine, like a Burgundy, and simmer. Then serve it warm. The four-ounce tin of spices costs \$3.99."

"If you want some ideas other than cocktails," Milutin continued, "almost all of your microbreweries will make a seasonal beer for Christmas time. They tend to be darker, heavier styles of beer. They try to give them a little chocolate or hazelnutty flavor. Sierra Nevada's Celebration Ale [\$7.49 for a six-pack at Beverages & More] is one of the more popular beers."

Beer is not my thing, though Patrick will slug one down now and then. And I wanted to find a drink that would warm the heart, something we both could enjoy during cozy winter evenings by the fire. My search continued, leading me to Erica Jessup, bartender at Laurel in Banker's Hill who offered a few ideas. "The drinks we serve here to warm people up are White Monks. That is Frangelico [\$17.99 for 750 ml at Beverages & More] in a brandy snifter with steamed milk. That's really yummy. Or you can do an eggnog latte with brandy: steam the eggnog, put an ounce and a half of brandy in it, and sprinkle a little nutmeg on the top."

When I was a kid, Dad would whip up a "hot toddy" to cure any number of our

"I can imagine drinking this on a cold winter's night in the Italian alps and then charging out into the snow to make snow angels."

sicknesses. "It's good for what ails you," he'd smirk. I'm not sure it really helped the sickness, but it certainly helped knock us kids out for the evening. I asked Jessup if she serves them at Laurel. "Nobody ever really asks us for a hot toddy," she answered. "I make them for myself, with the lemon and the honey in it. It cures you right up. There is another one that I do that is a lemonade. I use fresh lemon, water, honey, a sprinkle of cayenne pepper, and your choice of alcohol. I use brandy."

The next cold patient in the Kelly household was going to get the Jessup Toddy, I thought. In the meantime I still needed another wintertime party drink. I'd feel a bit odd serving Depression-era cold remedies to my guests.

The following day, I popped into Mona Lisa Italian Grocery Store and Deli in Little Italy to pick up a mortadella and salami sub.

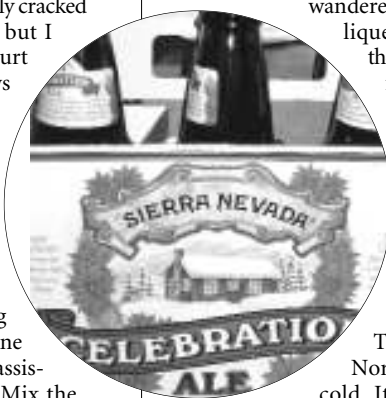
As I waited to check out, my eyes wandered to the liquors and liqueurs on a shelf near the checkstand, and they fixed on the handsome bottles of clear grappa. "What's grappa?" I asked the salesman.

"It's a distilled grape liquor, like brandy," he answered. "Very strong, but smooth. They make it up in Northern Italy where it's cold. It'll really warm you

up." I snatched up a bottle of Alexander Grappa [\$24.99 for 750 ml] and headed home for a taste. Patrick loved it. "It's clearing my sinus passages and there is a warmth spreading down my throat, radiating into my chest cavity. I can imagine drinking this on a cold winter's night in the Italian alps and then charging out into the snow to make snow angels," he laughed.

While Patrick was pleased, the drink was too strong for me. I shelved the bottle for the man and continued looking. Chris Bates, bartender at Mister A's in Banker's Hill, came through with a few home run ideas. "A lot of people like a Hot Apple Pie this time of year," he offered. "It is a hot cider, with some Tuaca [\$12.99 for 375 ml at Beverages & More] and a cinnamon stick. Tuaca is an Italian liqueur, which is citrusy with a hint of vanilla in it. Another drink people often ask for this time of year are the hot toddies." (I knew it!) "But most people go for the typical coffee drinks. A regular Irish Coffee with either Jameson's Irish Whiskey [\$18.99 for 750 ml at Beverages & More] or Bushmills Irish Whiskey [\$30.99 for 1.75 liters at Beverages & More], with coffee added to it."

"Some people want a Nutty Irishman." This could be the signature Kelly winter drink, I thought. The name certainly fit. "That is a coffee drink with Bailey's [\$14.99 for 750 ml at Beverages & More] and Frangelico in it," Bates explained. "Some people will add a cube of sugar to that; it depends on a person's preference."



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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Biggest political atrocities of the year in San Diego.

Larry Remer, former business manager of the Door, now staff member for county supervisor Jack Walsh.

1. The folding of the *Door*.
2. The reelection of Congressman Wilson.
3. The whitewash of corruption of the San Diego Police Department by the grand jury and Mayor Wilson.
4. The bolstering of the border and increased repression of Chicanos seeking work.
5. The use of antipoverty funds to increase the size of the San Diego Police Department.

— **"1974 IN REVIEW,"** January 9, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

All of Laura Fraser's gold jewelry is in the pawn shop. So is a friend's television set. And the \$900 Fraser earns each month as a nurse in University Hospital's burn unit evaporates as fast as morning dew in the desert. But consider what Fraser *has* as a result of her scrimping: a two-year lease which commits her to paying \$550 a month in rent for part of the first floor of a rundown building on lower Broadway — space which the nurse has been using for the last few weeks to run San Diego's first and only punk-rock nightclub.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"NURSING PUNK,"** Jeannette De Wyze, January 10, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

From the time the Prophet International Vegetarian Restaurant opened in 1971 until just recently, the East San Diego eatery served as the mainstay of San Diego's health food crowd. Vegetarians and health food aficionados from all over the county came for such unique dishes as African ground nut soup, the "Bangladesh" sandwich (a patty of soy beans, vegetables, and curry served on pita bread), and such nonalcoholic beverages as African ginger beer, gardenia and rose daiquiris, and a wheatgrass mint julep. Celebrities like Dick Gregory and Jane Fonda came by for lunch or dinner whenever they were in town.... The day after Thanksgiving, the Prophet — which Cheatham claims was the first vegetarian restaurant in town — shut its University Avenue doors for good, a victim of changing times, changing tastes, and a changing neighborhood.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"ONE VEGGIE COMBO TO GO,"** Thomas K. Arnold, January 10, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Developer Doug Manchester seems to relish a good tussle with local politicians. He's suing the port over his assertion that a two-year lag in finishing the new convention center cost his hotel next door millions in lost bookings. Last month, his attorneys even subpoenaed Mayor



PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDY HOFFMAN

San Diego Reader, January 5, 1995

Maureen O'Connor, asking her indelicate questions about whether her interest in an Anaheim hostelry had anything to do with her vote to rebid, and thus delay, the San Diego convention facility.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"DOUG DIGS INTO SPUD STATE,"** Matt Potter, January 11, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Gazlay and his crew have filled the ecological niche left in the local blues scene when the Mighty Penguins got scarce. Gazlay and former Penguin Billy Thompson are, arguably, the only San Diego guitarists since Mike Kenneally to share that rarified atmosphere of the world-class rock/blues musician.

The 37-year-old singer/songwriter/guitarist extraordinaire went to La Jolla High School after a childhood in the Pacific Northwest, "out in the sticks," where he learned guitar. Explaining his pickless fingering style he says, "It was too far into town. We'd only go once every couple of weeks, so if you lost your pick...."

When Gazlay covers a song, it isn't the old chestnuts he reaches for but sleeper gems like Dire Straits' "Fade to Black," Paul McCartney's "Rough Ride," Peter Green's (of Fleetwood Mac circa 1969) "Long Gray Mare," Dylan's "Dogs Run Free," as well as "Female Dictionary" by an obscure Oregon group, Blue Albino.

— **"VAMPIRE DUCK IS ABOUT TO DIVE,"** John Brizzolara, January 5, 1995

Five Years Ago

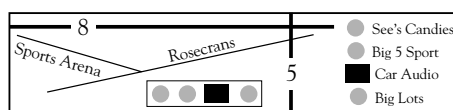
When I asked where I might find figurines, a teenaged clerk pointed me toward the back of the store. I found World Wrestling Federation figurines. I found G.I. Joes. I found the scary guy from *Scream* and *Psycho*'s Norman Bates, complete with a bloody butcher knife. I didn't find anything from *The Prince of Egypt*. No Moses. No Pharaoh. No Pharaoh's daughter.

— KID STUFF: **"JENNIFER HAS THE SIZE, WEIGHT, AND WIGGLINESS OF A REAL NEWBORN,"** Anne Albright, January 6, 2000

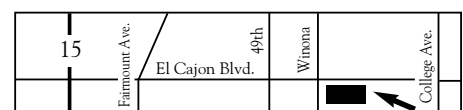
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Crasher

PEE WEE AND ME

by Josh Board

Julia" was always one of my favorite Beatles ballads. Now it would be one of my favorite party people. She called to invite me to her Pee Wee Herman party. I refrained from making a joke about him in the movie theater and listened as she explained that they often have theme parties at her complex in Pacific Beach. She said, "The last one was Hulk Hogan. That was fun. Before that, it was a *Caddyshack*/country club theme."

When I pulled onto Chalcedony, I wasn't surprised by how hard it was to park. This was P.B. on a Saturday night. I didn't realize, though, that every other house would be having a party. It was December, and my statistics on partying (it's a colorful pie chart that looks like the crap in *USA Today*) indicate that December has more parties than any other month. My goal was to leave the Pee Wee party with enough time to hit the others.

The problem was, when I crashed the party directly across the street, I was the one who almost got hit. We'll get to that later.

I pulled out a white dress shirt and a red bow tie I had. When I worked in radio, some company in Carlsbad once gave us all this crazy clothing: socks that were tie-dyed and a red bow tie that had little red lights around it. I think I wore it to one Christmas party years ago and thought it was too goofy to ever



wear again. It had sat in a drawer ever since. Yet another reason why I say you should save everything. You never know when you'll need it again.

It didn't occur to me that I'd also have to get a battery. But there was no turning back now. I already had the thing strapped around my neck as I headed into Sav-On.

When I walked into the party I saw one of the hosts handing out T-shirts with various Pee Wee phrases painted on the front. One said, "I know what you are, but what am I?"

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Another had "Take a picture. It'll last longer." I saw one that said, "Large Marge sent me." And there was a fourth that I never caught a glimpse of.

The ladies living here had also made red bow ties, which looked funny when people pinned them



onto their T-shirts.

There was a lot of hip-hop and dance music playing, but I was surprised I never once heard Pee Wee's dance song, "Tequila." There was tequila to drink, though. They had a couple of kegs and a few bottles. One guy walked in with a six-pack.

And when he and his friends were leaving 20 minutes later, I heard him complain that he wouldn't leave without taking his beer. He walked out to the street carrying his three cans.

There was a big-screen TV, and I asked Julia why one of Pee Wee's

movies wasn't going. She said, "We just didn't have the time to get any of the videos." I said, "Well, what did you have for the Hulk Hogan party?" She said, "On the patio, where everyone smokes, we had signs made up. One said, 'Hulkster in the House.' Another talked about what would happen to you if you made too much noise. We didn't want to upset our neighbors. We also had his cassette playing. He actually did a record, and we found cassettes of it in a 99 Cent Store."

I also noticed there were no Pee Wee Herman dolls. When he first got arrested, they were all pulled off the market. People were placing ads in the newspaper selling

them for upwards of \$100. It always surprises me that people pay these types of prices. Do they still have the Talking Elmos and Cabbage Patch Kids that sold for so much? I bet they're probably worth \$5 today.

Speaking of Cabbage Patch Kids, let me comment on Julia's dimples. They were so cute, on the top of her cheeks. I've never seen that before. She said, "I look like a Cabbage Patch doll, I know."

Other people didn't like being told anything about their looks. I went onto the patio for a cigar, and another guy was smoking a stogie. He told a girl she looked like Neve Campbell. That gal got mad, which we couldn't figure out, since most people find Campbell attractive. I told him about the time I told a woman she looked like Samuel L. Jackson. She was attractive, but I just meant that she looked as if she could be his sister. I didn't get a chance to explain that as she walked away angry.

Every time a woman walked onto the patio, we would discuss who she looked like, to see if she would get mad. One red-haired girl we said looked like Julianne Moore. She liked that. The Neve Campbell girl said, "Hey, wait a second. Are you that guy from the *Reader*? About a year ago, you wrote about this party with a really skanky girl. Do you remember that?" I laughed, thinking that describes about half

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the parties I attend. I said, in an attempt to be funny, "Why? Was that you?" She said, "No. It was my mom." A few people were silent. A few people laughed. This gal then lit up a joint and toked away. When that was finished, she lit another one.

I went inside and talked to some people on the couch. When I walked back out half an hour later, she was smoking pot out of a pipe. I asked if I could take her picture. She said, "Are you crazy? Not while I'm smoking this. You can take a picture if it doesn't show my face." I clicked a few. She wanted to see them, to be sure I didn't show her face. She said, "Oh damn! People will recognize my belt. Ah, so what."

I noticed another guy was taking pictures with his digital camera. I asked why, and he said, "Do you know what romp.com is? They take photos of college girls and create a video game where you try to score with them."

"Is that what this is for?"
"No. These are just for me, personally. One time we were at this crazy party and got so drunk. I didn't remember anything. When I woke up the next morning, I looked at the photos on my camera. I didn't realize there were so many hot-looking chicks there. It had documented everything I couldn't remember."

Ah, technology. Helping drinkers remember. That should be a slogan.

One of the girls living upstairs was asked if people could use her bathroom. She jokingly said, "It depends. Are they going to go 'number one' or 'number two'?" I never did see anyone go up the stairs.

One guy peeked over the fence and said, "Dude, that's an awesome tie. I didn't have anything to wear. I wasn't going to buy a suit just to wear to a party." When he found out they were giving out T-shirts, he eagerly put one on.

It was Julia's 25th birthday. I found out another girl named Lisa Latimer was turning 24. We talked about having birthdays so close to Christmas. Neither of them had a problem with it.

I was talking to one good-

looking guy for a while. A few women came up as we talked. I overheard one ask her friend if he was single. She said, "His girlfriend is in the kitchen making margaritas." The blonde who asked about him, with the glitter on her eyebrows, walked away. The guy laughed and said, "Did you hear that? She was interested in me." He then told me about how he and his current girlfriend are perfect together. He said, "I had one girlfriend that never wanted to have sex. It was horrible. My woman now is really sexually active. It's great."

He looked into the kitchen window and said something to his woman. I asked Julia if she could bring me a

margarita, which she kindly did.

We talked about her job. A few of the younger people in the crowd talked about not knowing what they wanted to do with their lives. Some were still in school. Others just had part-time jobs. One guy told me, "As long as I have enough money to pay the rent and can go surfing, who wants a damn nine-to-five job?" It reminded me of Jeff Spicoli from *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*.

It was 12:30 in the morning, and I decided to go to the party directly across the street. It was in a nice three-story house, and I saw a well-dressed couple leaving. Maybe there'd be more food than the variety of chips at Pee Wee's

Playhouse.

I asked a guy at the gate if I could crash the party. When I told him who I was, he said, "I've read that column. I was going to invite you to a party I had when I lived in Oceanside."

I didn't realize that within minutes I'd come close to getting my ass kicked. But, we'll go into that in the next issue. (Hey, I ended with a cliffhanger. How cool is that? I can leave you wondering if it was because of my goofy red bow tie. Or if I told the wrong woman she looked like Samuel L. Jackson. Stay tuned.) ■

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— Will & Grace

I, on the other hand, thrive on the chaos. My face glowed in the reflection of Jane's eyes, which lit up as she gazed upon the contents of the teal Tiffany's & Co. boxes.

No, I am not going shopping with you," said my friend Ollie in his gruffest voice. "Absolutely not." I remained silent, contemplating my options. I did not want to brave the psycho Christmas shoppers at Fashion Valley alone; I needed to persuade Ollie to join me. This was the year my thoughtfulness would blow them all away, and obtaining the necessary gifts required backup.

"I'll pick you up around nine," I said matter-of-factly. How could Ollie argue with that? My master plan was set in motion. I hadn't looked forward to Christmas this much since I was a child: this

year, I was excited to give rather than to get. As kids, my sister Jenny and I would stay awake at night, wondering aloud if Santa would bring us everything we'd asked for. We were never disappointed.

Later, I found out that an overly generous "Santa" (known as "Mom" for the remaining 364 days of the year) helped put Dad into debt each December, or what he has described as "a horrible maelstrom of debt, which went further down and down, until it was overpowering, overwhelming, out-of-control, fucking crazy." The financial stress did nothing to enhance Dad's holiday spirit, and getting everything we wanted did nothing to expand our ability to appreciate our good fortune.

I like to think that even though we were quick to toss

our new toys aside in search of the next colorfully wrapped box, we knew how lucky we were. Despite our abundance, we sensed that at one time in the incomprehensible past our parents had each experienced what it is to lack. Along the way, we learned not to take things for granted, and though we would most likely achieve our wishes and dreams, we should not expect either to pull up in a limo.

This year, I wanted to be Santa. I collected Ollie right on time, and after kvetching for a bit, saying things like, "Can't we just get from the car to the store without having to encounter the flotsam and jetsam of Western society?" he resigned himself to the role of a proper "shopper's assistant" — adopting a mostly neutral attitude with a pinch of cheer. With three days to go before Christmas Eve, I was shocked (and relieved) to find the parking lot near empty; we had beaten the mob by minutes and had to act fast.

The Apple Store was first on my list. Jenny is back in school, working hard for high grades and making plans for her future career — she needed a laptop, and my family agreed to chip in for the 14-inch iBook G4. I refused to "consider the benefits of an extended warranty," and we escaped the overcrowded Apple Store before I became so irritable that I slapped around the more noxious of my fellow shoppers.

Next, I marched Ollie to Tiffany & Co. to find a gift for Jane, my eldest sister. Jane is what I call a Nordstrom Mommy; her baby is as stylish as she is: they tool around in a fur-lined

stroller for those long days of shopping for the latest fashions. Only the finest jewelry befits such a woman. Tiffany was packed. I had to put my name on a list and wait half an hour to be helped. Ollie, with his large, fully tattooed muscles, carried my growing stash of gifts as he helped me peer through glass cases for the perfect gift for my sister. While doing this, I came upon the most fabulous ring I'd seen in months.

"Do *not* buy yourself something here," Ollie said, as I eyed the ring. "Remember how much you've spent so far? You can't get that; I won't let you shop for yourself before you've finished shopping for everyone else." He actually thought his scolding was working until I told the saleslady to add the ring to my purchase of Jane's set of earrings and necklace. Ollie looked at me disapprovingly, but when I forked over the payment in cash, he said, "That's pretty rock star, to walk into Tiffany & Co. and pay with cash." With that, we absquatulated, eager to put space between ourselves and the hordes of people who began to fill the mall from one end to the other.

My other gifts did not require a visit to the mall. This year, Faye and her family celebrated their first Christmas at home, with their own tree and two boys — Liam, almost three and just old enough to get the idea of presents, and Brian, too young to do anything but smile, fuss, and poop. In honor of this occasion, my family spent Christmas Eve at Faye's. Sean, my brother-in-law, prepared our dinner (as is custom with any of my sisters: the men do the cooking). After

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the meal, we gathered in the living room. I had insisted that they open my gift that night, rather than waiting for Christmas morning, because I had gotten them something for their home.

When they lifted from a small box the intricate, glass-adorned elephant ornament from India, they placed it on the tree, gave me a hug and a kiss, and smiled at the object while David snuck outside to fetch the real gift. When he stepped back inside with the large wrapped present, they could tell by the box's shape and size that this was most likely a framed picture. But they would never have guessed that they'd be receiving one of David's limited-edition photographs. Upon seeing the photo, entitled *New Moon*, Sean said, "You really shouldn't have." Faye said, "We are not worthy." But we did. And they are. The next morning, Faye told me that after everyone left, she and Sean sat by the image with a glass of wine and stared in awe and excitement.

Spending time with my family can be torture for David. He enjoys everyone's company, conversation, and humor, just not *at the same time*. Two days and nights of our frenzied celebration was a little much for him. He almost passed out as we opened presents and threw paper at him for the trash before he had time to dispose of what he'd already been handed; each of us opened gifts simultaneously, shouting out thanks and digging into the next before David could learn what was from whom and why the recipient appreciated it.

But time stood still for the big gifts. A hush fell over the room as Jenny lifted the large box that David had wrapped in leopard-print paper with a fuchsia bow (thinking to distract her with what was clearly very heavy lingerie from Frederick's of Hollywood). With one tear of the racy paper, Jenny recognized the Apple logo, and wept with shock and gratitude. The rest of us teared up as well, then sighed happily, and reverted to hysteria.

Through the hubbub, I could hear David mutter

"Jesus Christ!" so many times I thought his atheism had been cured. He's been in a state of decompression ever since, refusing even to watch *Kids in the Hall* on DVD (one of the gifts he gave me), because he can't handle the noise of it. Poor thing. In this

instance, *he* is the flower.

I, on the other hand, thrive on the chaos. My face glowed in the reflection of Jane's eyes, which lit up as she gazed upon the contents of the teal Tiffany & Co. boxes. Dad loved his new CD Walkman (perfect for listen-

ing to the books on CD he gets at the library), and Mom will have fun being pampered with me at an upscale La Jolla spa.

After presents, games, and our traditional dinner of Mom's chicken cutlet parmigiana and lasagna, I decided

to spare David a session of frantic Trivial Pursuit and packed up my booty (literally, a car full of gifts). But that's not what mattered. Outside, with my cheeks rosy from the cool night air, my eyes twinkling in a satisfied stare, I called to my slave to open my

door, and then started the car like never before. "On Corolla, on H Street, on the 805 freeway, to the 15, to David's, to where I will stay!" And while facing north, I glanced in the mirror, and said to the city, "I'll see you on Easter!" ■

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What's Going On

OF ALL THE BAD THINGS SAID ABOUT DICK MURPHY before 2004, he was never thought to have been a crook. If the word “corruption” was ever associated with his name, it was a small-*c* kind of corruption: a small favor done for a friend, a redevelopment subsidy approved because it would help the old neighborhood, the benefit of the doubt given to city council colleagues who might have gotten just a bit too chummy with a Mafia-linked strip club owner from Las Vegas.

But as the year went on, as the financial clouds darkened around City Hall and city investigators analyzed computer disks using sophisticated software in an effort to retrieve the data that had been erased by persons unknown, there were second thoughts. How could Murphy have made such a mess of it? How long could his defense based on ignorance hold up?

As 2005 dawned, nobody, let alone Murphy himself, yet knew the answer.

Two thousand four was supposed to be the year the lid came off San Diego's City Hall, and in some ways expectations were met. Donna Frye was elected mayor, perhaps. Mike Aguirre, the chronic electoral loser whose legal battles against taxpayer subsidies for Chargers owner Alex Spanos were once regarded as ludicrously quixotic, took over as city attorney. But for Dick Murphy, no matter what the ultimate outcome of his fight to keep his tenuous hold on city government, his political future seemed to have gone into irreversible meltdown.

The year began with three city councilmembers under federal indictment.

All three faced trial for wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud; two were also charged with extortion. The indictments arose out of the Cheetahs strip club scandal that had broken seven months before in the spring of 2003. The charges, which involved campaign contributions by representatives of Cheetahs owner Mike Galardi of Las Vegas to Ralph Inzunza, Michael Zucchet, and Charles Lewis, allegedly in exchange for their efforts to water down the city's ban on strippers touching their patrons, had not implicated Murphy. Lewis, 37, would not live to see a trial; he died in August of an esophageal hemorrhage that the county medical examiner concluded was caused by cirrhosis.

But in his January State of the City speech, the mayor leapt to the defense of the trio, singling them out for praise for backing his agenda and allowing them to remain in honorific positions such as deputy mayor, a move that many saw as unnecessary and even unseemly for a man who had been on the state bench.

“As a former Superior Court judge, let me remind everybody that in Amer-



Dick Murphy, election night 2004

ica people are presumed innocent until proven guilty,” Murphy said shortly after FBI agents swooped down on city council offices in the May 2003 raid that resulted in the indictments. “This is just an investigation. We must await the outcome of the U.S. attorney's investigation before conclusions can be drawn.”

The first sign of the big trouble to come in the new year of 2004 arrived the second week of January when an investigation by a television reporter led to the resignation of Roger Talamantez,

head of the city-owned San Diego Data Processing Corp. Talamantez, who made \$235,975, had been caught spending thousands of the corporation's dollars on bottles of wine and tequila shooters at employee parties.

Then, a week after Talamantez's departure, city auditor Ed Ryan, a small, nondescript man who drove a racy sports car, quit without explanation. Murphy, ever solicitous of the status quo, issued a curious statement in which he vouched for Ryan's integrity. “This was at his ini-

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tiation,” said Murphy about Ryan’s sudden departure. “There is absolutely no suggestion, hint, or innuendo that this resignation is anything other than his choice.

“In fact, his retirement is being reluctantly accepted by me and everyone familiar with his outstanding performance. Reports indicating that Mr. Ryan has anything other than a stellar record are false. It would be a great injustice to report anything to the contrary.”

Murphy’s brave if unconvincing façade was shattered less than two weeks later when Phil LaVelle of the *Union-Tribune* reported that the FBI, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office had launched an investigation of the city’s finances.

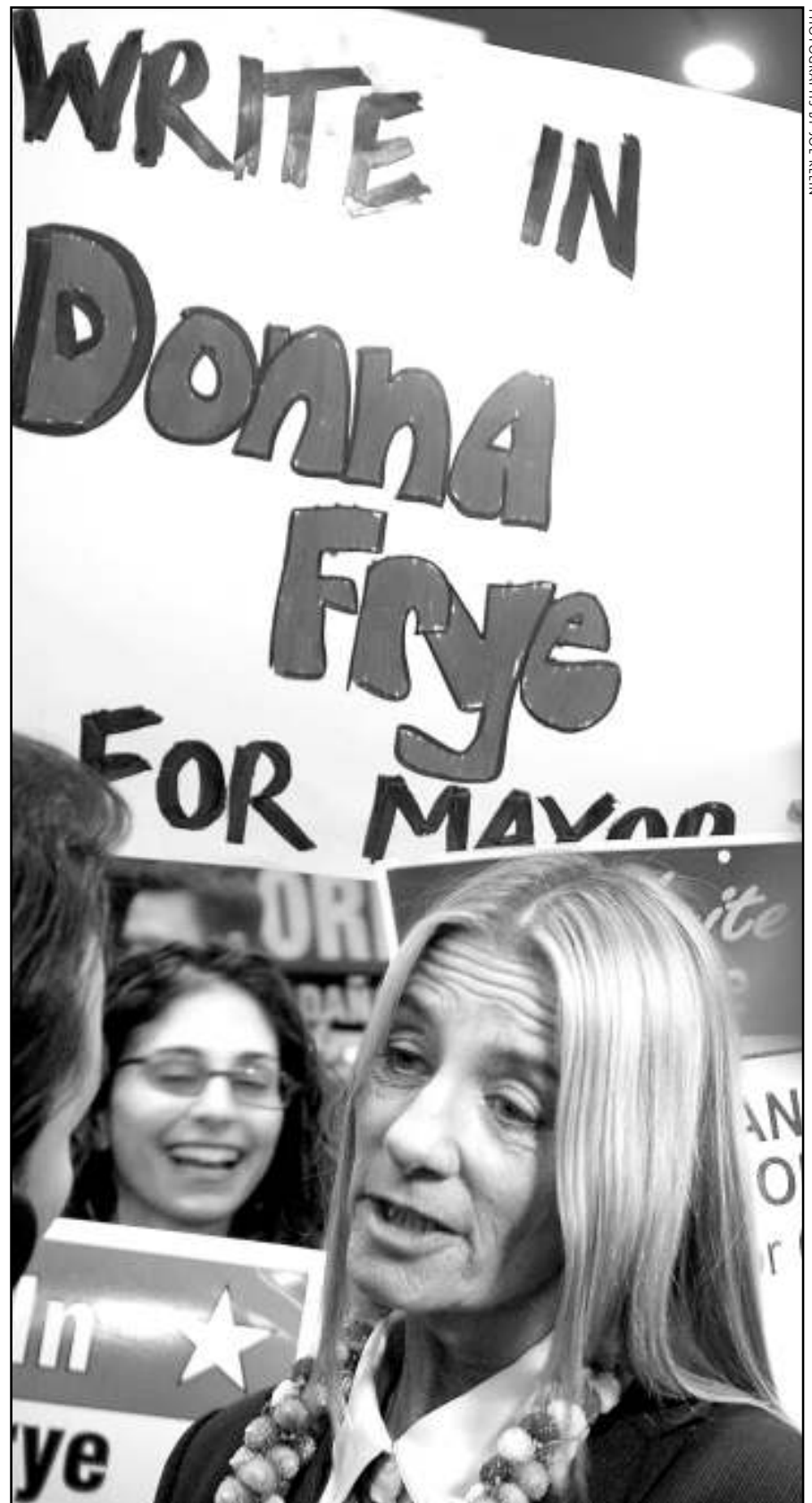
A day after that story broke, Murphy called a news conference in his 11th-floor City Hall offices to say he “welcomed” news of the investigation that an FBI spokeswoman had just confirmed was under way. “I want to assure the public that we will take the same calm, deliberate, effective action to resolve this matter as we have with other problems,” he told

the gathered reporters.

It was just the beginning of Murphy’s long, slow political nightmare.

The mayor had once been expected to easily defeat his two main challengers in his March reelection bid, county supervisor Ron Roberts and port commissioner Peter Q. Davis. Roberts was widely viewed as a has-been member of downtown’s old-boy network and crony of Padres owner John Moores. Widely unpopular, Roberts retained a deathlike grip on his supervisory seat by virtue of his incumbency and the county’s lack of term limits. Davis, a retired banker and onetime Murphy campaign contributor, was seen as a political lightweight who was wasting part of his substantial fortune in a futile effort to promote his candidacy.

But the very fact that Davis had the audacity to enter the race seemed to spook the mayor, who called his erstwhile friend “Brutus” and privately vowed that he would eventually wreak political revenge against Davis, whom he had appointed to the port commission. Murphy grew even more nervous as both Davis and Roberts began gaining momentum against him



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Dick Murphy at Michael Aguirre’s swearing in

Donna Frye

in the polls.

Murphy won the March primary by a comfortable margin over Roberts, with Davis trailing far behind, but he still faced a November runoff. Conventional wisdom said that, based on the March returns, Murphy would easily trounce Roberts and return to office. Donna Frye was nowhere on the horizon.

The next shoe dropped when, barely two weeks after the election, city manager Mike Uberuaga announced he was resigning. Whether he quit of his own accord or was pushed, nobody in the mayor's office would say for the record, but this time, unlike his warm words for Ed Ryan, Murphy did not come to Uberuaga's defense.

"The city faces some major challenges including looming budget shortfalls,

problems with the pension system and the city's credit rating," the mayor said in a written statement. "We need a strong, decisive manager to work through these extremely important financial issues." Roberts, who had previously called for Uberuaga's ouster, used the occasion to step up his attacks on Murphy. "There are elected officials that need to be held accountable, also," he said.

The federal investigation turned into a dragnet. The Securities and Exchange Commission was looking into whether the city had failed to properly disclose negative financial information to the public, and the FBI was said to be probing alleged corruption of the city council and other city officials. Transcripts of thousands of hours of wiretaps of city phone lines,



Ron Roberts

originally initiated during the Cheetahs investigation, were being reviewed.

The investigation dragged on through spring and summer and into the fall, producing only nebulous, if tantalizing, rumors linking Murphy and various high-ranking city bureaucrats including former auditor Ryan, deputy city manager Bruce Herring,

and Uberuaga to a litany of financial crimes, ranging from bad bookkeeping to embezzlement. No indictments were forthcoming, but the lack of specifics seemed only to feed the frenzy of speculation about the mayor's fate.

Meanwhile, the city's outside auditor, KPMG, refused to deliver its final audit of the city's finances for

2003. The firm's bombshell disclosure in November 2003 that it would not proceed with the legally required audit until the city had investigated "likely illegal acts" had triggered the crises in the first place; each month that went by without delivery of the document further destroyed the mayor's credibility.

Murphy struggled to stanch the bleeding by hiring a series of consultants and lawyers who, he promised, would get to the bottom of the mess. The Texas law firm of Vinson & Elkins was retained at a cost of over \$2.6 million to represent the city as the Securities and Exchange Commission sent a team from Washington to scour its books for wrongdoing. The lawyers came up with a 268-page report that, while carefully placing no indi-

vidual blame or naming names, made it clear that the city had gone out of its way to hide bad financial news. That the firm's previous clients included Enron did not go unnoticed by the media.

Murphy and the city council had in 2003 created a nine-member "pension reform committee" that was supposed to review stock market losses at the city's retirement system and come up with painless ways to bail out the troubled plan. Murphy named his campaign treasurer, accountant April Boling, to its chairmanship.

Boling, who was president of the San Diego Taxpayers Association, a pro-business lobby, was also campaign treasurer for dozens of other local politicians, as well as the county Republican Central Com-

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mittee and the GOP's Lincoln Club. "The Pension Reform Committee is not about reform. It's about covering your backside," claimed one city retiree. Like her client the mayor, Boling would face more controversy as the year wore on.

In the first week of September a *New York Times* headline announced that "sunny San Diego" had become "a kind of Enron-by-the-Sea." The accompanying story outlined the city's longtime practice of hiding the details of its mounting pension fund liabilities from the public. It highlighted the role of Diann Shipione, the La Jolla investment advisor and city pension fund trustee who the year before had first blown the whistle on the city's growing disclosure mess and then been attacked by the mayor and his supporters on the city council for her trouble.

Murphy refused to be interviewed by the *Times*; his second-in-command, onetime *Evening Tribune* reporter John Kern, told the paper that the fall in the stock market, cutbacks in state aid, and even the wildfires of 2003 had been largely responsible for the difficulties.

It was the same mantra the mayor had been using since the pension fund troubles broke into the open back in 2003. "The fundamental fact of the city and its finances is that it can meet its obligations, and we are working through the issues as carefully and methodically and expeditiously as we possibly can." The story added that Kern had "acknowledged inadvertent 'errors' in the city's recent financial statements" but said there were no illegalities.

On the last day of September, the broadening scandal finally brought city



John Kern

councilwoman Donna Frye into the race for mayor as a write-in candidate. "It's hard to explain sometimes when the public becomes very, very frustrated. Sort of like a big wave riding over the ocean, and it just keeps building and building and building momentum," she told reporters.

Frye, a 52-year-old Democrat with a knack for ingratiating herself with reporters, was not as unlikely a mayoral candidate as she

was described in the glowing national media accounts that followed her entry into the race. An environmentalist who started Surfers Tired of Pollution (STOP), Frye was a savvy campaigner and a public relations expert who turned to powerful advantage the way opponents regularly underestimated her.

In some ways, her early political career mirrored that of Roger Hedgecock, who as a surfing young

lawyer and coastal development opponent in the 1970s built a solid following among liberal-leaning middle- and upper-class voters angered by urban sprawl and the *Union-Tribune's* pro-growth editorial slant.

Unlike Republican Hedgecock, who was elected county supervisor and then mayor before being brought down in 1985 by charges of money laundering, Frye kept her ego in check and did not seem tempted by the greed that ultimately doomed the fallen mayor.

In the summer of 1996, she turned up at the front doors of the Republican National Convention, being held at the downtown convention center, to denounce the city's chronic sewage problem. "Rarely a day goes by that I don't hear at least two instances of surfers getting sick from ocean pollution," Frye, as always identified as a

"surfer," told the *Washington Times*.

When Imperial Beach Republican congressman Brian Bilbray — himself a surfer who had ridden the bad-water issue into office — voted to revise the Clean Water Act against the wishes of environmentalists, Frye called a news conference at Harry's Surf Shop, which she owned with her husband, champion surfer Harry "Skip" Frye. She was standing beside a toilet featuring Bilbray's effigy stuck inside.

When she ran for city council in the spring of 2001, Frye showcased her image as an outsider and played up her eagerness to seek support from other than the usual circle of downtown power brokers and the *Union-Tribune*. She also spoke freely of her recovery from alcoholism and described gritty personal traumas such as the savage beatings she said she had

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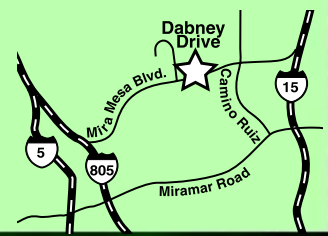
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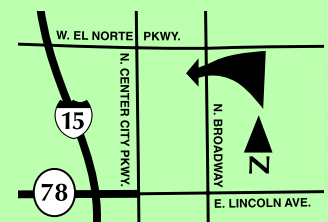
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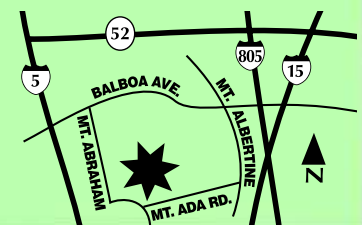
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endured at the hands of her first husband.

Afraid that Frye might oppose its favored development plans, such as the downtown ballpark and a new taxpayer-financed Chargers stadium in Mission Valley, the *Union-Tribune*, as expected, endorsed Steve Danon, a GOP operative working for county supervisor Ron Roberts. "Her penchant for opposing vital projects because of flaws she so often finds in them is cause for concern," the *U-T* opined. "Our worry is that she might become an impediment to progress, rather than a problem-solver committed to getting things

accomplished."

Once elected, Frye continued to benefit from a popular perception that she was a naïve surfer who lucked into office, a maverick who, unlike her city council colleagues, was unafraid to tangle with the Copley-owned *Union-Tribune* and its monied friends in the downtown business establishment.

In the years since the fall of Hedgecock, who laundered thousands of dollars into his 1983 election bid from Del Mar investment swindler J. David Dominelli, San Diego campaigns had become even more expensive, and thus,

in the eyes of many, far more corrupt. In Hedgecock's era, candidates had been limited to accepting \$250 maximum from individual contributors, with both corporations and unions banned from giving.

As later revealed in a guilty plea entered by Hedgecock's political consultant, Tom Shepard, Dominelli circumvented the limit by paying Shepard directly with a \$360,000 cash "investment" in his consulting business.

The intervening years had done nothing to make San Diego politics any cleaner. As the city grew, the costs of campaigning grew

dramatically. With so much money sloshing around, a new tier of lawyers and accountants emerged to discover loopholes in the law for funneling even more cash to the candidates. To critics, the loopholes were nothing more than blatant violations of the law. They argued that sharp lawyering had kept enforcers like the city's Ethics Commission at bay.

There are two principal loopholes: spending by so-called independent political action committees and use of the Democratic and Republican county central committees to conduct "member communi-

cations" in the form of mailers and polls.

The latter was approved in 1998 by the state's electorate as part of a campaign "reform" measure. That exemption has since been used to funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars into San Diego city campaigns, flouting the local ban on contributions over \$250 and on corporate donations. Murphy was a major beneficiary.

"Why is Dick Murphy such a doofus?" That was the question asked by a caller to a radio talk show shortly after Frye declared for the mayor's job. Murphy, whose handlers had

counted on the unpopularity of Roberts to get their man through to reelection, was a perplexing figure. When he beat Roberts to gain office in 2000, Murphy presented himself as a reformer who would skeptically review the pension underfunding mess he had inherited from his predecessor Susan Golding.

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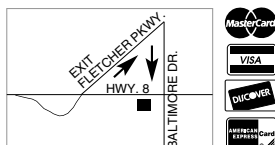
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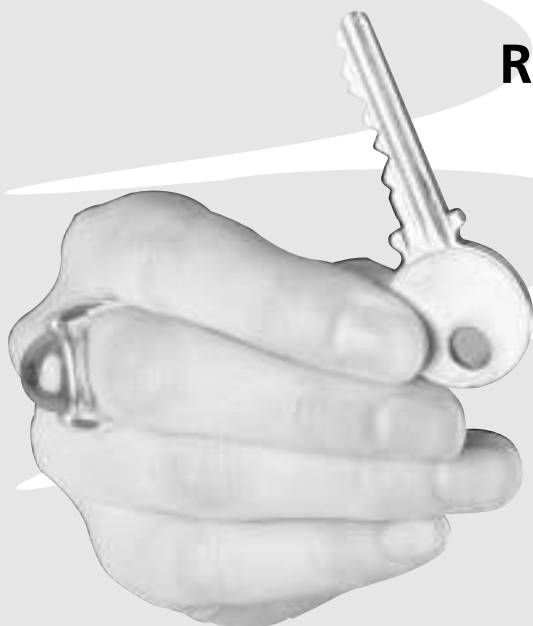
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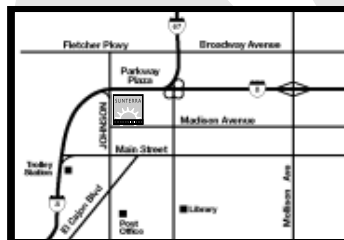
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team owner John Moores, despite clear evidence that it gave away hundreds of millions of tax dollars and development rights at a time when the city's pension fund was coming unglued and basic needs like street repair were going unmet. He compounded the public skepticism when his aide John Kern was caught in May 2002 meeting behind closed doors with Chargers president Dean Spanos to plot the construction of a new football stadium.

Perhaps most critically, the new mayor failed to clean the bureaucratic house left to him by Golding. Instead of ousting city manager Michael Uberuaga and lieutenants such as deputy manager Bruce Herring and city auditor Ed Ryan — whom many blamed for allowing the city's growing financial mess to develop — Murphy gave them all a pat on the back and praised their performance. Was he in denial? Maybe he was just too

nice a guy.

But in contrast with his public reputation, the private Murphy, like many of his city council colleagues, often seemed prickly, defensive, and insecure. He was a miserable public speaker and told stale anecdotes. At cocktail parties, he whined about unfair newspaper coverage. During the city council inaugural ceremonies in December 2004, Murphy's council colleague Scott Peters, whom the mayor had endorsed for reelection, told the astonished audience: "Sometimes he is too conservative, and he can be boring."

Some also thought he was not very smart and relied too much on his mercurial aide John Kern, a former reporter and Republican political consultant who had close ties to the city's firefighters union, one of several labor-related special interests for which Kern had worked before joining the mayor's staff.

Kern remained the close friend of Ron Saathoff,

head of the International Association of Firefighters Local 145. A member of the pension fund's board of trustees, Saathoff was a lightning rod for controversy. Unlike the AFL-CIO's San Diego-Imperial County Labor Council, which switched its endorsement from Murphy to Democrat Frye after she entered the race, the firefighters stuck with Murphy and spent at least \$50,000 on his behalf.

Kern's other clients had included actor Clint Eastwood, who was elected mayor of Carmel, and the Bicycle Club, a giant card room in Bellflower that had been seized by federal marshals in a drug money laundering case. "John knows intuitively, 90 percent of the time, exactly what I would do," Murphy was quoted as saying shortly after taking office in 2001, "and therefore, he can speak for me because he usually knows where I would be."

Kern had a reputation for a flash-point temper,

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and his abrupt and unexplained firing of Murphy's first press secretary, Elena Cristiano, a former Padres cheerleader and close friend of team executive Charles Steinberg, had become legendary throughout the corridors of City Hall.

In a series of e-mails sent to colleagues in February 2002, shortly before she was fired, Cristiano, an attractive brunette, blasted Kern, with whom she was said to be having a tempestuous personal relationship

in the months leading to her departure. "I am under a great deal of stress and I've allowed John's hostility to erode at [my] self confidence. Having suffered for so many years from Battered Women's Syndrome, the first thing to surface is a fear to confront and defend myself.

"I have been ordered by my doctor to stop all interaction with John. I very much want to resolve this and I can try to work together to reach a solution that everyone can live with, for the sake of the Mayor. Please let me know if you'd like to try, or if you prefer that I wait until the Mayor returns."

"I am still unclear about how much of this is at the Mayor's directive. I need clarity on my role before any further changes take place."

When he was on the city council in the 1980s, Murphy was said to have

disliked sitting through council meetings so much that he finally sought a judicial appointment in 1985 from then-governor George Deukmejian just to get away from the dreaded weekly sessions. On the bench, Murphy liked the prestige, a member of his old campaign staff said, but missed the party circuit and the limelight of municipal office.

Once ensconced in the mayor's suite of 11th-floor offices, however, Murphy again became frustrated. The pension-fund scandal bubbling just beneath the surface of a troubled City Hall only increased his malaise. He had longed to rule as his mentor, Pete Wilson, once did: unchallenged and all-powerful. But those days were long gone. Those around him sensed that a kind of mental paralysis had set in. A measure of Murphy's discontent was revealed in March 2003, when

he called a surprise news conference to say he would not run for reelection.

"I asked myself, was I going to be a part-time mayor, part-time campaigner, or was I going to be a full-time mayor. And for the good of the city, I have chosen to devote all of my energies to being mayor," he said as he pulled out of the race. "If I didn't have to run for reelection, I'd stay for four more years. I don't like campaigns. I don't feel I do them particularly well."

"I don't know if frustration is exactly the right term," he was reported as adding, "but I think I feel that the job of mayor is quite demanding." Less than a month later, Murphy put himself back in the race. "At a time when San Diego faces many serious challenges, the city needs stability and continuity in the office of mayor." It was confusing. Who was the real

Dick Murphy, and what was the waffling about? Was there something seriously amiss at the city that had caused the mayor to turn tail? Had the imperious John Kern badgered him into running again? Only Murphy and his intimates knew the real story, and they weren't letting on.

Murphy was full of contradictions. His first mayoral campaign in 2000 pitched openness, but once elected he quickly began to circle the wagons. After promising in his first State of the City speech in January 2001 to create a "blue ribbon" committee to review the city's troubled finances, he waited four months to name its nine members.

When he finally got around to making the appointments, the mayor filled the committee's ranks with political cronies and campaign backers, like defense contracting consultant Joe Craver and NASSCO shipyard honcho Richard Vortmann. Another member was Murphy's old friend and campaign treasurer, accountant April Boling, whose business was growing mightily in the Murphy era as she attracted more and more Republican candidates to her stable of political clients.

Though it was clear to many that the city was heading for treacherous fi-

nancial shoals, Murphy's committee issued a different opinion when it finally delivered its long-delayed report in April 2002. It proclaimed the city to be "fiscally sound."

Vortmann took the lead among committee members in calling attention to festering problems with the pension fund. "[P]art of today's costs will be paid by future years' taxpayers, and that's a concern," he was quoted as saying. Most of the report's other findings were those of staffers for city manager Mike Uberuaga, many of whom were entitled to millions of dollars in pension benefits upon retirement. A glaring example was deputy city manager Bruce Herring, who, according to a December 2003 report in the *Union-Tribune*, would upon retirement at age 60 be entitled to collect a lump sum of \$1.2 million, in addition to annual payments of \$144,000 for life and generous health insurance. The paper asserted that if Herring lived to be 85, he would receive a total of \$6.4 million in retirement benefits.

Some speculated that Murphy and his top aide John Kern were too close to the firefighters union, which had supported the mayor's candidacy with generous financial backing. Widely viewed as a whitewash, the blue-ribbon committee's



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work, along with Vortmann's warning, was quickly forgotten and Murphy lost yet another opportunity to avert the coming disaster. Kern's application last month to the retirement board to be allowed to participate in a lucrative deferred retirement option only fed suspicions that Murphy had been in Kern's pocket all along.

The mayor's approach to campaign ethics also had two faces. During the 2000 campaign he dueled with his opponent Ron Roberts over their respective approaches to setting up an ethics commission. The ethics issue had come to dominate the campaign due to the case of Valerie Stallings, a city councilwoman who had been forced to resign after she was caught receiving financial favors from Padres owner John Moores at the same time she was voting to approve taxpayer subsidies for his baseball stadium and surrounding real estate development.

Once in office, Murphy set up the Ethics Commission as promised but diluted its effect by appointing to its board Charles La Bella, a former U.S. prosecutor who had been retained by Moores to help him avoid federal charges arising from the Stallings matter. The county grand jury, in March 2003, criticized his appointment, saying, "The grand jury finds that the commission in its present form might find it difficult to handle existing and potential conflicts of interest of both commission members as well as its staff."

The League of Women Voters and others — including civic watchdog Mel Shapiro, who accused the commission of going easy on campaign money launderers — made similar allegations. Murphy defended his appointees. "In my opinion, the Ethics Commission has had an exemplary record of accomplishment during its first year," he told the *Union-Tri-*

bune. "While the grand jury recommendations are well-meaning, I would be reluctant to tinker with something that has worked so well."

But it was Murphy's own campaign ethics, along with those of April Boling, his ever-loyal campaign treasurer, that had begun to invite the most skepticism, no more so than in October 2004 as the three-way campaign between the mayor, Roberts, and Frye drew to a close. Polls showed that Frye had closed the gap between herself and her two opponents and that her once seemingly hopeless write-in drive might be poised for a historic victory.

On the final weekend of the campaign, a hit piece against Frye from a group calling itself the Coalition to Keep San Diego Working arrived in the mailboxes of voters from La Jolla to Otay Mesa. It featured an unflattering photo of Frye along with the charge that she had voted against city funding for children's pro-

grams. "Call Councilwoman Frye and tell her she should support San Diego's children," urged the mailer, which provided Frye's office phone number.

The strategy resembled that of a campaign mounted by supporters of San Diego Unified School District superintendent Alan Bersin against then-school board incumbent Frances Zimmerman in 2000. Even the catch phrase was similar: "Tell Fran Zimmerman to stop voting against back-to-basics school reform." Much of the money behind that effort came from Padres owner Moores and his partner Malin Burnham, who were also six-figure contributors to the county's GOP central committee.

As in the Zimmerman case, the anti-Frye mailers did not actually urge a vote against her. The coalition's lawyer insisted that it didn't have to reveal who paid for the hit piece, at least not until sometime after the election. The committee's trea-

surer? Murphy stalwart April Boling.

Murphy did not disavow the mailer. Instead, he simply remained silent. But Boling said he was not responsible for it. The coalition donors have thus far remained a mystery, and a complaint filed by La Jolla Ian Trowbridge, who first blew the whistle on the city's data processing scandal, remains pending before the city's Ethics Commission.

It wasn't the first time Boling was involved shepherding a so-called independent expenditure on Murphy's behalf while insisting that the mayor was not privy to the activity.

In the weeks leading up to the March primary, hundreds of thousands of dollars began flooding into the coffers of the San Diego County Republican Central Committee. Though none of the money was reported as being earmarked for Murphy's campaign, that's where much of it ended up. The treasurer of the central committee: April

Boling.

On February 10 and 14, an outfit called 5th and J LLC gave the Republican Central Committee a total of \$10,000 in two \$5000 increments. After the primary, on June 10, the company contributed another \$5000. Records revealed that the firm belonged to Ramin Samimi, a resident of Rancho Santa Fe who wanted to build a 344-room luxury hotel in the Gaslamp Quarter on land owned by Ahmad Mesdaq, owner of the popular Gran Havana Cigar and Coffee Lounge at the corner of Fifth Avenue and J Street. Mesdaq had been fighting Samimi's efforts to get Murphy and the city council to use their power of condemnation to take the land and business away from him.

Was it just a coincidence that, according to state disclosure records, the central committee spent more than \$27,000 on Murphy's behalf in the two weeks between February 14 and February 27? Boling said it was. Others, including Mesdaq, an Afghani immigrant with a deep suspicion of City Hall, weren't convinced and demanded that the mayor abstain from voting on the condemnation question. Instead, Murphy cast repeated city council votes to take the property away from Mesdaq and give it to Samimi. Mesdaq later sued the city, alleging that the city's taking of his land was illegal. At the end of the year, the case was still pending.

Another case of the central committee's remarkable timing came on October 15, when it wrote a \$44,161 check to Western Graphics for a direct mail piece on Murphy's behalf. The same day, the committee received \$75,000 from Sempra Energy, the public utility giant that owns San Diego Gas & Electric. The mail piece was billed as "member communications" and thus arguably exempt from the city's ban against corporate money. ■

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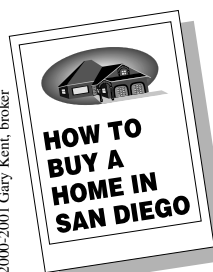
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Seventeen-year-old Minna Abassi, a junior at Grossmont High, listens to music and hangs out with friends in her spare time. After school, she wants to work with nonprofit organizations.

What are you doing to “save the planet”? “I helped start the Sierra Club at Helix High School, which is an environmentalist club. I recycle, but usually only when it is convenient.”

What is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? “Water. The majority of people in the U.S. don’t seem to conserve water very well. You always see the commercials about conserving water when you are taking a shower and brushing your teeth, but I don’t know of anyone who actually does that.”

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? “Gasoline. People in San Diego tend to drive their cars everywhere instead of walking, riding their bike, carpooling, or taking public transportation; people take their own separate cars everywhere.”

Do you know of any families that hang laundry on a clothesline? “Yeah. My family does when it is a sunny day, but there are some days that aren’t suitable for hang-drying clothes in.”

Why do you think more people don’t hang laundry to



Minna Abassi

dry? “It is so much more convenient just to throw clothing from the washer straight into the adjacent dryer.”

In how many years will there be solar-powered cars? “I really couldn’t say. Any guess I could make would be completely uneducated.”

Why do you think we don’t yet have solar-powered cars? “The technology would be too expensive at first, so the market for solar-powered cars wouldn’t be that large. Carmakers seem to be interested mostly in making money. If not very many people are going to buy solar-powered cars, why invest in creating them?”

Do either one of your parents drive an eight-cylinder SUV? “No. I would go crazy if my parents bought one. Unless you are using one for work, which most people don’t, it is totally a destructive indulgence.”

Can citizens trust the U.S. government to take care of the environment? “No...at least not the current administration. They seem to be more preoccupied with restricting the rights of same-sex couples and starting wars with other countries to do much of anything else.”

How has the government taken steps to preserve precious environments throughout the country? “There are national parks and other preserved wild lands throughout the country, which cannot be touched by lumber or development companies.”

How has the government neglected the environment? “While there are preserved natural habitats, there aren’t nearly enough [for] all the many different wild animals that live in the U.S. There are too many forests that have been clear-cut and never rebuilt.”

Do you think it’s worthwhile to allow oil-drilling in wildlife preserves? “No. With the rate of technology advancement today, alternatives to oil and machines that require oil could be or already have been created. So why ruin what little wildlife preserves we have left if the problem could be addressed in a less harmful way.”

Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? “I have been to many park and beach cleanups and have worked with a few environmentalist groups in the past.”



Nick Zagunis

In his spare time, Helix Charter High School senior Nick Zagunis likes to “hang out with friends, listen to music, and write. Pretty normal stuff.” He’d like to be an English teacher.

What are you doing to “save the planet”? “I guess I’m fairly apathetic toward the environment at a personal level; I’m known for littering.”

What is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? “Water is an obvious one that comes to mind. Some places in the world are hard-pressed for clean water, while here in the U.S. we use it like there is no tomorrow. I think we should be smarter about it, especially since many people believe that there will be a lot of future wars over water supplies.”

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? “Oil. Everyone has huge cars and runs their air conditioners. We waste energy like we don’t notice how expensive gas is nowadays.”

Do you know of any families that hang laundry on a clothesline? “I know mine doesn’t!”

In how many years will there be solar-powered cars? “I think they could

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Why do you think we don't yet have solar-powered cars? "The technology probably isn't up to par, and gas cars are a better value. People in general are set in their ways. Plus, have you seen solar-powered cars? They look ridiculous, and the aesthetic appeal of cars is a major selling point."

Do either one of your parents drive an eight-cylinder SUV? "My family does not own one, and I don't see how they are practical for normal use."

Can citizens trust the U.S. government to take care of the environment? "I think we can trust the system.... This requires the commitment of the people."

How has the government taken steps to preserve precious environments? "I don't know of anything, really."

Do you think it's worthwhile to allow oil-drilling in wildlife preserves? "It seems like things are looking in this direction, and I just think it's wrong. There are wildlife preserves for a reason, and they need to remain



Nicole

untouched."

Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmen-

tal cause? "I'm lame; I never have. But I think the environmental movement is one that can be difficult to get involved in. I mean, it's difficult to make progress, and there are already people out there doing the dirty work."

Nicole, a senior at West Hills High School, would like to be a nonprofit event organizer after

she graduates. "I love to plan events and then see them happen," she says.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "Besides yelling at my friends when they litter? I am involved in this group at school called the mentor program. Our goal is to raise environmental awareness and promote earth-friendly habits by teaching younger children about science. We

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What is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? "There are so many: food, water, oil, paper. Oil is probably the biggest one, though; we use it so inefficiently and in such abundance."

What is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "Water. We also use this in great abundance and inefficiently."

Do you know of any families that hang laundry on a clothesline? "I knew someone who used to...I don't know if they still do or not."

Why do you think more people don't hang laundry to dry? "It takes a long time; most people don't have the patience to wait. Dryers are a lot more convenient, and that is what everything is all about,

convenience."

In how many years will there be solar-powered cars? "Hopefully soon. I think the technology is there and I think we have the right people to do it, but no one wants to. Our resources haven't run out yet so the urgency is not felt by most people."

Do either one of your parents drive an eight-cylinder SUV? "Yes, my mommy. I think they are very impractical — at least for us. There are only a couple reasons as to why someone would own a car like that. First, if you have a lot of kids and you have to drive them around. Then you would need the space for them and their stuff — but I mean a lot of kids because I own a little car and I can fit a lot of stuff in it. The other reason I can think of is to tow something, such as a camper or some-

thing similar. My parents bought their SUV supposedly because we own a tent-trailer, but really I think it was because my mom got a good deal for it."

Can citizens trust the U.S. government to take care of the environment? "No; I mean I wish I could remain optimistic and say, 'of course!' but I can't. They have already shown that they won't do anything to change the current state of things, and I don't see much hope in the future."

How has the government taken steps to preserve precious environments? "They have done some things to protect our environment. They have set aside wildlife preserves and national forests and passed environmental friendly acts in Congress."

How has the government neglected the environment? "They



Robert Burton

neglect to respond to many of the challenges we will face in the future. Global warming is happening right now and although we may not see huge effects right now, next month, or even next year, we will see them in the future."

Do you think it's worthwhile to allow oil-drilling in wildlife preserves? "No, absolutely not. I think the wildlife preserves should remain untouched. Just because human greed and neglect has led us to look to our preserves for resources does not mean we should use

them. They were set aside for a reason and they should remain separate. We should look for alternate sources and new ideas as to where our fuel can come from."

Helix High sophomore Robert Burton, enjoys writing, reading, and art. He's unsure about what he'd like to do for a living.

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I clip the plastic rings that hold soda. I am very indiscriminate with my trash, though. I do litter sometimes."

What do you think is the biggest waste of resources in the U.S.? "I don't know if oil is really being wasted, but I know there is a limited supply and we use so much of it."

What do you think is the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "San Diego wastes resources like the rest

of the country, but specifically I think we overuse air-conditioning and other energies."

Do you know anyone who hangs laundry to dry? "I don't really know anyone who hangs laundry; I live in an apartment complex. I don't really think people consider the positive aspects of hanging clothes to dry."

When do you think solar-powered cars will be more prominent? "I think it's a profitable endeavor...probably within the next ten years. A lot of the technology isn't that great yet, and it's not so economical yet."

Does your family own an eight-cylinder SUV? Do you think they are practical? "My family did own a large eight-cylinder vehicle. Its necessity depends on its use. My dad used it to carry tools for a job, so it was very practical. I wouldn't imagine it would be so for a

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Can we trust the government to protect the environment? "The government has a lot of problems. People have their interests; you can never trust one body of people for anything."

How has the government neglected the environment? "Our interests — the interests of the consumers — conflict with the best interests of our planet, and our environment."

Should we allow the government to drill for oil in nature preserves? "It's not okay."

Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "No, I haven't. But it's the same reason I have not volunteered my time to anything else. I really couldn't see it happening."

Amanda Ramirez, a senior at Helix

Charter High school, likes to read or sleep in her spare time. For a career, she says, "I am thinking of becoming a history teacher at the high school level."

What are you doing to "save the planet"? "I throw away trash and make an effort to not litter in public places."

What is the biggest

What's the biggest waste of resources in San Diego? "I'd say oil again. I mean, two bucks for a gallon of gas — that's kind of obvious."

Do you know any families who hang their laundry? "Yeah, I know of some families. I don't think they hang all of it, though, just

they have a lot of kinks that need to get worked out. Maybe 10 or 15 years?"

Do either one of your parents own an eight-cylinder SUV? "No. My dad has a six-cylinder 1995 Ford Explorer, but nothing too hard-core. Although I think the six-cylinder cars can be impractical. It has to do with how it's used, and I'm sure my family could function just fine with a standard-sized car."

Can you trust the government to protect the environment? "Definitely not, now with Republicans in office. The president is for drilling in Alaska, which I am really against. We need an administration that is pro-environment."

How has the government neglected the environment? "They pretty much let logging companies do as they please, and urban sprawl is getting out of hand. These are two very serious issues that I do not believe are being addressed as they should be."

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Have you ever volunteered your time toward an environmental cause? "I would like to get involved, but my time is already so limited. Maybe if I felt more strongly toward an environmental cause I would make time."

—Scott Reed, Helix Charter High School

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waste of resources in the U.S.? "Probably oil. I say that because it's all over the news. It might not be the biggest waste, but at least it's the one most highly publicized."

certain items and when the weather permits."

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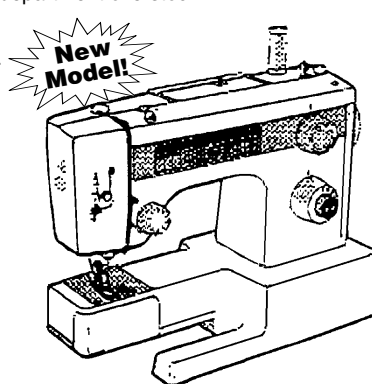
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Her name was Dorothy. Not “Dot.” Dorothy. Just like in *The Wizard of Oz*, except that everything besides her name was different.

I had a three-bedroom house in Contra Costa County back in 1979, which might have been a pretty smart investment if you overlook that I had to bring in a roommate to make mortgage. My first attempt at the landlord game was a bank teller who turned out to be one of those neo-Nazis. I’m not kidding. After he unpacked his stuff, he announced that he intended to run a concentration camp one day and perform all sorts of unspeakable acts against those he deemed undesirable. This guy was a little weird, to say the least. Without going into his story, let me say that even if one overlooked the obvious problems of living with a goose-stepping, latter-day Eichmann, this nitwit had personal habits that were quite popular with several of my least favorite species of bacteria.

I kind of helped him decide to move out. It was the right thing to do.

Then Dorothy answered my ad in the paper. When she called on the phone, she said that my “NO NAZIS” caveat had intrigued her. Her voice intrigued me. I’m telling the truth when I tell you that I’ve never called one of those “1-900” numbers for phone sex, but I can understand how some losers get suckered into it. She had one of those voices, a soft, throaty monotone like you hear in the movies when some starlet is doing a parody of a *femme fatale*. But with Dorothy, it was real.

It is clear to me now that from the very beginning I wasn’t being very rational. I was lonely. I wanted the woman to match the voice, and I wanted her to fall madly in love with

me as soon as our eyes met. I invited her over to look at the house.

The woman matched the voice, and I fell madly in love with her as soon as our eyes met. The reader will note the slight variance between fantasy and reality... sometimes life is hard.

This was before every beach bunny was jumping to aerobics classes. Dorothy, though, had one of those bodies that was simply perfect. No matter which way she turned or bent, every single inch of her tanned flesh looked like it belonged to one of the girls in a

I’m not the kind of guy who carries on conversations that would make for good shampoo and conditioner commercials, but I’m not kidding; if someone told me she was a space alien and came from a planet where everyone had hair that was made out of something much softer and shinier than anything we have here on Earth, I wouldn’t have dismissed the thought out of hand. You could say I was smitten. And when I looked in her eyes, I saw they had absolutely, positively no interest in me, whatsoever. None. Zip. Zero to the extreme. But in the fashion of men who en-

everything she said. I also knocked \$100 off the rent.

Not everything that seems like the right thing to do is the right thing to do.

I helped her move in. The first clue that things were not good was when she unpacked her collection of photographs in frames. There were about 30 of them. Most of them were of bald-headed dudes wearing robes and beads. I told her I was real spiritual also. “I just knew it,” she said. “Nothing happens by accident.” Boy, did I agree with that. You bet the cosmos brought us together. “Sorry, I’m fresh out of incense, but go

SHE HAD THE MOST UNCANNY ABILITY OF LOOKING LIKE SHE WAS ALWAYS POSING FOR A 1960s SOFT-PORN MAGAZINE.

Vargas cartoon. She had shoulder-length, straight brown hair, which doesn’t sound very dramatic, but like every other physical quality about her, it was just... perfect.

counter perfection, I was sure she’d love me if she got to know me. I stood there pretty much entranced, barely able to comprehend half the conversation. I nodded a lot and agreed with

ahead and light the couch on fire, if you like; that foam rubber smolders real good...”

So the first week, she rearranged all the furniture in the house. Actually, “furniture”

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doesn't quite describe it all. She rearranged all the matter in the house and the garage. Then she put up some mirrors opposite the windows and doors, as well as some mirrored sun-catchers. She explained there were astral spirit beings that would be coming and going a lot, as they had been for eons, and if I didn't have all the dense matter lined up properly and use mirrors to compensate for deviations in cosmic polarity brought about by unbalanced photon streams, I would piss off the little spooks, which I had apparently already done, and why hadn't I noticed? My efforts to joke around it elicited cold disgust, so I quickly reversed tack and let her know I was going to defer to her in all matters pertaining

to other dimensions. I mean, after all, nothing is a coincidence, and we were certainly brought together for something..."

I was getting real good at letting those deep and mystical-sounding hints drop out here and there. She was as good at remaining incomprehensibly aloof and adroit at avoiding all my subtle invitations for an "even closer" relationship.

I think her father was rich. Her standard uniform was a loose-fitting tank top and running shorts. She had the most uncanny ability of looking like she was always posing for a 1960s soft-porn magazine. Fabric was always either clinging or drooping in such a way as to provide maximum distraction without actually exposing those precious

few inches of flesh that are crucial to reproduction or breast-feeding.

When she was around, I was always in a physical and emotional state that celebrated passion over reason. So I acted like it made perfect sense to me that we played tapes on the stereo... for hours... that were nothing but chants by Buddhist monks living in Idaho. I agreed with her that I had also often thought of the earth as the nucleus of a helium atom, and that the moon was an electron, and that we were in a state of political and economic turmoil because everyone knows a helium atom needs two electrons, and that accounts for our patriarchal mythology and our general contempt for the Earth Mother, not to

mention a lot of the preservatives showing up in cereal boxes. All of this would have been cured if we only had one more negatively charged valence particle that so happened to weigh about 60 trillion tons and was made out of green cheese.

Mind you, nothing stayed the same. The infatuation with the mirrors and the little spirit men, which were frightfully important the first week, lasted about a month. The mirrors came down, and pictures of some Bhagwan look-alike took their places. I made a sarcastic comment about the polarity of the photon streams no longer being important, and she gave me one of those looks that told me I had regressed about two past lives in my quest to

plumb the depths of her yin consciousness. I could have kicked myself right in my own root chakra.

No matter. The Bhagwan wannabe only lasted about one mortgage payment. He was replaced by two weeks of militant vegetarianism, which was followed by nightly meditations where we tried to contact the mind of a cotton T-shirt, which was followed by two days of primal screams, which was followed in some order or other by sacred bongo drums, prayers to Zoroaster, fondling holy beads (that looked a lot like regular beads), tantric writing (I don't want to talk about it), and some charming trick where we both spent no less than 90 minutes each evening with

mouthfuls of water that we weren't allowed to swallow. The whole time I was making a complete buffoon out of myself by going along with whatever loony-tune spiritual quest she wanted. If she wanted something, I was going to embody it. You bet.

Never mind that I had completely given up on dating, reading, working out, or any other pursuit that didn't rhyme with "Dorothy."

Enter the plot twist. We had "the talk."

She'd never showed any interest in coming to my bedroom. One fine day I was leaving the bathroom, which is attached to the master bedroom, and I was delighted to see her standing in the doorway to my most holy of holy places. I

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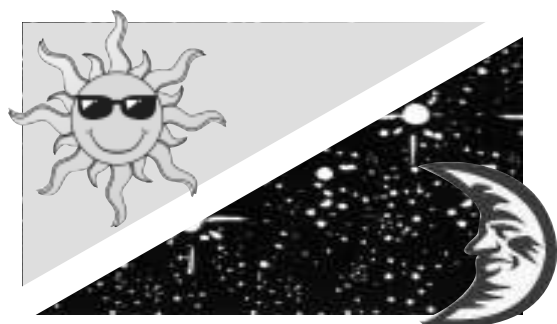
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had finished my time in front of the mirror, streaking my face with sacred ashes. She gave me the “that-was-*last-week*” look, with which I’d gotten too familiar over the previous six months. No matter, though. By this time I was pretty well desensitized to looking like an idiot, so I didn’t wash them off. If I hit my face with water, I might wake up. Not only had she entered into my personal shrine, she took me by the hand to where we both sat down on my Sealy Posturepedic altar.

Letting go of my hand, only to grab my forearm, she said, “You know, I’ve been pretty stupid...” Hoping that I didn’t lapse off into convulsions, I feigned ignorance of what she could mean. Naturally I as-

sumed she was going to confess her miraculous epiphany, where the disembodied spirit of Popeye the Sailor materialized in front of her and told her to go to bed with me.

“A lot of the stuff I’ve done here has been pretty dumb.” I was too cool. I played it off like it was no big deal. “But we have other things to talk about. You remember when I first moved in, we talked about how you were real open-minded?” I remembered nothing of the kind, but I was ready to rekindle the spirit of the ’60s, where she and I could intertwine our temples and slip off to Nirvana, at least until the next eclipse. I assured her that I was a veritable poster boy for the next civil-rights march they hold at Woodstock.

“You know, Yari is the sweetest person I know, and I have no doubt that you two are going to fall in love with each other, but I want to ask your permission before Yari comes, and it becomes the three of us.” Now, I wasn’t a complete idiot; I asked if there was anything I needed to know before it became “the three of us.”

“Yari is from a different cultural background. Yari says that’s a problem for some people.” I laughed. Hey, I was the guy that advertised for “no Nazis.” Images of a multicolored threesome right from the pages of a men’s magazine were now dancing four inches in front of my face. I told her that if she thought Yari belonged with us, I couldn’t imagine it being

anything but perfect. After all, nothing happened by accident. I reached to put my arm around her (and maybe fall backward together?) as she was popping up to bound out the door. Once again, like the bar of soap in the shower, she was hard to grab.

“Yari” (no apparent last name) looked like he was a Rasta-man from Jamaica, but his accent was nowhere near Jamaican. I assumed he was Ethiopian or something like that. If there is any good part to the story, it is that Yari and I didn’t “fall in love” with each other. He showed me about as much interest as he would a cockroach, which didn’t exactly break my heart. Dorothy, on the other hand, was a different matter altogether. The

sparkling look of fascination that I never saw in Dorothy’s eyes for me was now there for Yari. He was her new guru. I first tried to believe it was going to be a teacher-*chela* relationship, but when she carried his wicker suitcase to her bedroom, I very casually locked myself in my bathroom and threw up for 20 minutes.

When I came out they were wearing different clothes and were walking out the front door together. Yari had already assumed his standard position when walking with Dorothy, where he followed close by her side, continually patting her buttocks as if the contact between his hand and her behind were part of some life-support system... for somebody or

other. I mean, he did that *all the time*.

Or so it seemed.

So we became one big happy family. Yari was the new master of ceremonies for things cosmic. The trappings were different, but the theme was the same. Another week, another chapter in “Can You Top This?” A lot of the time, Yari wanted to give lectures to his new disciples. He would prop himself up on cushions on the couch, and Dorothy and I would listen intently nearby. Dorothy would watch him with rapt attention and blatant adoration. I would watch him with disbelief. Disbelief in Yari, disbelief in everything he was saying, and especially disbelief that Dorothy was going to throw her perfect body away on this es-

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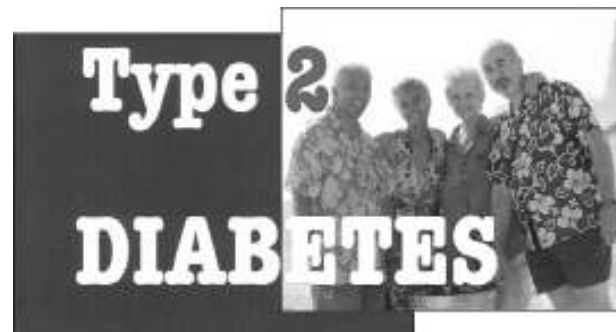
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capee from a commercial advertisement for Zig Zag rolling papers. He didn't work. He didn't even do dishes or wash clothes. I was hoping that if I toughed it out long enough without antagonizing Dorothy, Yari would wander out in the traffic one day and have an out-of-body experience. I couldn't shake this sense that if I stuck by Dorothy long enough, she'd come around.

So we were a family. You bet. After a fashion, Yari's monologues got repetitious, and I think they bored even him. So we started watching television together. This is when I started catching on that things were more screwed up than I had suspected. The week that *The Exorcist* was on, Yari became an expert on demons and possession. This lasted about two weeks. The climax to this adventure was the cleansing with smoke and cranberry juice that Yari did on the third bedroom, which had apparently become a recreation room for some winged things with horns from the dark side. No problem.

We watched one of those ridiculous science fiction movies from the '50s that were in black-and-white, and for the next three weeks, Yari was an expert on UFOs and space aliens... with whom he'd had considerable contact. I'm not making this up; for the entire week after we watched *The Bridge Over the River Kwai*, that silly bastard was marching around the house whistling the stupid British marching song.

If I ever so much as hinted to Dorothy that I wasn't completely enchanted with Yari, she'd go nutso and accuse me of everything from being jealous (*moi?*) to "not being willing to face the truth within, which Yari was here to teach." After all, nothing happens by accident. Yari was here because I needed him. My spirit was calling out to him, and the universe provided him.

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accidents in the universe was apparent, as Yari never did wander out in the traffic as I'd hoped.

Possibly one of the biggest moments of the "Yari Occupation" was when we were having a conversation about New Jersey, and for some reason Yari had to pipe up like he's an expert on New Jersey. On this one occasion, I was too tired to be polite, and I challenged his knowledge on New Jersey.

"Mon, you must be to knowing, I was borned and weaned in New Jersey." So I told him I thought he was Ethiopian, and he tells me he's an American. So I ask him about the accent, and he said he got it "traveling." It gets better. He couldn't speak any languages other than English, but he had this accent that sounded like he could have been a cab driver in Washington, D.C.

And to Dorothy, this made perfect sense.

"Mon, you must be to understand, I have been to the peaks of wisdom, and I speak with the accent of those who live there."

I'm not making this up.

So I sold the house. I took a bath on it. I lost everything I put down, and I didn't care. The week it went up on the market, Yari and Dorothy moved out without saying goodbye. They didn't have to.

Dorothy, who previously manifested nothing in her eyes for me, started to show unabashed contempt. I was rejecting her Christ and was therefore damned and unclean. All my efforts to become what she wanted were

a total failure.

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He goes by both. Whether “Buddy,” the two-syllable synonym for pal, or the more mature-sounding “Bud,” the single-syllable term for what is young and unfinished, both fit. Bud McElroy, at 39, seems easygoing and uncomplicated. He likes to talk about having fun. He smiles a lot. And if he heard himself described as a complex man — maybe even a driven one — he’d laugh. “Who, me?” he’d ask.

Except for two years of missionary work and a stint in the service, McElroy has always lived in Chula Vista, in the same house he now shares with his wife and four children. Years ago it was brown; now it’s painted gray with white trim. McElroy did some brick work out back, sank a flagpole into the front yard, and hoisted the American flag.

Inside, the house is comfortable and unassuming. The living room is a jumble of fall-into-it furniture. On the hearth, a green parakeet named Paulie breaks into song. His twittering high notes scissor the air and bounce off the wall on which hang World War II memorabilia, replica portions of the American flag with blue and gold stars. The code, he explains, was devised during the Civil War. Sixty years ago, the flags were set in windows to indicate, according to the number of stars, how many in that household were serving in the military. A blue star accounted for those who were living, gold was for the dead.

McElroy transferred to night school in his senior year at Montgomery High School. He’d found a day job delivering furniture and was saving money to go on his mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-



Bud McElroy

ter-Day Saints. For two years after graduation he walked door-to-door delivering the Mormon vision of hope and redemption through parts of Colorado and the New England states. Next he enlisted in the Marines and served six years,

then went on to the Army Reserves. He later signed up for active duty and was in Berlin in 1989 when the wall came down. Reenlisting in the Army Reserves, he continues to give a weekend every month and a couple of weeks each year.

In 1990, McElroy joined the Federal Fire Department of San Diego. With his one-day-on/one-day-off schedule, he uses his free time to speak to young people about the dangers of drugs (“It’s your future, why blow it?”). Otherwise he might be filling orders for the custom-made surfboards he designs and makes in his garage. He has hobbies — like collecting wartime memorabilia — he makes time for his kids, and he’s a faithful member of his church. A moderate Republican, he talks about going into politics one day. And he might. Since September 25, 1993, McElroy has worked hard to keep his options open. That day — the most important

Since September 25, 1993, Bud McElroy has worked hard to keep his options open.

one of his life — he came close to collecting his gold star.

“I’d done some professional off-road racing and was preparing for ‘Baja 1000,’ a thousand-mile run, with a shake-down session.”

Neighbors and friends had traveled the 90 miles to the desert with McElroy and his wife. Tina McElroy, dark-haired and perky, was all smiles. It was her birthday and she was excited. McElroy was feeling the grip of adrenaline that always hit before a race. He’d never driven the Plaster City series before. The race offered ideal conditions to learn how smoothly his transmission ran, if his suspension was spongy, whether there was sloppy play in the steering.

Tina settled in with friends at the start/finish line. A hubbub of activity surrounded the pit crews and race officials. Bob Hines (known as “Radio Bob” to his fans) was

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doing radio dispatch under a B.F. Goodrich banner. The sky over the Yuma Desert was cloudless, a bleached blue that rose high and endless.

Racers went six times around a 30-mile loop.

McElroy was counting upon his map-man, 70-year-old Ed McClain, to keep him on track. Their aluminum-bodied, tubular-framed "Class 9" car was painted white with red-and-blue stripes. It was fun-

nel-nosed. The engine was in the rear.

Every 30 seconds, the green flag came down: they were ninth out of the line. Shifting easily, his foot on the gas, McElroy whipped past one car after another.

Number 999, their car, was running well. One lap and McElroy was up to third place. Halfway through the second loop, just as he was ready to pass the second man, the car stalled and lost all power. McElroy rolled

as far as he could, pulled the brake, and got out. Hugging the side of the car, he edged around to the rear. Ed McClain stayed put, belted in the passenger seat. Cars roared past. There was no wind that day. The dust

that the cars kicked up hung low.

Bill Hernquist saw neither the man nor the car when he hit them. The impact was so great that, inside the car, Ed McClain was knocked out cold.

"This was after he nailed me," said McElroy. "I went flying 50 feet and hit the ground. Everything went black..."

McElroy is 5'8." Women call him cute. This has as much to do with his boyish style as his youthful looks. (His head of graying hair looks premature.) His features fold easily into a smile. Like his laugh, his grins are various; now it is over-bright; he's a guy who has told his story before.

"You wanna know why everything went black?" He laughs. "Because I landed on my stomach with my face in a pile of dirt."

Desert dirt, so fine that it had the consistency of flour. McElroy rolled over and looked up. "And I see that I'm back on the race course. I get to my knees, and I'm trying to stand, because, you can understand, I want out of there..."

He was in shock and didn't know his right leg, between the knee and foot, was in pieces. By now Bill Hernquist had jumped out of his car and run over. Hernquist, chunky in his dark racing suit, stood over him.

"Bud! Stop! You can't get up!"

"You kiddin' me?" McElroy looked up at him. He remembers squinting at the sunlight. Hernquist was a silhouette against blue sky while Bud, struggling to stand, was a floundering figure in a red racing suit. "I'm not getting run over twice in one day!" he shouted.

But McElroy had seen the alarmed expression in his friend's eyes. Regaining consciousness, Ed McClain staggered free from their car. The transmission and rear tire had been torn away and wrapped around the front.

"Bud!" cried the map-man. "Your leg!"

The skin was split up to the knee, muscle and flesh gone from the bone. Dan Anderson rushed over. Known as "Rescue Dan" for his long-time service as a

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volunteer on the rescue team, he was already talking to radio dispatch, calling for a medical evacuation immediately. By now a dozen men were on the scene. McElroy was losing a lot of blood. Anderson handed over his radio and knelt beside the racer.

"I'm going to have to tourniquet that leg."

"Below the knee!" McElroy shouted. When a tourniquet is tied, everything below the pressure point is deprived of blood and likely to be sacrificed. McElroy knew this. "Make sure and put it below the knee!"

"Radio Bob" told Anderson he'd made contact

with the Medivac people; they wanted somebody on the scene to authorize the pickup.

"Otherwise, they aren't coming."

McElroy overheard and said to tell them there was a firefighter here who says there's a guy in trouble and they need to get to him quick. McElroy was, of course, the firefighter, and he was the guy.

A few men diverted the run, with racers forced to detour some 15 yards; others were watching Anderson with McElroy; some were checking their watches and looking up at the desert sky. Would the "Life-Flight" copter make it in time?

Twenty miles away, Tina was told of the accident but not of its seriousness.

"Here's the funny part," McElroy recalls, laughing. "Somebody used a board to shade me from the sun because it's so hot out there but the sun is beating down on my leg and that's what's getting hot. And I mean really hot."

Sheared to the bone, the flesh was raw and bleeding. Unshaded, his leg was on fire.

By the time the copter set down, grit rising in an angry skirt, McElroy was lying in a blackish puddle of his own blood. His blood pressure read 38 over 0 (a normal reading is 110 over

70). Firefighters know their blood type. He murmured that his was A-negative; then, as they shunted him onto a backboard and into the copter, he sent a last message to his wife. He'd broken his leg, he said, and was going to have it fixed.

Somewhere in flight or at the UCSD Trauma Center in San Diego, the medical team cut away his nylon racing suit and discovered his femur protruding from his upper thigh. They stuck IVs in his groin and neck, then fed four units of blood directly into the arteries that went to his heart.

"I looked like a 50-50 ice cream bar, half-vanilla, half-chocolate." He laughed

again.

His right side was black and blue; when he first got hit, McElroy fell onto his right side then slapped down hard against the hood of Hernquist's car before being sent flying.

He was in surgery for 14 hours, in the critical care unit for three days, and at the trauma center itself for ten days.

Every effort was made to save the leg. As one surgeon explained, he could keep it, but two to three years of reconstructive surgery would be required, using the muscles from his stomach and back. In the end, he would still have a "slap foot." The alternative,

it was explained, was amputation, and he'd be walking in three months. Three years versus three months. It was, he said, an easy call.

"Go ahead," he told them. "Cut it off."

Surgery took place at Kaiser Permanente. Amputees are likely to have the date of their surgery engraved on their minds. McElroy was quick to name the date of the accident as well as when he got his first prosthetic limb (January 15, 1994), yet he cannot name the date of his amputation.

A flash of green and Paulie, flitting from one side of his cage to the other, breaks into song.

"It was somewhere in

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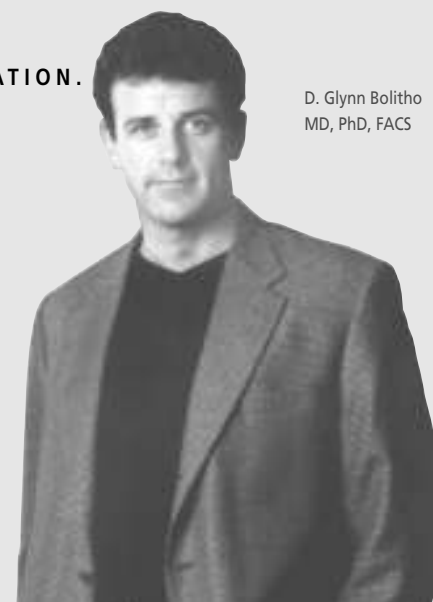
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the first week of October, but it wasn't a big deal."

Following surgery, he was fixed with a morphine drip to medicate himself. As soon as his mind cleared, he stopped taking the morphine; he didn't want to get hooked. He was treated with other pain medication. Depression is a familiar emotional response to amputation, but McElroy claims he had none. He was having too much fun to feel low, he said. Just before a nurse came in to take his temperature, he'd stick ice in his mouth and throw the reading off.

"Stupid stuff like that, but I was having a ball."

That is, until he'd get hit with a pain so intense he could only double over. It was as if someone were stabbing him. These were his severed nerve endings. Later, as the pain receded, he'd feel like his foot was on ice or stuck in a bucket. He still gets phantom sensations on occasion. He'll feel a cramp in the arch of his foot that is no longer there.

On October 25, exactly one month after the accident, he was wheeled out of Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Plastic surgeons grafted skin onto his leg. He was fitted for his prosthetic and in mid-January stood up on two legs. His

stump felt tender.

"I knew I was on two legs. I was glad I was standing. But the muscles had to get accustomed to an artificial device. I'd call it a 'sweet' hurt, because I knew the pain would go away."

At home he started pushing himself right away. That was when he painted the house and laid brick. He kept busy.

"Something like that happens, and you realize how precious life is. I wanted to live it to the fullest."

(On the second anniversary of losing his leg, McElroy participated in a three-person triathlon sponsored by the Navy

SEALs. One member of his team, an above-knee amputee, swam the mile; a woman with a below-the-knee amputation ran the 13-mile leg of the race; McElroy biked 56 miles.)

McElroy went on 911-phone dispatch at the 32nd Street station. Firefighters who have suffered heart attacks or have backs "blown out" are certified to return to work on the written recommendation of one doctor through the occupational health office. When he walked across the parking lot and into the Federal Fire Department offices at the Naval Training Center, McElroy had in hand the written approval of three

prosthetists and two doctors.

In the office, the desk calendar read March 24, 1994.

Rosie Robinson was behind her desk. A brown-skinned, middle-aged woman, she looked up and smiled broadly.

"Well, McElroy! You look great! Why, I can't even tell you had an accident. Which leg is it?"

"It was my left."

"Oh, really!" She eyed the left leg. "Well, you'd sure never know."

"I was only having a little fun with you, Rosie. Actually it's my right."

"McElroy, now which one is it?"

"My right, honest!"

He lifted the cuff of his pants to show the prosthetic built from carbon fiber and titanium, with a VSP-flex foot and an acrylic black composite plastic sheath.

Civil Service employees are processed through the Occupational Health Office on North Island. Rosie suggested that McElroy make an appointment. Just then he spotted his chief passing down the hallway.

"Hey, Chief!"

The man stepped inside the office. "So you're back, McElroy." They shook hands.

"Chief, I'm back and

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The chief explained to McElroy that the department had never had a person like him on staff before.

"I think we're going to want you to take an agility test and maybe see a doctor."

McElroy had his papers in hand. "Chief, I've

already been to Occupational Health, and they didn't find anything wrong."

McElroy says the chief still wanted him to take an agility test and to see another doctor.

"Chief, I've got five statements," McElroy recalls saying. "Two doctors and three prosthetists. They say

I'm fine to go back to work."

That was when, McElroy says, the chief lost his temper. McElroy says the chief pointed his finger at McElroy and yelled, "I don't give a damn what your doctors are telling you. I'm telling you what I want! You're different, and the sooner you realize that the

better off you'll be."

McElroy remembers hearing the distant drone of airplanes cutting across the sky. He remembers Rosie was silent at her desk. All complaints about discrimination pass through Rosie's office, which she'd decorated with images of African pride and Chris-

tian devotion. For the first time, McElroy says, he understood what it meant to be disabled. But it was a definition others were imposing on him. He wondered: was he being discriminated against?

McElroy made an appointment to see Frank Golbransen, the orthope-

dic surgeon at UCSD. Once a top Army surgeon, the big ruddy Swede specialized in amputations. Golbransen passed him. As for the agility test, he'd already taken the test to get his job back. He knew of no one who had to take the test a second time. But the chief was clear.

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In March, after an absence of more than six months, McElroy returned to the firehouse. In April he received medical approval to return to firefighting. In May he passed his first agility test. Now a fire room was set up for his second test.

McElroy remembers the asphalt was blistering hot on North Island that June afternoon. He wore his full firefighter gear with breathing apparatus and an oxygen tank on his back. He was carrying a two-inch fully charged hose (with one gallon of water weighing eight pounds, the hose weighed hundreds of pounds). He approached the building for what is called an "initial attack."

McElroy says several fire officials were watching from a distance: a battalion chief, an assistant chief, a representative from the union (the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. F-33), and an engine captain who served as proctor.

"Who's going in with me?" McElroy said, looking around.

Carrying the hose, he went into the building darkened to approximate a smoke-filled room (called "the black room").

"I found the 'victim,'" McElroy says he called out. "What do you want me to do?"

The "victim," a dummy, had been stashed inside the room. In this test, the fireman was expected to locate it and bring it out. The proctor, he said, told him to bring it out.

"What about the hose?"

"Bring that out too."

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He passed this second test (and with it was returned to active, full-time service). He also filed an EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) complaint in which he argued that he'd been discriminated against. But federal employees, he learned, are not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The judge threw his complaint out.

The next year, 1996, the Lions Clubs of San Diego voted McElroy Firefighter of the Year. He was

also the country's first one-legged professional firefighter as well as the only one-legged Infantry soldier in the Army Reserves.

"McElroy is so great."

Officer Peggy Anderson coordinates the DARE program (Drug Awareness, Resistance, and Education) run by the San Diego Police Department. Sixth graders are told the hazards of drug use. McElroy, a longtime volunteer for the program, is one of their most sought-after speakers.

"He stands up in front of these kids and their parents, and he tells them they can do anything they want, if they want. And they be-

lieve him."

Anderson, blonde and petite in her police officer's gear, recalled one woman who had been badly burned when she was young.

"She was at the DARE graduation with her son and heard McElroy speak. She was crying when she told me that afterwards she bought a pair of shorts and wore them. She was dealing with her feelings of shame about her legs. McElroy had helped to change her life."

The work is important and reflects well on the department, says McElroy; that's why he does it. But

because he has been ordered to use his personal time when he speaks at DARE events, he feels he's being penalized for his contribution.

Officer Anderson and others have sent letters of appreciation to the department. Letters of this sort routinely pass across the chief's desk, where they're affixed with an endorsement letter.

"But some of the letters," said McElroy, "get to me after an eight-month delay. Sometimes there's no endorsement letter. People tell me they've written letters, and sometimes I don't get them."

McElroy likes to say that being disabled means an inability to do what you were able to do before. He hasn't found what that is yet. Then he'll lift his trouser cuff and expose the black sheath of his prosthetic limb. "But I know what it's

like to be black and to be discriminated against."

The same year he was voted firefighter of the year, he requested promotion to engineer. He was denied. McElroy applied again and a third time. He was not invited to interview on either occasion.

Firemen who seek promotion are now required to hold the EMT (emergency medical technician) certificate. The chief sent word to the department that he wanted his people certified. McElroy was scheduled to take the first class offered, but a scheduling conflict with his Army Reserves weekends forced him to cancel.

McElroy says he was awaiting a reschedule when he learned that no more classes were being offered. Now to get certified (which means enrollment in a three-credit, full semester's class at a local junior col-

lege), he will have to pay for it himself and use his own time.

"I refused because by now it's a matter of principle." For two years the chief said new classes would be arranged for those who wanted to get certified. "I'm still waiting," McElroy said.

In March, a 60 Minutes segment ran about people with disabilities. In it a priest with one arm said he'd found that people were often terrified of his disability. "Just looking at me," he said, "having me around, reminded them that the world is an uncertain place. I scare them to death."

Over the mantle in his living room, McElroy has hung a picture of Christ, white-robed and kneeling in the Garden of Gethsemane, deep in prayer, his hands are clenched as he looks up at a black nighttime sky. The biblical account of this moment,

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found in Matthew 26:39, reads, "And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt."

Twenty years ago, when he was serving as a Mormon missionary, McElroy wrote in his Bible, "If it's to be, it's up to me." He believes that today and shared his thoughts with his DARE audience at a recent speech he gave for students at Del Mar Hills Elementary School.

"We are explorers on this earth," he said. "And we must never stop being explorers. If I had stopped, I would not have been able to open up new possibilities for others like myself..."

He laughs as he describes his speech that day, how he ended (as always) by asking for volunteers. He was wearing his "turn-outs," the baggy trousers and jacket and boots firemen wear. Underneath he wore his uniform.

"Now, no one knows about the amputation," he says. "So I'm getting help out of my turn-outs—the jacket and trousers—while I'm talking about what I've been able to do, 'Firefighter of the Year,' and so forth. Then I ask for someone from the audience to help me take off my left boot. Always the left boot first. Somebody helps, and I get that off. Now, I'm still talking about being an explorer when that shoe comes off, and then I ask for help with my right shoe."

"Another kid comes up and he's pulling and pulling on my right boot..."

And while he is struggling with the boot, McElroy secretly releases the leg.

"Not just the boot but the foot comes flying off, and the kid, he's just standing there!" McElroy laughs.

"...and if I had stopped being an explorer," he always finishes while standing on one leg, "nobody would have ever thought somebody like me would be here today."

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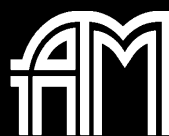
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— The Sheltering Sky,

Paul Bowles

Boyer's and Bailey's bodies lay quiet in the sun; time hadn't passed for muscles to stiffen, and limbs were still limp. Bailey — six or seven holes in his neck and torso — had gurgled "Dad" from his knees before he'd dropped. Boyer had uttered nothing.

Heat was sticky and reeked of raw death, so ponchos were brought and wrapped 'round each to smother the mess; to beams robbed from splintered trees the lumpy cocoons were roped and hoisted dangling between reluctant shoulders. Evacuation began.

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est — dead weight's always heavy — but downhill put it all on them. They stumbled over dips and bumps, tripped on rocks and roots, smacked their faces on branches, and sweated in the vaporous heat.

At one point a carrier slipped and his partner behind tripped backward; the beam fell hard against the partner's shoulder, pinning something soft between — Boyer's head. Pushing in revulsion, he thought of hamburger until he felt the ooze squeezing through

his fingers drip on his face.

"...lasagna?"

"What?"

"Chicken or lasagna?"

"Neither."

She brings another drink and I look west over the wing at the remains of day; then scribble...

'You're back with the bodies,' friend said; and he's right. Perhaps it's time to address the

issue — if all goes as planned, there are people alive at this moment who I will soon encounter dead...

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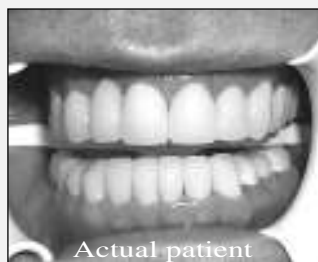
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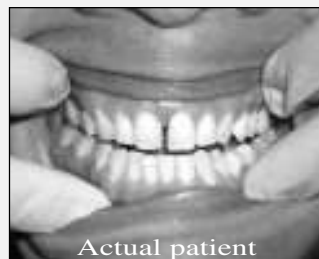
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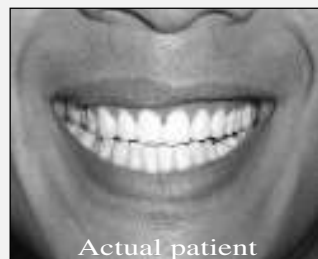
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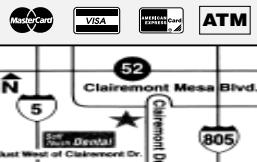
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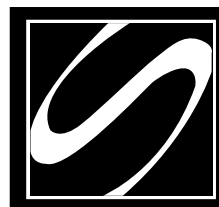
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now stiff as claws, the feet still shod, the heads turned fat as puffers. Then the fully dressed bodies themselves — cold inside their own crusted fluids — are picked up and moved like full canoes wobbling across some old river and passing into darkness...zipped...locked...sealed.

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Office of the Medical Examiner — 5555 Overland Avenue, Building 14 — sits near a Taco Bell, just outside the barbed chain-link fence surrounding the rest of S.D. County Operations. Presenting a prefab and pebbled façade in the shape of an L, its appearance implies no crossing of the Styx. Neither does a step through the front door.

It is eight a.m. (half a day after Chula Vista). Assembled at a table in the Conference Room are four forensic pathologists (plus one in training) and three technical specialists (toxicologist, investigator, autopsy assistant). On the walls hang certificates and plaques and photo-recognitions, includ-

ing the fiery image of PSA Flight 182 “screaming” in blue sky. Investigator Calvin (“Cal”) Vine slides me a piece of paper and whispers, “Here’s the morning menu.”

“Um...there’s a bullet beneath the shoulder—” Dr. Eisele explains “— so we thought we had it figured out with one of the bullets hitting the wall and bouncing out. And maybe two came out one hole, you know...the exits were grouped.”

Dr. Blackbourne (head of the table and opposite Cal) nods. Somebody else clicks a pen. Dr. Davis (who looks like John-Boy Walton) speaks in a Tennessee accent: “Whether it’s related or not, but...that case from Chula Vista that I did a week or so ago...um...the police said they thought that there would be retribution for that —” pen clicks “— so I don’t know if this has any bearing on that whatsoever.”

Dr. Blackbourne looks to Dr. Swalwell (who looks like Omar Sharif in *Dr. Zhivago*) and reads the next name on the “menu.” Swal-



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Dr. Frank Barnhart

well paraphrases from a report:

“...is a 35-year-old German man —”

“— wouldn’t you know he’d use cyanide —”

“—working on some kind of...says here ‘Exchange Visitor’s Facilitative Staff.’ Anyway, he

came over here apparently with his girlfriend, recently broke up with his girlfriend, was unhappy with his girlfriend’s daughter, was also unhappy with a previous girlfriend —”

“— basically was unhappy —”

“— parks the van in front of her residence, which she didn’t check on till the next morning — in fact she asked a friend to check — and found him dead inside. Next to him is a test tube that contains another test tube that contains a white substance. And there’s an apparent suicide note...”

(Someone yawns.)

“...if anybody speaks German.”

As a Polaroid makes its way around the table — decedent appearing simply curled in sleep — Dr. Davis volunteers he has friends from Germany studying at UCSD.

“— more spies.”

Blackbourne redirects conversation: “Dr. Davis, tell us about Tony.”

“Tony is a single white male in his 30s visiting San Diego from New York found dead in a hotel room. On the 19th he was running around the lobby with his shirt off and seemingly hallucinating. That was all right, of course, because he’d paid through the 21st. It wasn’t all right when the 21st came

and went and he hadn’t checked out. Decedent was found decomposing on the floor beside a bottle of [a prescription narcotic] with a friend’s name on it. Brenda called this friend, and he said that the decedent is known to have used heroin. Um...there’s possible track marks.”

Blackbourne — white hair, white beard — scans a report in his hands and summarizes that “a 51-year-old guy, cardiac disabled who always drives on the right because of his heart condition — has congestive heart failure, severe coronary artery disease, two years ago had abdominal surgery for removal of blood clots — was south on I-805 in the far-right lane. Another driver witnesses him clutch his chest and drive off the road onto the vegetation. Apparently his mouth hit the steering wheel, because when they get him to the hospital they suction teeth out of his oral pharynx. X-ray finds another tooth in his pharynx, and they cleared a bunch of loose teeth from his jaw.

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They could not resuscitate him.

"Apparently anything that makes you a driving risk is reportable by the doctor. But how many people have angina and are driving all over town?"

"Or can't see?" adds Davis. "When I was in ophthalmology clinic I was stunned. It's just incredible the number of people who couldn't see. They'd say, 'You gotta hurry up 'cause I'm double-parked.'"

Dr. Leena K. Jariwala is an East Indian woman no more than five feet tall. From time to time she has made indiscernible soft comments in an accented voice.

"Sixteen-years-old Cambodian student here in the United States since 1983 and living with his family. Fourteenth March the decedent had been a passenger in a Jeep stopped in traffic near mid-span on the Coronado Bay Bridge and the vehicle contained several young persons who related the following to the police..."

Jariwala reads verbatim, but the gist is that the boy

was arguing with his girlfriend who'd just announced their relationship was over...

"...as the Jeep came to a stop, the decedent said, 'Now you will never see me again...' He jumped out of the vehicle and jumped over the rail of the bridge. The other occupants of the Jeep ran over to the rail and looked into the water for the decedent, but they did not see him. He was found seven days later by a boater—a seriously decomposed young person, 3:00 p.m. on 3/20."

Dr. Eisele shares a similar case. "Forty-one-year-old executive, divorced and severely depressed as a result of it. Car found abandoned on the bridge at the highest section of the bridge. They found the decedent floating in the water last night."

"Two off the bridge in one day...unusual —"

"— boy jumped a while ago —"

"— I know, I know... found —"

"— doesn't help to get stuck in traffic —"

"— in the right lane..."

"So. You're going to do

the homicides, John?" asks Swallow.

"Yeah. I guess."

"They know nine o'clock, Dr. Eisele?" asks the autopsy assistant. "You want me to call? Make sure?"

"They're probably on their way."

"Prob'ly leavin' the donut shop."

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Each step was a struggle for balance. A bloody slime on his hands had made the beam slippery, and flies had begun swirling and striking like mosquitos at his eyes and mouth and anywhere the slime had smeared. And the poncho intensified heat and accelerated decomposition until the odor of something freshly gutted had putrefied into something more liquid-like and sulphurous that coated his tongue and lined his nostrils. "God! he's rotting inside!" Then the rope securing Boyer's head came untied and the meat hit the ground with a *whump* of rubber unwrapping and a crash of beam thrown down and everyone turned 'round swearing as the one smeared

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"Aboard the USS *Sanctuary*. Went aboard November of '68 and got off December of '69."

Damn! So was I. Or rather, a seriously blown-up patient aboard June of '69. For Vine, his connection between past and present — the dead in Vietnam to the dead in San Diego — is not astonishing.

"Seeing the death and the trauma there made it a lot easier for me. When I was a hospital corpsman, if any of our patients expired, I al-

ways went down and watched the autopsy to find out if we could've done anything to have prevented their death. In Vietnam you quite naturally had a young patient, and theoretically you've got the 'golden hour' — from time of trauma to hospital ship — when you should be able to save 'em. So we went to the autopsies. The field just started fascinating me at that point...studying death."

Vine — a medium-sized man with a persistent half-smile — continued his Navy career until "I made so much in promotion I promoted myself right out of the field." Retiring from the Navy eight years ago, Vine returned to San Diego and said to his wife, "I want to be an investigator," and I got hired within ten months. You have to go through psychological testing, psychiatric exams. They want to make sure that you're stable

enough, that you're the type who can deal with death.

"There are things you see in this field that people associated with medicine never have seen before. They have no idea what a decomposed body looks like. I had seen a lot of burned humans in Vietnam from napalm, seen the fire strikes and everything, and it bothered me. It really did. And major trauma, you know, blown-apart bodies. But a decomposed body? A skeletonized body? There's no training for it.

"You jump in one of these cars and go to a scene, and you may have a body that's been dead for three weeks, three months — or three years. There's nothing to prepare you for the odor when you walk in. Or the sight that you're going to see. Doctors in the hospitals — they never see that kind of stuff. The first few times I had decomposed bodies and I'd go home, my wife would say, 'Get out of here!' She'd make me take my clothes off outside before she'd let me come in and jump in the shower."

I ask Vine for a "typical" case requiring investigation by the medical examiner's office. "There is no typical," he says. "Every death is unique. But I'll give you a particular from the meeting this morning: the male who bystanders saw clutch his chest and go forward onto the steering wheel. He's 51, has a long history of cardiac disease, yet when the paramedics start doin' CPR they find his teeth knocked out and probably down his throat and possibly into his lungs.

"At this point it's a 'sudden unexpected death.' His doctor says he has a long history of heart disease, but he's driving a motor vehicle, so I have to think there may be damage to the car, which his insurance company won't pay unless we're involved. We have to determine whether it's an accidental death due to the traffic accident or a natural death if it's a heart attack. They'll probably have to do an autopsy to determine which came first — chicken or the egg.

"Every death really is unique.

"Really is. Well, there's one hospital that, long time prior to my starting work here, had some instances of

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pied office) and scribbling frustration into journal...

Cal just said: 'Everybody's sittin' around lookin' at each other, waitin' for somebody to die. Isn't that terrible?'

...all day been here grossing myself out with books. Cal says: 'Very, very seldom do we get nothing...' but NOTHIN'S exactly what we got — YOU'RE WELCOME! San Diegans.

...feel ambivalent 'cause of just what it is I'm waiting around here to see happen. Can you grasp? For me to see what I want — SOMEBODY has to die. Man? Woman? Daughter? Son? And somebody(s) has (have) to grieve.

...only defensible rationalization is if it's GOING to

happen, if it DOES happen — I wanna see it. Maybe I can roll in it like a dog...

The voice of a woman asks, "You are ready for this?" I see Dr. Jariwala standing in the hall. "Some people are not, you know."

"Yes."
I follow Mauger's big frame out the door.

"Why people don't return their seat..." Mauger grunts, squeezing behind the wheel. "...somebody drove this thing today."

"This a boating accident?"

"We don't know. Talked to the parents one night. When that arm and some other piece floated up, they swore, by God, it was their

son. And they adamantly insisted that they be allowed to come to our office and have a look. And they were. But there were no tattoos or anything."

"He had no tattoos?"
"Nothing on the arm, nothing that..."

"I mean, their son?"
"Yeah..."

I wonder where we're going, exactly.

"Where we're going is one of the finer restaurants in the area insofar as scenic view. When the ocean gets real rough, the waves bounce against the glass of the dining room. You're not from this area, are you?"

I aside briefly about a distant place near some glaciated peaks. "That's a ways away," he says. "What's in our office that tickles your fancy?"

It's hard to explain, but I try.

"I know what you mean. The idea of just sitting around waiting for somebody to die isn't the job that you'd, like, say, get up in the morning and go, 'Hot damn! It's Tuesday, what a beautiful day!' This is work. And you don't work unless it's a death. It can be very tragic, really tear your —"

A white van with satellite antenna merges into traffic.

"Hope television isn't goin' where we're goin'..."

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Indelible image of paled swimmer fished out of water onto dock, back sliced thrice and splayed thrice, smooth splits bloodless as gills, liver, and lungs exposed and glazed...returns from childhood (shock-poster at the lake for boaters and swimmers alike) as Mauger leads our way down past Marine Room Restaurant to the beach at La Jolla. We stop beside a lifeguard's truck on the sand under gray sky. Littered by the surf is seaweed everywhere and a large clump of twisted cardboard. Members of a fancy wedding reception crowd the darkened windows behind us. An officer approaches Mauger.

"Who's he?"
"He's with us."
"Oh."

I look in the pickup bed — *nada* — then at the TV film crews and reporters kept at bay on the fringe. *Where's the torso?* Officer speaks to his two-way —

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"Coroner's here" — and orders a crew for pickup. Mauger reaches into his bag of tools — "Guess I'll take the picture now" — walks ten paces and focuses on the clump of cardboard. *Click.* Now I notice the crawling things and dancing flies...broken femur shafts...chunk of vertebral column...rotting meat.

Pretty people in jogging suits try to get close. Looking "official" (coat, tie, proper shades) and acting the part ("Go around, please... Tryin' to keep this area clear, ma'am"), I am inevitably stalked by a woman reminding me of Barbara Walters.

"I'm not here officially, ma'am..."

She sniffs a "scoop" and succeeds in "squeezing" a few "tidbits" from my lips as camera crews zoom on pickup and delivery while the wad of flesh and bone is rolled into the zippered white bag.

Throwing his gear and slamming the trunk, Mauger escapes a last reporter and grunts himself back into the car.

"She's a very pushy lady," he says. "Get a kick out of watchin' these people where there is somethin' newsworthy," he chuckles, "way they muscle each other. Their tricks are unlimited. Few of us interview. Guess I can't really say why, except I don't need any publicity."

As we pull out, I note the removal crew's van (like the car we're in) is unmarked. "All our vehicles are low-profile, and that's what I like."

Mauger is not by nature aloof; returning over back roads and avoiding rush-hour traffic, he is at ease sharing his world at work. How's his rapport, I ask, with homicide detectives?

"You know, at one time we used to be a big group of friends. They never rotated, and stability in our office was unbelievable. Every time you went to a homicide scene it was almost like a reunion — Hi, Bill; Hi, Everett — tease each other. Sometimes humor's expressed. Now I go to a homicide and I feel like the stranger in town. Weird."

But part of an investigator's business, he explains, is to know when (and when not) homicide needs to be involved. "Had one last week I sweat bullets over. We fi-

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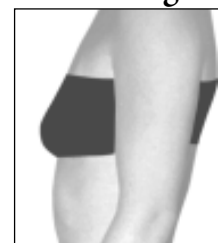


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nally decided to take it in [to our office]. And sure enough, it turned out a 'natural' [death] but..."

What was the situation? "A young lady was found dead in her apartment with an awful lot o' — professionally we don't say 'bruises' — an awful lot of *ecchymotic* areas on her body. Like I said, I sweat bullets. But I kept puttin' it together and puttin' it together and finally figured out she had weird sexual manners and the marks could've been from bondage. Doctor Eisele found out they were all superficial. They're now running tox. Every now and then you get into those. God, I hated it when I first heard it, but the first thing you should say when you walk in is, 'Who killed this person?'"

"I ran into a hanging inside of a van, right in this neighborhood, and there was a very territorial dog in there. We coaxed that dog and coaxed that dog until we figured: With a dog like that, nobody got in there and put that seat belt around him. I took him in as a suicide. But you still have to ask: Who killed this person?"

"Picked up this lady in a downtown motel — natural gas was on; place just reeked of it — and her cats were in the bathroom with

the rugs pushed against the seal. Boy. From all indications we had a suicide by inhalation of gas. Then we rolled 'er over and there was this fine ligature mark."

Ligature?

"Rope or any choking device. And she had on a very loose blouse, so it wasn't that. So all of a sudden what we thought was a suicide turned out to be a homicide. Whoever did it, you know, was hopin' the place would blow up. Can you imagine?"

Ever find out who did it?

"No. Heck. I've seen homicides for a cigarette. In a doorway right down there on Fifth Street one night: *Wouldn't give me a cigarette, that sonofabitch, so ah killed 'im.* What's wrong with our people? Yesterday was a drive-by shooting. Child eight years old. Now, what the heck is going on there? Is that how they show their bravado? To be initiated? I don't know."

This initiates a mutual dialogue about cowardice and shooting people who can't shoot back.

"I left some blood in Korea."

Now there was truly the Forgotten War.

"Yeah."

Friend of mine was a copman in Korea.

"Well. That's what I was."

The blinker ticks loudly as we round a corner.

"Right over that Sport Mart sign," Mauger points. "We're right close to Montgomery Field, this guy came right over Balboa and then flamed out. Couldn't land on Balboa because of the traffic and went into that parking lot. They were from Utah. And I pulled four adults and a baby out of that plane."

None of 'em made it?

"Naw. He'd just refused. You just pray they don't break apart when you're trying to get 'em out of there."

As we pull onto Overland by Taco Bell, I ask Mauger (who has 5 children and 12 grandchildren) if "notification" is the toughest part of his job.

"Cold notification, yes. Christmas Eve. Right at the stroke of midnight. It was an on-scene traffic, and I was up in Julian and had every dog in Julian awake tryin' to find this house. The man's son had called and said he was gonna stay in town for the night. But because it was Christmas Eve, Dad said, 'Don't stay in town, son — come on home.' Well, the kid fell asleep and drifted off the road. And here at this father's door at the stroke of midnight instead of his son...I

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Thoughts are washed down with a Coors Light at top of Horton Plaza. I'd left word for night-shift investigator Robert Engle to call my hotel if anything happens. Still, I had to eat. Barman sets a basket of hot buffalo wings beside my change. On the big screen Michigan scores a three-pointer and a drunk bellows. I finish the wings and wipe the sticky red stuff off my fingers. Time to leave. Driving up First Avenue, I glimpse the illumined body of an airliner descend soundlessly from nowhere and vanish like some ghost ship loaded full of snatched lives. I could sense someone had died. Back in my room, I see the phone light pulsing like a heart.

Eight a.m., next day.

“I think this is the same number of that arm and leg,” Dr. Davis says, holding Mauger's report. “So I presume that this is more parts.”

“This must be the torso on the news last night.”

“Is there a head?”

“Newspaper just said torso.”

“Pretty hard to identify a torso,” says Dr. Blackbourne.

“Has the mom called yet?”

“Mom...” says Dr. Super. “The torso's *mom*?”

“The arm 'n' leg's mom.”

“Her missing son's car was found in La Jolla.”

“The leg looked like it had a propeller mark,” Davis adds, “but if predators are pulling the body apart or whatever —”

“— he's coming back in parts.”

Blackbourne rubs his cheek. “It's unusual for the way bodies float. Usually their extremities are down, and propellers going over the top —”

“— aren't dicing 'em up like sushi.”

“No. Unless he's actually swimming. If he's got his arm and leg out when a boat's crossing —”

“— or boat hits you first...”

“Exactly. Forget about normal orientations, you're tumbling underneath the keel.”

A moment passes. Dr. Blackbourne's hands and fingers are locked together like a church, the tip of his steeple slowly tapping his



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lips. Then he looks to Davis, who holds, I know, Engle's report.

"Okay, Dr. Davis."

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"How's he?"

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Gregory G. Davis, MD, looks so young it's hard to believe he's a real doctor. Here, how-

ever, his official title is "Fellow" — the designation given candidates in their final year (atop four years' medical school and five more pathology residency) of education required to be a forensic pathologist. Davis is 31.

"This is where we all split, go to our respective offices, think for a few minutes, do whatever it is we need to do to get ready, and then wander back and do our autopsies."

His youth and conviction are my access. In the others I sense an immunity to my presence.

An autopsy assistant dressed in blue surgical garb approaches Davis with a question. Davis replies, "I'll do him first, if that's all right with you. And then the other one, I guess, in the stinky room...."

Assistant leaves. Stinky room? I ask.

"Oh, there's a room that's separate where we do especially noxious cases; we call it the Decomp Room, usually. It's just around the corner — have you been in

the back?"

Not yet.

"You were asking if people supervise what I do." Yes.

"Generally it depends how comfortable I feel; for example, with these autopsies today, one guy is in his 30s and he may have some of the problems of drug addicts, like, 'vegetations' on their heart valves or something — and I'd show that around just 'cause it's interesting. Usually you don't find anything anatomically wrong. There's just an overdose. I don't show these guys normal hearts or anything — they trust that I understand what that is."

Vegetations?

"Well, for your heart to function effectively as a pump, the valves are thin —" he lifts a sheet of paper — "maybe a little thicker than this. They're real pliant and they billow back and forth. People who inject drugs usually don't use sterile technique. They'll use anything that is handy to dissolve the drug, even water out of the back of the toilet. Basically they're injecting bacteria along with drug.

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but some of them go for years. And what will happen is the bacteria can seed and start growing on that valve. So now you've got this one valve with this big mass on it, and it doesn't function very effectively. That's a vegetation."

That's not the technical term, is it?

"Well, most people are probably familiar with *endocarditis*, but for us 'vegetations' is a technical term. See, pathology is a visual field: we look at things, we describe things, and then we give them names. And to recognize things and to be able to talk to one another about it, we liken it to whatever we can. Something might look like moss, for example, so it's called a vegetation. And other parts of the body are in some way related to food, like, a 'chocolate cyst' — it has the coloring and consistency of chocolate. And a lot of food is also meat; it looks like what we eat."

Davis says he realized early in his training that he wasn't cut out for traditional medicine. "I was particularly frustrated by patients who would come to me and say, 'I've got this diabetes and I'd really like to get rid of it.' And then I'd say, 'Well, lose 20 pounds and start exercising and chances are you'll be completely cured.' They'd say, 'Oh, no, I can't do that.' Some people can handle that. I didn't care for it. But I liked the lab. I liked that branch of medicine. And in pathology I enjoyed doing autopsies. However, I didn't think I'd enjoy the medical examiner's office."

"Before that first day, you know, I thought child-abuse cases and such would be too disturbing. They aren't. It's still sad. And on days when we have those cases, it's quieter in the back than what it usually is. And the idea that somebody, yesterday, was alive and walking, that today they're dead, the brevity of life — I think of that every time I do an autopsy. And yet I can handle that. Can't handle the patient who won't heed common sense, for some reason, but I can handle that. Like these two guys I have today — they are my patients. And they do exactly what I tell 'em to."

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'botched' —" Dr. Mark A. Super asserts. (I'd sort of ambled onto the subject during course of unplanned conversation.) Super (like Dr. Davis) looks younger than his 42 years. "What was fouled up was that people above the pathologist doing the autopsy didn't stand behind him; they allowed several national figures to come to the forefront and say other things had happened and that it was botched up, when there's never been any evidence to suggest that it was botched up.

"Take the recent book that came out by this emergency room doctor in Dallas. Emergency physicians — he eventually became a surgeon — don't interpret gunshot wounds. I mean, he may see hundreds and hundreds of gunshot wounds in his career, but he doesn't interpret 'em. He tries to repair them. He doesn't do any work in interpreting direction of fire, range of fire — or anything — because his job is to try to save the guy."

I suggest that he has pointed to a clear distinction between a primary-care physician and a forensic pathologist.

"Yes. And it's a very important distinction. Studies have shown that if you take the interpretation of trauma physicians, let's say in gunshot wounds, and you look at them over a long period of time, they're wrong a large share of the time. For one thing, they don't have the time, so they don't take the time, to look the whole body over: they miss entrance wounds they thought weren't there; they misinterpret exits from entrances frequently; they misinterpret stab wounds that are really gunshot wounds and vice versa. And that is understandable — it's not their job.

"What we [forensic pathologists] train to do — what is really our area of expertise — is to look at the body, all the body, and take all the time we have, to look at all the little marks and bruises and soot or particles on the body, foreign material, to look at them, to recover them, and to interpret what it all means in light of what happened. That's what we do. That's not what they do."

I convey to Dr. Super my strongest impression —

based on the numerous meetings I have witnessed and contrary to the "laid-back demeanor" shown by all — that forensic medicine is cerebrally exciting.

"Oh, this is the most fun job in the world. First of all, it presents such infinite variety — that's number one. I think for a lot of people, it's the variety in their job that makes it interesting, keeps you getting up in the morning. When I wake up, I don't know what's going to be here; what unusual disorder or disease; what weird event that occurred to somebody; what thing of local or sometimes national significance may have happened in the time since I left work. That's one part of it.

"The other part is that the job fulfills that chase-the-fire truck need that people have — What's going on? Why is that cop car going down the road? — And we get involved in that. We're not going to be able to solve cases alone — we're only one part of an investigation — but we're close enough that we know what's going on.

That's exciting to me, and I think that's exciting to a lot of people in this field."

Then what's the downside?

"Money."

Really?

"Physicians — even in large, multidisciplinary groups — make a lot of money."

Family physicians?

"Oh, yes! The more people you see, the more money you can make. In the private sector I could easily double what I make here. But," he sighs, "we have to understand that when we go into this field that we're going to be working in the public domain — public servants."

Checking the time, I note I'm late and ask Dr. Super for directions to 'the back.'

"You haven't been in the back yet?"

Not yet.

"Oh, man! You need to see the pulse of this place!"

The what?

"The pulse..." he laughs.

"Or, no pulse."

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The Back — as it is referred to — is not some Gothic chamber of cold steel tables nor a graveyard of zombies. It does, however, possess an unpleasant odor. You can get here three ways: one, die (which is no guarantee and doesn't mean an autopsy); two, enter the front and pass through a maze of push-button doors (if you know the codes); or three, go to the freight doors outside and walk in. Near the entrance are the color mug shots of all "cleared" to be here (detectives, office personnel) and a county map poked (solidly in downtown) with red "homicide pins." Around the corner in the main area (large enough, it appears, to accommodate four autopsies) Dr. Jariwala and one assistant work on a young woman killed last night while I drank a beer.

Two stench predominate: the steamy rawness of a slaughterhouse — and bleach. Corpse scalped and split open. Jariwala lifts a dipper full of dark fluid from the wobbling cavity. My basic sentiment (aside from

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some ambivalent loneliness) is that this is nothing.

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"If I were you, I'd double glove," Dr. Davis tells me. "I do it always for protection, but it also keeps your hands from picking up the odor nearly as much."

Stretching and snapping on the latex — body, head, face, and shoes already covered in blue cotton or paper — the only part of me not prophylactically clothed are my eyeballs. At the ready, however, are solutions for optical rinse (in event anything should splatter under the lids).

Is this the "stinky room"?

"Well, no. Actually this is the 'auxiliary stinky room'; the real Decomp Room is back in there." (I peek inside the "reefer" and see a couple pair of feet sticking out from covers.) "Those are autopsies that have already been done." Davis's immediate task sprawls on the table before us — the torso from La Jolla. The odor is that of food left in the fridge for half a year.

"As you heard, an arm and a leg washed up on La Jolla Shores ten days ago — that was all. And the arm and the leg had been in the water long enough that the fingerprints were mostly gone. So we didn't have a lot to go on as far as identification — can't tell whether it's male or female on the basis of an arm or a leg. When they get tumbled in the surf, the sand grinds them just as sandpaper would."

Davis manipulates the shattered bones and skinless muscles into an approximation of original arrangement. "This is someone's pelvis," he explains. "Here: this is the sacrum, your tailbone...and these are your femurs, the thigh bones. And they've been broken, of course. If you actually run your hand over the edges..."

(I touch it —)

"...the end is jagged but the edges smooth, which means this was broken at some point. It's been tumbled in the water long enough that it's been sanded smooth. I don't think they were cut."

Nobody saw him up? "Probably not."

If bones are fractured and fish nibble, then the legs could fall off?

"Exactly. Once you die, you're fodder. And they don't just casually eat. Sharks wouldn't be interested in this, but predators tug and pull apart and take their piece home with 'em. So that would happen to this person as well."

I recognize that the lumbar section of the spinal column is scarcely connected by a few strands of tissue. Davis starts to put it together.

"So this goes...and see, it's actually attached — no, this is anterior, it's going to sit up here like this...there: that's him. The way he's supposed to be. If it is a him."

Can you tell by the pelvis if it's male or female?

"Yes, you can. If you're good. I haven't had very much experience in that yet. But the male pelvis is narrower, a female larger. So...you put this back together...that...is pretty narrow. A female's tends to lay out more like..." he spreads

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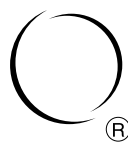
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the disarticulated pelvic bones "...that: kind of like a bowl, see? You could cup something in that; whereas with a male — like this, see — it's just going to slide off. Actually, we're missing part of the pelvis. The front part. But it still seems to me that that's narrow. I really think this is a male."

Long ago, I too wanted to be a doctor; and in that world I participated in the dissection of two cadavers. Eager to convey my knowledge, I ask, "Where's the greater trochanter?"

"Ah, if you put your thumb in here..."

(And, like Jack Horner—)

"...you can feel it. Feel that knot?"

Yeah.

"That's it.... But the thing that we need to do — since we just found this and really don't know what's goin' on — is look for any injuries that we would really understand, like a gunshot wound. Or make sure there is no bullet buried in all this tissue. The best way to do that is to take an X-ray. The

detectives are going to come in a little bit and take some photographs. They'll do an abbreviated workup, not what they usually do. They don't know that it was a homicide, but they would hate for the head to wash up a week later with bullet holes in it."

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"Nausea. You'll throw up a hundred times a night. You'll crap all over yourself, you'll piss all over yourself, you can't even get out of bed, you don't care...you don't care. You can't eat. You can't swallow anything, because you have mouth sores so bad. It's just constant, constant...misery. And there were a couple times I was questioning, 'Do I want to continue? This is *bullshit*. This is really *bullshit*.' And I thought about killing myself..."

Frank Barnhart — MEO's interim supervising toxicologist — has twice survived lymphoma and medicinal horrors of chemotherapy. Perhaps his appreciation for the Swan's final number is keener'n others. I ask him rather

awkwardly —

"— Why are we *here*?"

Let me tell you something: we're not about saving lives, obviously, and I'm not even sure I buy the old business that 'We learn so much through death that we're helping life.' Sometimes we go so fast, and we have so little time to go back and *expound* about a particular finding, that I doubt much gets back to the clinical world.

"But I think it shouldn't be just accepted that people die. When someone medically ill dies under normal circumstances, under a doctor's attention, then you understand why they died. It's documented: this person had cancer; this person had AIDS, whatever. But for most of the cases that we investigate — except for the traumatic suicides, the motor vehicle accidents, the homicides — while we may have an idea why they died, we don't know for sure. And the last thing you do is die. Shouldn't someone know why? You know, *why'd you die*? Parents want to know.

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"There's times, yes, where I think we do some toxicology testing that is unnecessary. Someone shoots himself in the head, someone jumps off the Coronado Bay Bridge, someone hangs himself — I don't feel we're personally obliged to do an incredible amount of toxicology testing. You know why they died. Then again, this laboratory has been responsible for some major discoveries.

"A doctor from the East Coast brought his female companion out here a couple years ago for a high school reunion. Early one morning he places a 911 call, says that after having sex his girlfriend got up, went into the bathroom, and *boom* — collapsed. We send investigators, and they can't find a cause of death. Maybe some arrhythmia, something congenital — must be, 'cause she's young!

"Well, the pathologist orders a total toxicology — a general toxicology screen — which is the most comprehensive thing we do. And what was interesting is

that essentially the whole toxicology panel was negative, except the screen for chloral hydrate — the old 'mickey' they used to slip in drinks back in the '30s and '40s. It's a sedative, hypnotic, but not used much anymore. It was still in our panel. But then, even though we got a slight reaction for that, when we did the confirmatory reaction for TCE — by-product of chloral hydrate — it was negative. We could've just stopped at that point and said, 'Okay, it's negative.' Instead we said, 'You know, there's some reason why that first screen reaction was slightly pink.'

"And to make a long story short, that led to one of our toxicologists doing some more work with that sample on the gas chromatograph. And he determined that there was chloroform present. We ended up taking the blood and the brain and the lung and all these different matrices, and we demonstrated not only the amount but *qualitatively* — there was in fact chloroform present. Ultimately there was a full-scale investigation that ended with this guy, this doc-

tor, being convicted of murdering his girlfriend — intending to render her unconscious and rape her — with a rag of chloroform stuck in her face."

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She goes out and blocks the front door with a chair, tells the three kids, 'Don't go in the house, don't play with the twins.' Simple instructions. What's the five-year-old do? He goes in the house and decides to give the twins a bath. Right? So, he puts them in the tub and turns on the water and they start to scream. And in his five-year-old mind, he doesn't know why. You know, all his neurons aren't connected yet. But he does remember that Mother told him, 'If anything happens when I'm not home, go next door and get the neighbor.' So he runs next door, gets the neighbor lady, she comes back. This baby is lying down in the bathtub — see how he's burned? Skin comes off just like a glove — and he dies. The sister is still sitting up and is burned to the waist and survives. Surely miraculous at that age. But, that is what hot bathtub water can do...."

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Dr. Blackbourne's résumé (encapsulating 30 years' experience) requires several

pages; several more pages list material he has published. As a "qualified expert" in forensic pathology, he has made several hundred court appearances. In said regard, preliminary education of the "masses" is generally required.

"Forensics," he explains, "is a rather broad word with many uses. My definition — I might as well give it to you — whenever I go to court they ask, 'What is pathology? What is forensic pathology? What is an autopsy?' See? Well, pathology is that part of the large field of medicine that deals with the diagnosis of disease. Most pathologists work in a hospital where they examine tissue removed in surgery — to diagnose, say, whether it's cancer or not — and they perform autopsies on persons who die in the hospital of natural disease.

"Forensic pathology is a sub-specialty of that. And it deals very explicitly with the medical examiner's office, where — utilizing autopsy techniques, laboratory techniques, X-ray, the history

brought in by the investigators, the clinical chemistry of these different things — we bring them all together to determine the cause of a person's death and the circumstances surrounding it. Because we also fill out the death certificate, and we're the ones who specify the manner — whether that be homicide, suicide, accident, natural, or undetermined.

"Now, *autopsy* is an examination. Note: *examination* — it's the key word — both external and internal examination of the body of a deceased person for the purpose of documenting natural disease, documenting injuries, and determining the cause of that person's death. Now, notice that I've not used the term *dissection*, which is what lay people think: that 'autopsy' is a dissection. The dissection is incidental to our making the internal examination. And that is a major hurdle to understanding what an autopsy is. Lay people get hung up on the dissection and don't see that this is a medical procedure. We're examining the

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organs to see why this person died."

As opposed to med students dissecting cadavers — "— to learn anatomy. In doing the dissection, the ultimate purpose is to learn the anatomy. Right? Lay people think that's fine. But a lot of lay people are hung up over autopsies. They think, 'Oh, my mother's suffered enough,' you know, or, 'No one in my family's gonna be autopsied.' They don't say, 'Nobody in my family's ever gonna have an operation.' So it's not the dissection — it's just 'cause they don't understand the higher intellectual point of what an autopsy is. It's a subtle point, but if you keep that in mind, you may actually help to educate some people."

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"This is a field which is not very popular among doctors — and you know why? It needs a very special type of personality to put up with this day in, day out."

Dr. Jariwala speaks

while sorting tissue samples taken from a child autopsied yesterday. Educated in India, her career settled in the United States years ago.

"It needs a lot more than public outside knows about. There's a lot more. We have to be master of not only every branches of medicine, but as a human being. As a psychologist. As a group therapist. And you need to know how you talk to the family. You tell a mother, 'Your 20-year-old son is dead,' it's not easy how you talk to them, how you relate to them. Sometimes, if the people go to the hospital, they anticipate. But not like here. When you know your son or daughter is in the hospital, you anticipate something is going to happen. Here you don't know nothin'. Your son isn't calling, all of the sudden he's gone. And he's gone forever. That's hard when it is unexpected.

"People should be given special consideration who

work in this place. If you should go by minutes and hours the county pays, none of us would be working here in this place. I, as a medical doctor, would be making three times more than I am now. Easy. But it's something I chose to do. Everybody you talk to seems to worry about, you know, that we're dealing with death. We never get any recognition," she laughs, sort of. "Or, 'Oh, you're a doctor that's diagnosed cancer!' We don't get any kind of that feedback. We're talking about death. Nobody is going to say, 'Outstanding autopsy on my son.' That just doesn't happen.

"Sometimes they even become hysterical and try to attack. Real cases here. Sometimes they come and they want to kill you for telling, for giving this news. Oh, yeah. You never anticipate how they gonna react. Even on the phone: 'You cut his dead body! You cut my son! My three-month-old! We don't want even a single scratch and you cut my baby! How could you do that?' Because there is such a denial to accept that kid is dead. Very difficult for them to accept the death of this little kid."

Is it difficult, I wonder, when little ones come in dead from abuse — scalded or whatever — to contain her own rage? "Here we very professional, very thick skin. Otherwise you can get emotionally lost. Especially with children. You do. You don't wanna be, but psychologically you do. When you see so much trauma on the

child, you wonder how did somebody — especially sexual assault with three-month and half-month — how possibly could somebody do this? What did he gain by doing this? How did he do it? Why did he do it? That bothers me more.

"And then, when you go and testify and they have a prime suspect, you would never believe: this is the person who did this? He doesn't look any different than me and you. Yeah. That's shocking. *This* guy did that? This type of people, you sit with them in the restaurant, you are in the movie next to this guy, you talk to them. You never know. That bothers me. We leave our kids with the baby sitter, you leave them in the school with the teachers. Who can you trust?

"So you can't take anything home. If you do, you will never get married, never have children, you never drive," she laughs. "Never work, never drink, never eat. I mean: hypertension, obesity, diabetes, suicides, homicides, drive-by shootings. You won't do anything in this life. When I leave this place, I don't take anything home except my paycheck."

* * *

Three hours to catch a plane, I join the "whole crew" — doctors, chemists, technicians, investigators, secretaries — jammed (as many as possible) inside the Conference Room. The table is spread with an array of home cooking in honor of an office lady retiring. Even those on their day off —

Mauger, for one — have dropped by to say their goodbyes. Except for one autopsy assistant still in his "blues," this might be anybody's melancholy reunion.

Due to the "lousy budget problem" (I'd heard quite a bit about that), retirements are no longer replaced. Office staff has reduced by two, one pathologist just packed his bags, supervisors Vine and Barnhart combined do the work of four, 'the Back' is now closed after midnight (in spite of San Diego County's ever-increasing "unnatural" death count) — thus, the tone of this banquet seems less picnic than requiem. The "gone" are just that...gone.

Balancing a piled plate on my knees, a chicken drumstick in hand, I sit beside Investigator David B. Lodge and take a wild guess: "You Army or Navy?"

"Navy," he says. "Hospital corpsman."

Like Cal — "—like Cal. Workin' for Shootin' Affairs in Vietnam. Yeah. Cal was tellin' me about ya, said you were on his ship. Had some pretty serious injuries."

Yeah.

"Well, war is very horrible. It's no two ways about it. I'd seen a number of dead bodies before, you know, I ever had this job. So it wasn't new. Although, to be honest with ya, there's no comparison to between the wartime situation 'n' what you see out in these streets. I mean, there's some comparison, but usually you're

dealin' with relatively fresh bodies in a combat situation. Since I been in this job, you see guys just basically shattered, their entire body just *spread* all over the highway. That's really what it amounts to."

I point to the picture-plaque of doomed PSA Flight 182 and ask Lodge if he was here for that.

"Oh, yeah. I'd only been here about six months."

How was this small office able to handle all those bodies?

"Oh, we had a lot of help. Police department was on there, Red Cross, guys from the Navy, Explorer Scouts, prob'ly mortuaries pitched in and helped us out. All kinds o' people from the inner city — manager and everybody else got involved. It certainly wasn't just a one-shop operation. And o' course had the fire department out there too. A lot of the job was basically gettin' the junk and trash off the body so we could get to the body. Or the parts. Lot of it, 'course, just collecting pieces. They were — God — lot o' pieces all over the place. I had to climb on roofs there to get the pieces they wanted. At first the fire department was helping us with that. Then I guess they decided they, well, couldn't take it anymore. So..."

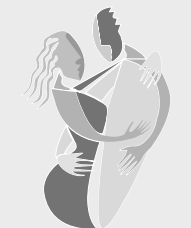
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— Ray Westberg

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others might recognize the other needs Smith cites. After all, enough people clamored for a ballpark to make it a reality. Why can't the same happen for theaters?

Kristina Meek
via e-mail

Diva Hope

I was just looking at this week's *Reader* (December 30), and I noticed that there's no "Diary of a Diva" or "Crasher" in it, and I was, like, oh, I hope it's not gone. I'm sure it's not — maybe this is just a special issue without them. But I certainly hope that when I pick up next week's *Reader* that I'll find both of my favorite *Reader* columnists in there.

Krista Bruce

Ridiculous Spelling

This concerns Jay Allen Sanford's cartoon in "Blurt" of the December 30 *Reader*. His cartoons are funny, but for Pete's sake, why don't some of you people check his spelling and punctuation? Some of it is ridiculous. I'm talking about two things in the cartoon for this issue. In the last panel, "If only all drunks planned ahead like you," he has *planned*, which is one syllable, hyphenated: *plan-* at the end of the second line and then *ned* at the third line. That would be pronounced *plan-ned*, and we haven't spoken English like that since the Middle Ages. *Planned* has been one syllable for several centuries. In the second panel, he has *bus-* on one line and *ted* on the next line. You don't hyphenate *busted* as *bus-ted*; you hyphenate it as *bust-ed*. It's the past participle of *bust*; in verbs like that, that's the way you hyphenate them. And the other one, *planned*, you don't hyphenate at all; it's only one syllable.

Name Withheld

Unethical Sheep

Several weeks ago (November 24), your editor of "Sheep and Goats," Drew Goodmanson, visited our evening services, Vertex (First Baptist Church, Coronado). While his article in your paper was fairly presented, we were unaware that (1) he is a pastor himself and (2) he would take that information, plus off-the-record information, and post it on another website

and recommend that people not attend our church (see www.sandiegochurches.org).

I find it highly unethical that you would hire a pastor to judge churches with his own church as the standard. Also, I find it highly unethical that he would take information gained by representing you and then post it on his website, where his own church gets the highest rating.

Larry Hamblen
Pastor
First Baptist
Church, Coronado

Drew Goodmanson responds: I raised these same concerns when I first was approached by the Reader to write church reviews. My hope is to offer an educated perspective because I am an elder at a church. As you said, my article in the paper was fairly presented. If I misrepresent a church, I'd encourage people to write letters to correct any false representation I make. As for www.sandiegochurches.org, I believe we've resolved this since you and I have spoken. The reviews on this site are done by a group of pastors who view the Bible, not our churches, as the standard.

Positive Flight

I would like to thank Matt Potter for raising public awareness about *Fly into the Future*, a recent publication of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, in his November 24, 2004, "City Lights" column. Distributed in local newspapers throughout the San Diego region and in the terminals at San Diego International Airport, the publication is designed to educate and inform the public about the region's long-term air transportation needs. The airport authority has received many positive responses from readers of *Fly into the Future*; many have submitted questions to gain further information about the important issues it covers.

Less than two years from now, in November 2006, San Diego County voters will weigh in on one of the most important issues in the county's history: the airport site selection ballot measure. The *Fly into the Future* publication is part of a comprehensive approach by the airport authority to provide open and thorough

communication of useful information so the voting public can make a well-informed decision in 2006. Other public education and outreach initiatives include quarterly aviation education forums, a speakers' bureau, and the airport site selection website at www.san.org.

I would like to clarify an issue regarding my salary raised by Mr. Potter in his column. He wrote that the airport authority board gave me a performance bonus "in closed session." In fact, at the September 2004 public meeting of the airport authority board, the board discussed my work performance in closed session and then returned to open session for a board motion and approval of my bonus. This is in accordance with California state open meetings laws, as spelled out in the Brown Act.

Thella F. Bowens
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Offensive Items

I just read "Crasher" about the Hanukkah party (December 16), and I counted at least five offensive items. I usually enjoy this column, but if making fun of religion is what he's resorted to writing about, I'll discontinue reading.

Judith
Carlsbad

Column Discomfort

I would like to comment on "T.G.I.F.," December 16. The column width is uncomfortable to read. The first column on the left is an inch and three-quarters wide, which is comfortable to read. But then the next column is three and five-eighths inches wide, which is very uncomfortable to read. It's hard to track all the way across from the left end to the right end. Then the last column is also three and five-eighths. A book has a line that's maybe five and a half inches wide, but I think the difference is the book has larger type. It's not difficult to read a long line in a book because the print is bigger. Interesting article, but I don't care for the layout.

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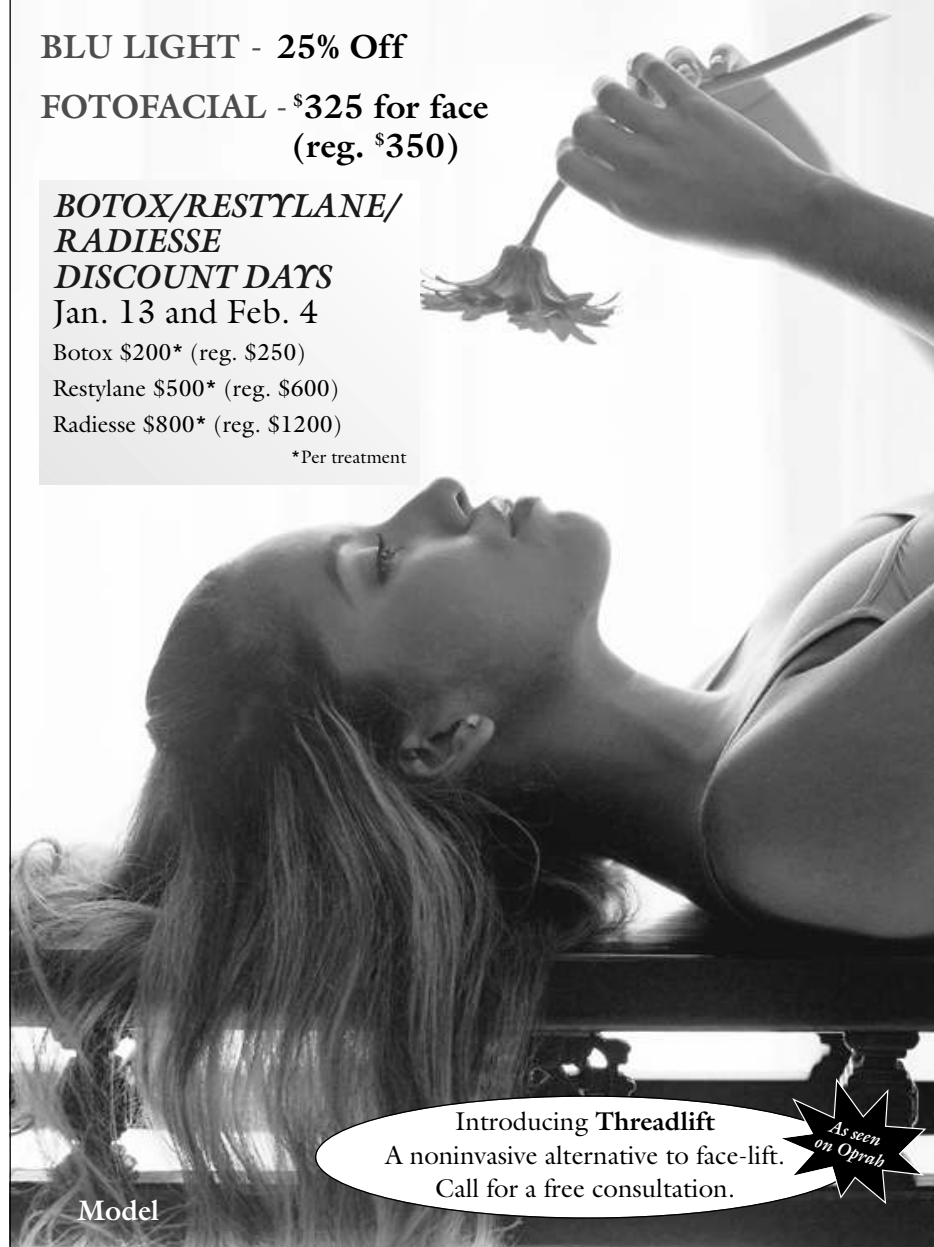
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THE MALE INTELLECT: AN OXYMORON Theatre in Old Town invests in an extended run with a multi-character comedy starring Robert Dubac. Previews tonight, opens tomorrow, continues...indefinitely. See **THEATER**, page 102



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RAINFOREST REPORT *New York Times* reporter Andrew Revkin discusses his book, *The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendez and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest*, at Birch Aquarium. See **LECTURES**, page 91



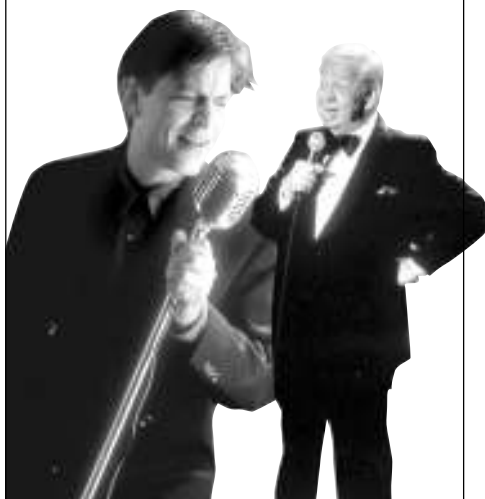
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JANET COOLING, SDSU professor of art, picks up her brush and shows her talent. "Painting Like Dolly Parton," opens tonight with a reception at Simayspace @ ACI (Art College International)." See **GALLERIES**, page 98

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BORREGO TO THE SALTON SEA Two bicycle rides (50K is flat, 100K rolls) depart at 8:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. registration. Imagine the contrasting topography. See **SPORTS**, page 92



TORMÉ SINGS TORMÉ "Second-generation talent can be hit or miss. You can hit yourself if you miss this one." (*New York Times*) Now you know: Steve March Tormé sings his dad's songs at the East County Performing Arts Center. See **IN PERSON**, page 91

LEMON GROVE HISTORIC SITE TOUR The self-guided tour offers five addresses, five architectural styles. See **SPECIAL**, page 92

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CHINESE CULTURAL GARDENS Eric Gronborg, founding member of the San Diego Horticultural Society, talks about his trips to Asia's gardens at the next meeting. See **LECTURES**, page 90



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TALL SHIPS The procession starts at 1:00 p.m. on San Diego Bay as *Lady Washington* and *Hawaiian Chieftain* meet the *Lynx*. See **SPECIAL**, page 92



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She Left Her Hair In the Bushes

Trail Guides Training

When Bill Howell and Judy Alvarez team up to take visitors on hikes in Mission Trails Regional Park, they have the group look on the path for stink beetle butts. That allows Howell to talk about the grasshopper mouse, the only mammal that can stand getting near the bug. The mouse attacks from the front, according to Howell, biting the stink beetle's head off and shoving its butt into the ground. Its rear end buried, the beetle cannot release the foul-smelling ooze for which it is infamous.

LOCAL EVENTS

On the trail, Alvarez explains to hikers that the Kumeyaay people, who are native to what is now San Diego County, believe that if a woman does not get a ritual chin tattoo before she dies, during the afterlife she will wander the earth with her butt raised like the stink beetle's. Alvarez learned of the belief from Florence Shippek's edition of the autobiography of Kumeyaay woman Delfina Cuero (1900–1972).

Howell and Alvarez are volunteer instructors in a training course for unpaid trail guide recruits given each winter by the city of San Diego's Mission Trails Regional Park. No experience is required of participants. This year the classes will take place on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings for ten weeks starting January 8. They will cover the Mission Trails region's history, geology, botany, zoology, and ecology.

With over 6000 acres, according to park ranger Luanne Barrett, Mission Trails Regional Park is the largest open-space urban park in the continental United States. Formerly Camp Elliot, the World War II Marine Corps training center, the park is

located on both sides of the San Diego River between the Fortuna Peaks to the north and Kwaay Paay Mountain (next to Cowles Mountain) to the south. "The river," says Barrett, "carved its path out of the area between the mountains." She names five distinct habitats present in the park: grasslands, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, riparian waterway, and oak woodlands. The park has 24 hiking trails and 40 to 50 active trail guides. "Our guides are everything from biologists to grandmothers," says Barrett.

Cut into the rocks at two sites by the river are "depressions three inches deep and six inches long, where the Kumeyaay ground their acorns as far back as 10,000 years," says Barrett. Spanish missionaries left their own traces in the area with the Old Mission Dam and a six-mile flume that carried the water to the San Diego Mission. The dam is now a California historical landmark.

The 2003 Cedar Fire destroyed nearly 60 percent of Mission Trails Park on the Tierrasanta side. "But as dramatic as the fire damage was," says Barrett, "the recovery is equally dramatic. And the river stopped it from spreading south." The vegetation in the burn areas is lush again, she says, and the wildlife is back, including a healthy deer population, plenty of foxes and raccoons, and an occasional golden eagle.

I ask trainer Howell what distinguishes a riparian streamside environment. "Lots of willow, sycamore, and cottonwood trees," he says. A paved loop from the visitors center and observatory in Mission Trails Park takes hikers along the San Diego River and back. "But you can't cover the whole length of river in the park on account of thick brush and lots of poison oak on its banks," explains Howell.

The chaparral in the park is likely to be noteworthy this year, according to Howell,



Mission Trails Regional Park

PHOTOGRAPH BY AARON SPEARS

especially if the weather continues to be wet. "With all the attention we give to sequoias and redwoods in this state, it's rare to celebrate chaparral, which looks drab most of the year. But the hills are already starting to lavender up with ceanothus, or California lilac, though it's not a true lilac and half of them are white."

Howell notes that Mission Trails is home to an endangered species of lizard called the orange-throated whiptail. But another endangered species, San Diego ragweed, which is found in grasslands east of the park's Kumeyaay Campground, amuses him. "It's a cousin of western ragweed," says Howell, "which loves human mucous membranes, causing lots of allergies."

Dodder, or witch's hair, is plentiful in the park. An orange parasite on other plants, it doesn't photosynthesize, says Howell, and sinks its roots into other plants instead of the ground. Its origins, according to Kumeyaay legend, go back to a woman who failed in her assignment to guard an encampment. As she

ran away in fear, some of her hair was snagged in the bushes.

When Mission Trails opened in the early 1990s, observes Howell, modern-day Kumeyaays named the mountain to its south Kwaay Paay, meaning "the chief." "In another ceremony," he says, "they blessed the building of the visitors center. And it came in under budget. But they did not bless the building of Kumeyaay Campground, which went over budget. Make of that what you will," says Howell.

— Joe Deegan

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BAJA

“Tres Tristes Tigras” — reading and signing of new book by Amaranta Caballero, Mariana Martínez, and Teresa López on Thursday, January 6, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. Free. (TIJUANA)

You’re Getting Sleepy, hypnotist Taurus do Brazil performs through January 31 at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Performances begin at 6 and 9 p.m.

Mondays through Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays. \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Moviemaking and Lobster in Rosarito, excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., includes Foxplore, the theme park at Fox Studios; lobster lunch, shopping, more; \$89 fee covers meal, park entrance, drinks, bus transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

OUTDOORS

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, normally a late-winter- or early-spring-blooming native plant, began blossoming by Christmas in some spots (Cowles Mountain for one) around coastal and inland San Diego County. This unusual behavior was undoubtedly triggered by a combination of early, heavy rain and protracted periods of abundant sunshine late last year. Blue- and white-flowering varieties of ceanothus are common wherever native sage-scrub and chaparral vegetation grows, from the bluffs of Torrey Pines, to the edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

Extremely Low Tides this weekend (January 8-9) and early next week coincide with optimum times of day for exploring tidepools. Sat-



Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival at UCSD, January 7–16 (see Dance)

urday’s lowest tide (-1.6 feet) occurs at 2:16 p.m. Sunday’s lowest tide (-2.0 feet) happens at 3:01 p.m. Monday’s lowest tide (-2.1 feet — the lowest tide level of calendar year 2005) occurs at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday’s lowest tide (-1.9 feet) bottoms out at 4:28 p.m. Wednesday’s lowest tide (-1.5 feet) occurs at 5:11 p.m., near the time of sunset.

Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on the following mornings: Sunday at 7:43 a.m. (+7.2 feet); Monday at 8:31 a.m. (+7.3 feet); and Tuesday at 9:18 a.m. (+7.2 feet).

Coastal flooding could result if these high-tide episodes happen to coincide with a surge or large waves generated by a strong Pacific storm.

Audubon Society Birdwatchers head to Kit Carson Park on Saturday, January 8, 8 to noon. Meet at El Arroyo picnic area in the park; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. Easy hiking; restrooms, water, and picnic tables available. 619-280-7710. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Asian-Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including

January 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue); \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

“Stop and Sniff,” explore aromatic plants during talk and hike on Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

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

Breathtaking Panoramic Views promised when Canyoneers head out for moderate hike in Kate Sessions Memorial Park on Saturday, January 8, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Park is on Soledad Road, three blocks north of Beryl Street. Free. 619-232-3821 x203. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Is This an el Niño Year? Explore “Rainfall, Rocks, and Plants” when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads five-mile moderate to strenuous hike in Daley Ranch on Saturday, January 8. Outing starts at 8:30 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance (I-15 to El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, and drive north four

miles to Cougar Pass; turn right, drive one mile to parking lot on left). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Remove Invasive Plants, tend California natives, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Look for Dumbbell Nebula, Albireo, and Brocchi’s Cluster when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing on Saturday, January 8, 5 p.m., in Kumeyaay Campground, Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Rose Creek Guided Tour and bird watching, Saturday, January 8, starting at 9 a.m. at Mission Bay High School (2475 Grand Avenue). Wear sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen. 858-405-7503 or 619-284-9399. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Owls, Hawks, and Falcons will be on hand when ranger Maureen Abare presents program on raptors on Saturday, January 8, 2 p.m., in reopened Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve. Park at staging area found at end of Sycamore Canyon Road (off Garden Road), then walk one mile to ranch complex. Free. 858-513-4737. (POWAY)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, January 8. Outing starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Solstice Has Passed, but it's still a great time of year to venture up Cowles Mountain. Strenuous three-mile hike led by Walkabout starts at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, at corner of Golfcrest and Navajo. Hiking shoes and walking stick recommended; bring hat, water, sun protection. Free. 619-231-7463. (SAN CARLOS)

Botanical Walk led by Botany for Kids at Point Loma Native Plant Preserve on Saturday, January 8, starting at corner of Greene and Mendocino at 10 a.m. Free. 619-223-5229. (OCEAN BEACH)

Support Your Local Parks, volunteer trail guides wanted in Mission Trails Regional Park. Ten-week training course starts Saturday, January 8. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings, field

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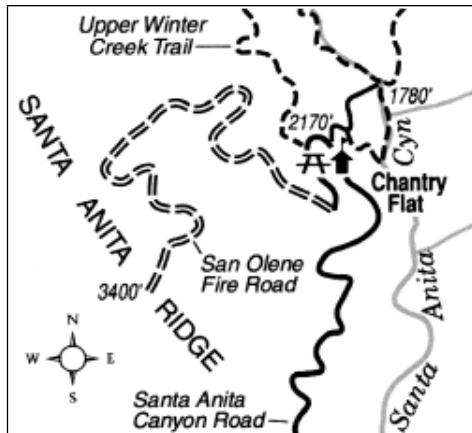
Winding its way upward onto a ridge of the San Gabriel Mountains, San Olene Fire Road leads to a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the San Gabriel Valley and much of the Los Angeles Basin. The unpaved road climbs 3.5 miles at an almost steady 6 percent grade — a bit tedious at walking pace; perhaps better for running or mountain biking. On clear days, the scenery is uniformly pleasant, especially after winter storms have dusted the surrounding summits with snow. Edging along north-facing slopes much of the way, the road twists and turns through stands of mature chaparral and mini-groves of bay laurel and maple. Best

of all, you're likely to meet no one at all beyond the first half-mile.

The route is also suited for a late-afternoon or early-evening stroll. From the ridgetop you can catch the sunset, watch the city lights turn on, then return by the light of a three-quarter or full moon (January 19–25 or February 17–23). Remember, however, that a vehicle gate below the trailhead parking area closes at 10 p.m. daily, so make sure you return on time.

You begin walking at Chantry Flat, a popular staging area for trails in the so-called Front Range of the San Gabriel Mountains, above the San Gabriel Valley communities of Sierra Madre and Arcadia. To get there from Interstate 210, follow Santa Anita Avenue north, past the last subdivision at the foot of the mountains. You pass a vehicle gate (open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and continue north on Santa Anita Canyon Road several miles to reach the parking lots at Chantry Flat. Be sure to post the requisite National Forest Adventure Pass (available for purchase at the ranger station or concession here) on your car.

Route finding for the hike or bike-ride up the fire road is easy. You simply follow the paved service road upward from



Bay laurel in bloom

Chantry Flat's picnic area. At 0.7 mile you pass an air-attack station — a heliport for fire-fighting craft — where the pavement ends and a dirt road continues. At 3.5 miles the road levels. There's a microwave reflector structure on the left and a water tank signed "Santa Anita Ridge" on the right. Proceed another one-quarter mile down the ridge to the south for the best view of the valley spread before you. Down below, only 3 miles to the south, you'll spot the Santa Anita Park race track. To the north and northeast, the "High Country" portion of the San Gabriel Mountains looms, possibly dusted with snow if it's early enough in the year.

study on Saturday mornings. Details: 619-668-3279. No experience necessary. (MISSION GORGE)

"Hawk Watch 2005," Wildlife Research Institute leads raptor-

spotting hikes every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, through February 26. Walks are led by trained biologist in Ramona grasslands, a prime raptor territory; 19 species of raptors have been recorded at the spot.

Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Only heavy rain cancels trips. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland

Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was

burned during the fires of autumn 2003. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation only (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

The Long, Long Beach Walk, take a 5.5-hour, 14-plus-mile, minus-tide coastal adventure from La Jolla to Encinitas with Walkabout walkers on Sunday, January 9. Outing starts at 10:45 a.m. at bus stop in front of Veterans Hospital (just off La Jolla Village Drive). Bring snack, water. Participants may bus back to start, or begin at old train station in Del Mar at 2 p.m. Bring money for optional dinner. 619-297-2732. (SAN DIEGO COASTLINE)

The Latest Sunrise of the year (on standard, not daylight time) occurs Monday, January 10, near 6:52 a.m. for most of metropolitan San Diego. Slowly at first, then more rapidly in the weeks to come, sunrise will arrive earlier with each passing day. By March 20, the sun will be rising a full hour earlier than it does now. The earlier sunrises are mostly a consequence of the sun's apparent movement from the southern sky toward the northern sky from December to June. You can keep track of that movement by noting where the sun rises (or sets) over a period of many weeks from a fixed vantage point, such as your home.

The Waxing Crescent Moon, appearing as a delicately thin, pale smile, briefly graces the western sky on Tuesday, January 11, starting about one-half hour after sunset. As the succeeding evenings tick by, the sunlit crescent portion of

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DANCE

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Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Twelfth Annual Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival spotlights ethnic dances, January 7-16, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium (9500 Gilman Drive).

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Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on January 7, 8, 14, and 15, with 2 p.m. matinees on January 9 and 16. Evenings: \$15-\$25; \$12 for matinees. 619-230-8623. (LA JOLLA)

Contradance, Graham Hempel calls, Old Twine String Band makes music for dance on Friday, January 7, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:45 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Country Line Dance Lessons offered by Oldham Dance Rance instructors, with live music by Sneekyfeet, on Friday, January 7, 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Bonita Golf Club (5540 Sweetwater Road). Free. 619-267-1103. (BONITA)

Swing Dance at the Hep Spot, the Modern Jazz Majestics provide music for dancing on Saturday, January 8, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Veterans Museum (2115 Park Boulevard). Dance lesson: 8 p.m.; \$15. 619-347-9400. (BALBOA PARK)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party on Saturday, January 8, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays for dancing, 7:30 to

10 p.m.; West Coast swing lesson at 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7; first time free. (BAY PARK)

Learn Modern Square Dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 9, 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free, \$4 thereafter. Partners not required. 619-469-4865. Open enrollment continues January 16, 23. (BALBOA PARK)

West African Dance Workshop led by Oscar Camara of Guinea, west Africa, with live drumming on Sunday, January 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke YMCA (200 Saxony Road); \$15. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Keep on Trockin', Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo — the all-male comic ballet company combining technical skill and comic sensibility — pound the boards on Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$40, \$50. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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Friday, January 7, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street); \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Our Yiddish Heritage" is explored when video of *The Forward: From Immigrants to Americans* screens on Sunday, January 9, 1 p.m., in senior activity room at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). *The Forward*, founded in 1897, was "most famous and influential of the Yiddish newspapers," helping Yiddish speakers assimilate into American mainstream; \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

Bent Hamer's "Spry Absurdist Comedy" *Kitchen Stories* screens for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Monday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-5800. Free. In Swedish and Norwegian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fire on the Mountain" chronicles death of 14 firefighters on Storm King Mountain, Colorado, in 1994; film was inspired by journalist John Maclean's book on the incident. *Fire on the Mountain* screens in conjunction with "Earth, Wind, and Wildfire" exhibit on Monday, January 10, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Oil Factor: Behind the War on Terror," film examines "link between oil interests and current U.S. military interventions," with footage shot over four-month period in Iraq, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Documentary followed by discussion when "Mat-

ters of Controversy" dialogue series continues on Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

The "Contemporary Asian Film Series" at Museum of Photographic Arts gets underway with Tian Zhuangzhuang's 2002 film *Springtime in a Small Town* on Thursday, January 13, 7 p.m. Series is offered in conjunction with "Past in Reverse" at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$10 general, which includes same-day admission to both museums. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*, *Volcanoes of the Deep Sea*, *Forces of Nature*. "Fridays at the Fleet" features two IMAX classics and two current hits each week; see *The Human Body* (6 p.m.) and *To the Limit* (7 p.m.) on January 7. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"The Empire Style" examined by local artist Jean Lowe during her Docent Guest Lecture Series appearance on Friday, January 7, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Expert Floral Designers demonstrate various styles of floral arrangement when Carlsbad Garden Club gathers on Friday, January 7, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). 760-729-5989 or 760-729-8172. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Get to Know Ghost Mountain and the South family when Rider



Springtime in a Small Town at San Diego Museum of Art, January 13 (see Film)

and Lucile South, joined by Diana Lindsay, present slide-illustrated lecture and booksigning of *Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles: An Experiment in Primitive Living* on Friday, January 7, 7 p.m., at Guy B. Woodward Museum (645 Main Street). Free. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

Take in "Marshal South, Ghost Mountain, and the Oceanside Connection," presented Tuesday, January 11, 6 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Civic Center (330 North Coast Highway). South was poet laureate of Oceanside 1914-1916, who lived with his family in primitive fashion in Anza-Borrego Desert in 1930s. Program includes slide presentation about family's desert life, comments by Rider South (eldest son of the poet), his wife Lucile South, and author Diana Lindsay, as well as signing of the new book *Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles: An Experiment in Primitive Living*. Free. 760-435-5580. (OCEANSIDE)

Program repeats on Wednesday, January 12, 7 p.m., at San

Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Rider South will also describe his life at Yaquitepec on Friday, January 14, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). He'll be joined by wife Lucile South, author Lindsay. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Still haven't caught the trio? Program is repeated on Sunday, January 16, 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Also see the group on Thursday, January 20, 6 p.m., at Loma Theatre Bookstar (3150 Rosecrans Place; 619-225-0465). (EL CAJON, POINT LOMA)

What Tool Has Astrologers Buzzing? Find out when Janine Oberg presents an in-depth training on the StarCaster for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, January 8, noon to 4 p.m., at Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Avenue); \$40. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

An Oil Painting Demonstration is planned by painter Andrea Gaye for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday,

January 8, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Bellydance Superstars "Art of the Drum Solo" Workshop on Saturday, January 8, at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Drumming with Issam 1 to 2:30 p.m.; dance with Dondi to Issam's drum solos 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Drum class \$20, dance class \$25. 760-942-1326. (BALBOA PARK)

"Desert Photography: A Four-Class Series on How to Get Great Photographs in the Desert" offered by Anza-Borrego Institute, continues with look at "Rock Formations" on Saturday, January 8, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; \$40. Reservations, location: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"Papel Picado: The Art of Mexican Cut Paper" taught during class on Saturday, January 8, 2 p.m., at Garymar Academy (9225-29 Carlton Hills Boulevard). Donation. Required reservations: 619-258-0169. (SANTEE)

"Introduction to Pine Needle Basketry" offered by Carol Lang on Sunday, January 9, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Fee: \$60, plus \$10 materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Ethics of Medical Decision-Making at the End of Life" presented by Paula Goodman-Crews, bioethics consultant for Kaiser Permanente, for End of Life Choices meeting on Sunday, January 9, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

The Essay *America's Persecuted Minority: Big Business* and chapters 18 and 19 of Ayn Rand's *Capitalism:*

The Unknown Ideal discussed when Objectivist Discussion Group meets on Sunday, January 9, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Insights into Sudanese Situation offered when Mary Ann Marks speaks for People to People International, Sunday, January 9, 3 p.m., Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Marks has been involved in humanitarian work in Sudan. Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Where Is America Going, and what does the denigration of science mean to the future of our country and the world? Find out when scientist Eugenie Scott speaks for Association for Rational Inquiry on Monday, January 10, 7 p.m., in Summer Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (8602 La Jolla Shores Drive). Free. 619-421-5844. (LA JOLLA)

"Chinese Classical Gardens" illuminated when artist Erik Gronborg addresses San Diego Horticultural Society on Monday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Gronborg believes that gardens "reflect the specific culture of a country and time." Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

"Balancing Love and Discipline," workshop led by Anna DiMartino, based on *Redirecting Children's Behavior*, on Monday, January 10, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Sailing Fundamentals Classes offered by Flotilla 16-03 of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Seven-week course meets on Mondays beginning January 10, 7:30 p.m., at County Mental Health building (3851 Rosecrans Street). Learn how a boat sails, basic sailing maneuvering, legal requirements, aids to navigation, rigging, more. Materials charge. Registration: 619-446-2245. (SAN DIEGO)

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"Chado — The Way of Tea," tea ceremony demonstrations led by Urasenke Ayako Sohya Stott on Tuesday, January 11, 11:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in regular admission. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Woman Changed: O'Keeffe in the 1930s," art critic and journalist Hunter Drohojowska-Philp explores the pivotal decade in O'Keeffe's life during Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, January 11. Talk is drawn from her latest book, *Full Bloom: The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe*. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society gathers to hear Mary Van Orsdol speak on "The Master Genealogist" computer program on Tuesday, January 11, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"New York Times" Environmental Reporter Andrew Revkin presents "The Daily Planet: A Journalist's Journey from the Amazon to the Arctic in Search of Sustainability" on Tuesday, January 11, 3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Revkin will discuss and sign his book *The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest*. Included in regular admission (\$10 general). 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

Wilderness Basics Course with lectures and field trips offered by Sierra Club for 47th year, beginning on Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass; \$105. 858-272-9229. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Conservative and Liberal — Today's Definitions" explored on Wednesday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Beyond the Property Line: Housing, City, and Territory" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. Robert Somol, Andrea Skorepa, and Keith Pezzolli speak on Thursday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Line and Color" provide subject when European art history expert Chris Zook leads tours of San Diego Museum of Art's collection of 19th- and early 20th-Century European art during gallery talks on Thursday, January 13 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Architect Thomas Phifer speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of Architects, Thursday, January 13, 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$7 general (includes gallery admission). 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Life on the Real Gilligan's Island" revealed when San Diego

State University professor Pat Abbott discusses "natural disasters and the reality of reality TV" on Thursday, January 13, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$12. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

"Kruel Summer," described as a "surrealistic satire skewering the military, religion, and homophobia" presented by MizeranyDance! January 6-9 at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). "Nudity, profanity, sexual situations, and violence" — for mature audiences. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday; \$20. 619-255-8436. (HILLCREST)

World Beat Drumming and Dance with Damaru, guest dancer Meleah's "Afro-Belly" and belly-dancer Shalimar, Thursday, January 6, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"An Evening in Downtown Vista," featuring the Marty Grebb All-Star Review and Steve White, is slated for Friday, January 7, in Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Performances begin at 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$17, \$20. 760-414-9391. (VISTA)

"Mary McLeod Bethune: The Dream Maker" is presented by Community Actors Theatre youth department, January 7-16. See the tale of Bethune's life story at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. matinees on Sundays, at Community Actors Theatre (2957 54th Street). Tickets: \$7 general; \$6 for seniors, military, students, disabled; free for those under 6. 619-264-3391. (COLLEGE GROVE)

The First and Only Person to Climb Mount Everest with a prosthetic leg is Nawang Sherpa, who will be on hand at local REI stores on January 7 and 8; programs include a one-hour film with footage from Lukla to summit. Meet Sherpa on Friday at 7 p.m. at REI (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400) and on Saturday, 4 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020. Donation: \$10, benefiting Viswa Darshan Secondary School in Taptung, Nepal. (KEARNY MESA, ENCINITAS)

The Yale Glee Club presents concert on Friday, January 7, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Program promises "broad and eclectic range of great choral music," from 18th-Century fugues by William Billings to contemporary compositions by Libby Larsen, Morten Lauridsen, newly com-

missioned work by Pulitzer Prize-winner Dominick Argento, folk songs, spirituals, college songs. Tickets: \$15 general. 619-281-3356. (POINT LOMA)

"Broadway! Big-Band Years" — starring Robin Skye, Alfred Boe, and the Curtain Up Orchestra — is offered Saturday, January 8, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Program includes highlights from *Guys and Dolls*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Anything Goes*, *South Pacific*, *Gypsy*, *42nd Street*. Tickets: \$37, \$47. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when Tom Leech and Jack Farnan sign *Outdoors San Diego* on Saturday, January 8, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). The duo also plans an appearance on Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music at 1905 Calle Barcelona (760-479-0242). Free. (EL CAJON, LA COSTA)

Tormé Sings Tormé, accompanied by a big band, Steve March Tormé appears in concert singing classic tunes on Saturday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street); \$28, \$39. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Playing Traditional, Contemporary Bluegrass, the Virtual Strangers perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, January 8, 7 p.m., in Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road); \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

After Ray at Night, head to event with art by Cynthia Colis, music by Jay Guerra, and poetry by Jihyme and Tomas on Saturday, January 8, 6 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Praise and Gospel Music promised when Brad Kittelsen presents concert on Sunday, January 9, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Meal follows concert; \$6.50. Requested reservations: 760-439-4099. (SOUTH OCEANSIDE)

"When Classical Meets Jazz" presented by Marian Liebowitz (clarinet) and Richard Thompson (piano) for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 10, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

The Comedy Grill presents stand-up comedy by Mitch Feingold, Mark Serritella, Lamont Ferguson on Monday, January 10, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

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Meet the "First Couple of Rock"! That's Tommy Caldwell and Beth Rodden, who'll be on hand for a slide-illustrated lecture showcasing their rock climbing adventures around the world, Tuesday, January 11, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Gomango Blue presents "a little jazzy blues" on Wednesday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Donation requested. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

The 20th Season of "Plays by Young Writers," presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe, runs January 13-23. Full productions presented of *Welcome to Me and Mine*, *Under the Hood*, *The Other Side*, *Over the Asian Airwaves*, by playwrights from 15 to 18 years old. Readings are offered of scripts by writers under 14 years old. Times, tickets: 619-239-8222. (BALBOA PARK)

Lots of Laughs! Enjoy comedian Carlos Mencia on Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: \$27-\$36, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Afro-Peruvian Rhythms, soulful *boleros*, Latin rock will be combined when Tania Libertad performs on Wednesday, January 19, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium; \$32 general. Informa-

tion: 858-534-8497; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Lively Vocals and Traditional Instruments! The Chieftains, with more than four decades of performing around the world under their belts and six Grammys, perform Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$46, \$56. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Gregorian Chant, Renaissance Motets, Folk Music, jazz, pop, all promised when all-male vocal ensemble Cantus takes stage on Sunday, January 23, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$30. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Why Do Some People Make Better Decisions Than Others? Find out when *New Yorker* writer Malcolm Gladwell discusses and signs *Blink* on Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Comedian Howie Mandel performs Thursday, January 27, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way); \$40. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

Performance Artist, Poet, Writer, Musician Laurie Anderson takes stage on Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$36 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

The Best in Hawaiian Slack Key is promised when singer/songwriter Keola Beamer performs in concert on Sunday, January 30, 8 p.m., in Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Keola is joined by wife Moana Beamer, who dances, chants, sings background vocals,



Lemon Grove historic home tour, January 9 (see Special)

plays ancient Hawaiian percussion instruments. Also on program: John Keawe, Chris Yeaton. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. 619-426-1953. (ROLANDO)

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys present their classic acoustic folk music on Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$24.50 in advance, \$27.50 at door. 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

SPORTS

Borrego to the Sea, R&B Bicycle Club hosts events, Saturday, January 8. Bicyclists choose from two paved road rides, with 50k and 100k distances. The 100k includes a ride to Salton Sea and back to start point at Palm Canyon Resort in Borrego Springs. The 50k is mostly flat, 100k includes "some rolling terrain." Registration: 7:30 a.m., both rides depart at 8:30 a.m. 760-765-2200. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

San Diego Gulls host Fresno Falcons for ice hockey on Saturday, January 8, at 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12

to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Ride to Harmony Grove and Through Elfin Forest with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, January 8. Forty-mile ride for experts starts at 9 a.m. at Wherehouse (at corner of Del Mar Heights Road and El Camino Real). Free. 760-754-1443. (NORTH COUNTY)

Equestrian Ride at Raptor Ridge planned Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Expect "breathtaking views of San Pasqual Valley" during ride led by two park guides. Free. Required reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. Bring water for rider, horse. (ESCONDIDO)

Kayak Cleanup hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego, Saturday, January 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at South Shores boat launch at Mission Bay; kayaks and personal flotation devices provided. All ages. 800-237-BLUE. Prefer dry land? Cleanup planned on solid ground as well. (MISSION BAY)

NSSA Junior, Surf Contest #5 is Saturday, January 8, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on south side of Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. 714-960-9107. (OCEANSIDE)

Ready to Move and Breathe? Jaruska Solyova leads six-week intro to yoga classes, beginning Saturday, January 8, 10 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Dress comfortably. Free. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

Expect a Peppy Pace when Sierra Club bicyclists lead a ride on Sunday, January 9. This 35-mile loop ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive), with route along new Highway 56 bike path to I-15 bike path. 858-623-0628. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Bike to Vista for Lunch with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Tuesday, January 11. The 48-mile ride starts at 9:15 a.m. in

upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at 3rd and C street). Bring money for food. 858-453-4587. (ENCINITAS)

Start Training Now! The 2005 Carlsbad Marathon/Half Marathon (formerly the San Diego Marathon) is Sunday, January 16, starting and finishing at Westfield Shoppingtown Plaza Camino Real (at Highway 78 and I-5). Starts: marathon walk at 5:30 a.m.; early marathon at 6:30 a.m.; marathon at 7:30 a.m.

Related events on Saturday, January 15, include Carlsbad Marathon Super One Mile at 8:30 a.m. (males) and 8:50 a.m. (females); Keebler Kids' Marathon Mile starts from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. in a variety of divisions. All About Fitness Expo, January 14-16. 858-792-2900. (CARLSBAD)

SPECIAL

The 17th Annual San Diego Boat Show, featuring in-water and on-land displays, boating lessons, seminars, kids' activities, boats and luxury yachts to peruse. January 6-9, at San Diego Convention Center and Marriott Marina.

Show hours: noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. (Marina portion closes at 6 p.m. each night.) Admission: \$9 general; \$4 children (under six free). 858-274-9924. (DOWNTOWN)

Tsunami Relief Fund Wine Tastings hosted by Jonathan's Market (7611 Fay Avenue), January 7 and 8. Sample "overlooked red wine types including two Portuguese reds of Touriga Nacional variety," others; \$20. Proceeds from event matched by Jonathan's, sum donated to Salvation Army World Service. Hours: 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday. 858-459-2677. (LA JOLLA)

Linda's 55th Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale, January 8 and 9, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 200 dealers on hand; identification, repair consultations. Show hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; \$5. 760-434-7444. (MISSION VALLEY)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Mid-

way Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Historic Home Tour and tea hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Sunday, January 9, 1 to 4 p.m., includes 1887 Church of St. Philip-the-Apostle, 1892 Troxell Manor, 1915 Arthur Corditz Mission Revival, 1923 Simpson-Hunter Home, 1928 H. Lee House. Each site represents a distinctive architectural style, linked to the agricultural and social history of the community.

Admission: \$15. Tickets and docents available at each site on self-guided tour. Locations: 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

New Year Native Plant Sale offered on Sunday, January 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street). 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Stamp Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, January 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

How to Pursue Happiness? Discuss chapters 9 through 12 of Mortimer J. Adler's *Aristotle for Everybody* on Monday, January 10, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free; bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

Behind-the-Scenes Tours offered at Mission San Luis Rey on a selection of Mondays, including January 10, 1:30 p.m. Tours include buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system; \$6. Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue. 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Jacquelines" — described as "children's images from Picasso" presented by PicArt at Ristorante Buon Appetito (1609 India Street). Reception for artists: Tuesday, January 11, 5 p.m. Show continues through February. 760-809-5823. (LITTLE ITALY)

Take a Taste of 18th-Century Shipboard Life when *Hawaiian Chieftain* replica tall ship, 112-foot brig *Lady Washington*, and 122-foot topsail schooner *Lynx* visit the Maritime Museum January 12-24. Tall ships parade featuring these historic windjammers and more starts at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12; best viewing from Shelter Island, Harbor Island, along north Embarcadero.

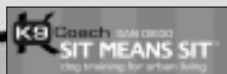
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Battle-reenactment sailings January 15-17 and January 22-23 (\$50 for adults, \$25 for children). Reservations and information: 800-200-5239. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). (DOWNTOWN)

"Home Sweet Home," exhibitions of gingerbread houses created by local artists are on view through Friday, January 14, in terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions, through Thursday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for the whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 for adults, \$15 for those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

"The Three Wishes — The Silly Story" performed by Puppet Express through Sunday, January 9, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Bitsy's School Ad-*

ventures, January 12-18.

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)

Head to Grover's Corners when Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town* is presented by San Diego Junior Theatre, January 7-23, in Casa del Prado Theater. Classic play is recommended for those 12 and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on January 22 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Ant-Sized Adventures offered for preschoolers, Friday, January 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Short hike, story time, group game, craft. Bring water, snack, wear layers. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48"



Yale Glee Club at Point Loma Nazarene University, January 7 (see In Person)

must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

The Science of Blacksmithing illuminated when modern blacksmiths in Grape Day Park explain their work on Saturday, January 8, 1 p.m., for guests of Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$5. 760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

Make Paper Airplanes and peruse the "extensive paper airplane book collection" when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, January 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission.

Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

What's It Like to Be a Whale Baby? Find out during class, Saturday, January 8, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum. Kids explore relationship between mother and calf, what babies eat, and how fast they grow; \$25. The aquarium is found at 2300 Expedition Way. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Wildflower Seeds provide subject for "Botany for Kids" class on Sunday, January 9, 11 a.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street); \$7.50. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Celebrity Storytelling in "Kid City" exhibit offered every

Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Lynda Martin of KSWB tells the tales on January 12. 619-238-1233. Included in regular admission. For those four to six years old. (BALBOA PARK)

"Seven Blind Mice" go out to explore when Ed Young's book is read for story time on Thursday, January 13, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

You're Invited to a Teddy Bears' Picnic planned on Saturday, January 15, 10 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal for a morning of songs, stories, activities; \$10 materials fee in addition to regular admission. Reservations: 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," a Kennedy Center family musical, presented on Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Postshow discussion led by author/humorist Roy Blount Jr. Tickets: \$35 for adults, \$5 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Visit Monstropolis with Sulley, Mike Wazowski, and Boo when Disney on Ice presents "Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc." at San Diego Sports

Arena, February 2-6. Shows promise international team of award-winning figure skaters, "thrilling choreography," and "antennae-tapping" musical score.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$13-\$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with his-

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torical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such 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)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway

94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, view artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculptures, from amulets to animal and plant designs, on exhibit through March, 2005. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting

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hasn't yet happened I wear my robe
of authority like the majestic girth
of a great detective my job
to puzzle out how we got to this
stalemate with its tragic
inevitability can I retrace
the moves the sacrifice of a pawn
to support the bishop's attack?
My backbone is my flute:
you play it, I sing, it hurts.
The words fly from my mouth



like people jumping off a bridge
in flames and in the city of my heart
that bridge is a temple
and I am a boy who sings in the choir
of the temple that is burning
so I cannot sing O mother forgive me
— David Lehman

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science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x 4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in

keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time," on view through March, honors Lemon Grove's "founding parents." Kumeyaay are depicted in large wall murals and pictographs by museum's artists-in-residence Kathleen Strzelecki and Janne LaValle. Exhibit includes clothing typical of late Stone Age, fossils, utilitarian gourds, items created by members of Treganza family. Companion exhibit traces three decades of modern Lemon Grove history, beginning in 1892. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "ExploraZone 5," on view through Sunday, June 5, explores "what you think you see." The 38 exhibits use visual perception, thought, language, magnetism to test visitor's senses and abilities. Exhibit includes "Hoop Nightmares," "Cheshire Cat," "Black Sand," "Speech Dissector."

Ongoing exhibitions include "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "Technovation," "About Faces," "TryScience!," and "Skyscapes II." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Journey "To Worlds Beyond" in the planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The Harris Site Exhibit: San Diego's Place in the Past" showcases traditional Kumeyaay objects complementing artifacts excavated from site, which has yielded important information about prehistory of West. Exhibit continues through January. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Oldsmobile: Farewell to a Classic," on display through Tuesday, January 25, offers a sampling of cars from the Brass Age through the Rocket era and beyond. Parent company General Motors shut the company down in the spring. Cars on display include a 1902 Curved Dash, two of the 88s (from 1949, 1957), 1969 Hurst Olds, 1970 442 W-30 convertible.

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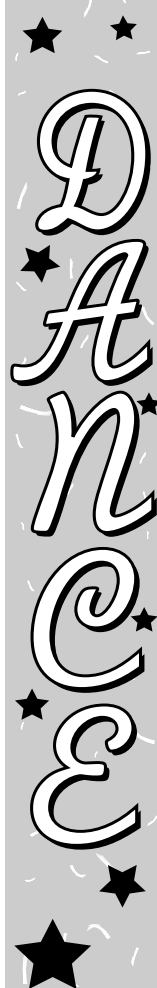
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Patricia J. Williams

Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 272 pages; \$24

FROM THE DUST JACKET: *Open House* gathers observations, reminiscences, anecdotes, and commentaries by columnist Patricia Williams. Written with wit and insight, she relates stories about her life as a lawyer, scholar, writer, African-American, descendant of slaves, mother, and single, fifty-something woman. She tells us of her Great Aunt Mary, who crossed the color line one day, while boarding a train; about her Best White

Friend, who believes that the only thing standing between the author and an eligible husband is a makeover; about the day she and her family learned how to eat watermelon without fear of racial judgment; and about why she worships Oprah. She also tackles serious subjects, such as cloning and the legacy of slavery and privacy issues in the cyber-age, all with humor and originality.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: With a résumé that includes degrees from Wellesley and Harvard Law School, a law professorship at Columbia, a column in the *Nation* and a trio of books, Williams would seem to have enough material to fill several volumes of memoirs. In this thought-provoking, unconventional one, she combines family history with discourses on everything from race, class, and slavery's legacy to why she likes *O* magazine. One chapter, "The Kitchen," begins with an account of buying herself a cappuccino maker, moves to a consideration of homelessness in New York City, continues on to detail her father's heritage, segues to thoughts on why African-Americans give their children unusual names, returns to cappuccino and her sophisticated godmother, makes its way around to trying to cook a turkey and on from there to other food anecdotes and a description of sharing cinnamon toast and steamed milk with her young son.... The book's most affecting parts are the rich, loving stories about Williams's family, from those born into slavery to a grandfather who graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1907.

From *Booklist*: Williams recalls a vivacious great-aunt who was indentured as a young girl, later passed for white and married a wealthy white man, and eventually reclaimed her racial identity and settled into a life as the family's grande dame. Williams's participation in Anna Devere Smith's Institute for Arts and Civic Dialogue provokes her to recognize her hidden talents and longings. The trend toward minorities, most notably Michael Jackson, using plastic surgery prompts observations about standards of beauty. She reveals her experience as the mother of an adolescent adopted son....

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Patricia J. Williams, born in 1951 in Boston, is a recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" award, a columnist ("Diary of a Mad Lawyer," *The Nation*), and a professor of law at Columbia University. Her previous books are *Seeing a Color-Blind Future*, *The Alchemy of Race and Rights*, and *The*

Rooster's Egg. She contributes regularly to *Ms.* and *The Village Voice*. She lives in Manhattan and Martha's Vineyard.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Professor Williams and I spoke late one afternoon. Her son was home from his Manhattan school and busy with a friend. Occasionally, I heard — here in warm, still day-lit California — the noise of two boys whooping in Williams's twilit Manhattan apartment.

I said that I was fascinated by Ms. Williams's recounting of African-Americans' lives in 19th- and early-20th-century Boston, the city where Ms. Williams was reared. "Few people," I said, "have so much documentation of their family as do you."

"It's partly," Ms. Williams said, "because my godmother died and left me an apartment full of letters and documents. I couldn't even put it all in the book, but it got me musing. This book is the musing upon how fortunate I was to have this older generation's influence. I could move from where I am to where my mother was, to where my grandmother was, to where my great-grandmother was. I could figure out a rationale for the paths that led back forward in time to where I am."

The professor writes about her family and her family's friends' educations.

"Every major challenge on behalf of constitutional rights," she said, "every civil rights advance — not just for blacks, but all people in this country, of the 20th Century — has been around education, has been access to education. It has been begging, screaming, suing, chewing, clawing our way into grammar schools, high schools, graduate schools, colleges, universities.

"So the theme of education goes through this book. And since I wrote the book, Bill Cosby expressed his concern about black youth becoming too anti-intellectual. But I think actually his critique was one of American culture at large being genuinely anti-intellectual. Blacks become the scapegoat for that, but this is a genuinely anti-intellectual moment in our history."

I said, "I do think that there's an unconscious way in which

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cluded in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, "Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues, other works.

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in

1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablán los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through September 26, 2005. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros*.

Historic and symbolic role of weapons from around the globe examined in "Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism," continuing through May 2005. Collection showcases more than 150 weapons of all shapes and sizes, including blades, shields, spears, bows, most from private collection of Joseph Jessop, who purchased the items from collectors and traders.

"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March, includes more than 100 items such as textiles, basketry, modern and vintage photographs, silverwork. The Mapuche — who

were never conquered by the Incas or the Spaniards — boast a complex culture from pre-Hispanic times, speak their own language, earn income through their artwork.

"Inuit: People of the Midnight Sun," through Sunday, January 9, showcases ways and habits of the Inuit from migration to present day. Exhibit examines close ties and cultural exchanges among circumpolar peoples spanning four countries, including Yupik, Inupiat, Aleu of Alaska, Inuit of Russia, Canada, and Greenland.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian bas-

kets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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pathologies are rushed by the majority culture into the black community and dropped there.”

Professor Williams added, “I also think [these pathologies are] internalized in the black community.”

I suggested that media carries more news about black violence than about more commonplace black lives.

“Yes, the commonplace. That’s why I kept talking about Oprah, because she really did, in some ways, open up the notion that, yeah, you can be a little overweight and you can be a little of this and you can be a little of that — and it’s okay. You’re just normal. This is life. You don’t have to be spectacularly beautiful — you just go. I keep thinking of her as significant in her protection of a space to be banal.”

We talked, then, about the professor’s essay on African-American naming. “Within the black community, it’s a little bit like playing the dozens, or the ‘signifying’ that Skip Gates first made famous when he testified in a trial about the early versions of rap — that you turn a meaning upside down. This was a very literal, rather than playful act, this business of naming. We went through a period in our history when you didn’t call blacks by their last name. Because they didn’t deserve it and because they were owned by somebody else.

“You were permanently nicknamed. The honorifics of Mr. or Ms. or ‘Your Honor,’ or Doctor, are so absent from that community that people actually ended up making them part of their first name and insisting upon it by baptizing their children with the honorifics. As a way of subverting the disrespect.

“The acquisition of last names, after the Civil War, was a process, in many cases, of ditching last names, which were the names of owners. Malcolm X is understood to be the first person to examine the question of one’s ‘slave name.’ But after the Civil War, people were very aware of slave names. They buried them and took on new names and moved across the country where they couldn’t be found. They acquired new names, naming themselves after the liberator, Lincoln, and after Jefferson and Washington, or other iconic figures in American history. Those names didn’t actually reflect relationship. That’s why there are so many black ‘Washingtons’ and black ‘Jeffersons,’ and for that matter, black ‘Jacksons.’

“I think every frightened refugee does some version of that renaming. It was interesting when *The Boston Globe* described John Kerry’s forefathers who changed their names, or when you think of the days prior to the Holocaust when life in certain parts of Europe was dangerous for Jews and Jews changed their names to Christianize them in some way.

“I think that people do that;

it’s a human thing to do. We don’t have an historic perspective on it. It’s not part of written history. It is, I think, much more part of the oral history that I fear is being lost, which is another reason I started writing this down.”

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“What are your students at Columbia like?”

“Columbia is so expensive that they are largely very privileged. It’s an urban campus; it’s a very international campus; it’s also very, very diverse. I think Columbia is one of the most diverse schools in the Ivy League because of its location. So I have students from all over the world, all over the country, all races, nationalities, and certainly probably a greater cross-section of a religious mix than most universities.”

“When African-Americans talk among one another, do you all ever talk about this business about the ‘one drop of blood?’ — ‘A single drop of black blood is sufficient to assure membership in the black race.’”

“No. No. I think white people and Dinesh D’Souza [author, among other titles that are favored by conservative thinkers, of *Letters to a Young Conservative*] must be talking about it full-time, but black people, generally, don’t talk about it. It’s interesting to me to read ways in which it’s represented, and again I think that this is so much an issue of the ‘think tank’ mentality, where they said, ‘But you’re not really black.’ Anybody who does think of himself as black, ‘Well, then, you’re just following the one drop of blood.’ But that really has not been in vogue since perhaps my grandmother’s day or even before.

“In another book I wrote about a woman of my great-aunt’s age, who was older than my mother, who is almost 90 at this point. I wrote about an encounter she had with a white Southern woman, who’d come up from Mississippi and moved to Boston. Her summary of racism in the North was that it was just so much worse because in the North, they’re just racist against everybody.

Whereas in the South, she said, ‘They don’t even give you any credit for your white blood.’ I think that’s the dark underside; I shouldn’t use the word ‘dark,’ but you know what I mean. I think that’s what I find so offensive about people who keep saying, ‘Oh, well, you’re just insisting about the one drop rule — you’re really white and nobody would consider you black.’

“Race has never been about color *per se*; it’s not about genealogy. It’s about social strictures, and it’s always been malleable. We’ve been through 100 configurations of what’s black or what’s not. Or what’s African-American or what’s not, or what’s segregation — who is to be segregated and who’s not. Is it hair? I mean, at one instance hair distinguished between South Asians and African-Americans. It is a kind of invisible caste system which has the complexity of this caste built into it, but the complexities of lots of other things built into it too.”

I suggested, “Like celebrity. For instance, I think that almost any white racist would be pleased to drink a cup of coffee with Bill Cosby.”

“Right, right, right. All *isms*, I think, employ exceptionalism as part of what really patrols the boundary between who’s in or not. There’s always an exception because that helps the designated superior caste feel better about themselves — allows them to feel that they are being nice people. That doctrine of exceptionalism is what allows for a Cosby and maybe for me.”

“How did this ‘one drop of blood’ business get started? Did it start in America?”

“When I was teaching contracts, I asked, ‘At what point do we have a kind of commercial reference around living things? Always the rules for living things — plants, animals, humans — are also employment contracts. These contracts become more and more complicated when you have sentient beings.

“When you look at that history, you begin to see that it develops along with breeding. So, really, after Mendelian science took hold, you saw it applied to plants, then to animals, mostly to cattle. The British in particular were obsessive about breeding bigger cattle. They then applied that to slaves.”

“You didn’t write about that in the book.”

“Oh, no, I would never write that. It’s still much too controversial. People still take it as though, ‘Oh, that’s why you guys have

big thighs and can run so fast.’ Except that nobody then looks at the extent to which we have never been able to breed blacks in the same way you can breed a cow. And, in fact, whites have as much African-American genetic structure as do African-Americans. Any white and black person in the United States who has been here more than a generation is much more closely related than any white person in Europe. So the discourse of breeding is just too freighted to talk about that sort of stuff.”

I said, “It’s true, though. Blacks who were slaves were bred. And the breeders were open about it.”

“Yet there were social categories for people. Cows and slaves, even to the extent that slaves were sold down the river, weren’t penned in the same way. And masters were too busy breeding with the slaves. So our genetics are much more complicated than the cows that were bred.”

“One section of your book that I thought particularly interesting was what I thought of as the ‘France’ section — your annual vacations in rural France with friends.”

“Well, there is something fascinating about being the only black American for miles in rural France. You tend to sift out your blackness and sift out your American-ness. It’s like having a prism, and you break down the colors of your identity — which part of you is this, and which part of you is that. It’s very interesting.”

“When you get to France in the book, you relax. The book relaxes.”

“I’m exotic-fied there. In other contexts I have written about being in France where I write about the exoticism. I liked being in France precisely because I was romanticized. But that’s a false identity, and I know that. The more you become part of the culture, the less exotic you become. I guess I really wasn’t writing about France; I was writing about being in that house in rural France. I’m always on vacation there. I don’t have to earn a living there. And it’s so beautiful.”

“In France,” I said, “you don’t have to be as conscious of blackness as you do here.”

“Yes. It does feel that there are spaces like that. I suspect I could re-create that sense being in any foreign place — you know, ‘distant from one’s self?’ In Copenhagen I would feel the same way. I don’t know if I’d feel the same way in China.

“A friend of mine, who is black, recalls being in Ireland before it became quite so much of the tourist attraction that it is now. This is 15, 20 years ago. Little children ran up to touch her skin. She felt it as in no way offensive. It was open curiosity. There was this sort of innocence, as opposed to what the first white colonials describe when black children came up to touch the white skin. There’s a kind of openness to finding out who this person is before the realities of who this person really is — before they start reminding you of your enemy or your cruel uncle. Or, before you start taking people for granted. I think that’s always been a part of the travel and discovery and going to places you don’t know — a finding — not just others, but finding yourself in this new way which is in a space in which you’re not judged the same way.

“I have always felt that when I travel. As a result, I love traveling. When I have traveled in the last year or so, it’s not as comfortable. People come up saying, ‘What in the world is your president doing?’ You know, ‘What does this mean; what is America doing?’ That feels uncomfortable. It trumps being black or anything else.”

“It trumps everything.”

“Yes, it trumps absolutely everything. I am a citizen of the Bush nation. I’m not African-American. I’m from where Bush is. That’s very odd. This sense of hostile distrust is sad.

“Anybody can write about day-to-day things about household or family or having a child. But people say, ‘You’re so interesting because you write about being black and doing this.’ Actually, there are times when I actually feel, ‘What would it be like to exist in a race-free zone, and is it possible to even imagine that?’ I think it’s not possible really to experience that.

“Travel does make it possible to look at all the aspects, these prismatic aspects of identity and go in and out of the weight of being this one and only that one, which is what really is oppressive, that you can never escape. Traveling makes you say, ‘Okay, it varies with location and human history and time, and there are better and worse things, and this is how you learn to be better as opposed to worse.’”

“Metaphorically, too, travel is freedom.”

“It is.” ■

— Judith Moore

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Rough Energy

West models the Knight's armored body into a buckling, twisted pose.

Contemporary art is such a free-for-all zone, with endless varieties of media and content — installation, performance, video, body art, earth art, clothing art, car art — that it's bracing to be reminded of a time when controversy turned on whether portraiture or landscape or history painting was in ascendance. In colonial America, where one could become the premier artist

REVIEW

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of the age in a particular genre, such things mattered. Early 18th Century English and colonial art was made up mostly of landscapes, conversation groups, and portraits sought after by increasing numbers of successful merchants and administrators. So it showed some daring when Benjamin West (1738–1820) asserted his presence as a history painter. To West, a native Pennsylvanian who showed prodigious gifts in his youth, the big picture came quite naturally. A 3-year Italian sojourn in the early 1760s consolidated his technical gifts and provided him with grandiose subjects to stoke his ambition. His American ingenuousness is said to have charmed his Italian hosts when West commented that the Apollo Belvedere in the Vatican reminded him of a Mohawk warrior. In 1763, returning from Italy to America, West stopped over in London, and there he stayed, to make his career and fortune, for nearly 60 years.

West specialized in busily populated action scenes based on historical events or derived from epic poems, more popular then than now, like Ludovico Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso* and Torquato Tasso's *Jerusalem Liberated*. Another literary source, and the subject of a tight little didactic exhibition at the Timken, was Edmund Spenser's *Fairie Queene*, an exhaustingly long, complicated allegorical epic about the chivalric adventures of the Redcrosse Knight (a version of St. George) valiantly serving his queen, Gloriana (Queen Elizabeth), a perfect monarch overseeing a troubled kingdom. The exhibition contains three *Fairie Queene* paintings and a handful of preliminary sketches. One picture depicts the character of Una (truth) moments after a lion (savage appetite) has been tamed by her beautiful purity. The recumbent, otherworldly Una,

crowned by light, looks off into the distance. The lion, with its bushy, combed-out mane and (I think) faint smile, is an image of irrational power brought to the ground by pristine virtue. A more startling painting is *The Cave of Despair*, which illustrates a passage where Una intervenes to prevent the Redcrosse Knight, momentarily enchanted out of a life of faith into suicidal hopelessness, from killing him-

self. West models the Knight's armored body into a buckling, twisted pose that dramatizes the push-pull of temptation and struggling faith. The argument Derrick R. Cartwright makes in the exhibition catalog is as engaging as the pictures, which he reads as an allegory of an actual crisis of conscience West was experiencing. Although patronized by King George III and, despite his Pennsylvanian origins, everywhere considered an English painter, West internalized contested allegiances. In Cartwright's view, he was a loyal subject who harbored sympathies for the discontented, overtaxed colonies; "Spenser's allegory provided a backdrop against which both the political exigencies brought on by revolution and a desire for merciful intervention could be safely expressed." This makes West into a somewhat more ambiguous painter than he's usually taken to be. One is tempted to carry Mr. Cartwright's argument forward and see West's mixed affinities kneaded into the Redcrosse Knight's contorted physiognomy.

Allegorical painting is parallel narration: there's the literal story and the spiritual (or political or moral) tale it corresponds to. By the end of the 18th Century, allegory had been mostly peeled away from European painting, and in the 19th and early 20th Century, art generally would be stripped of dramatic event and anecdote. Probably the final heave to purge art of reference to parallel (or hidden) realities and reduce it to a system of contentless forms was provided by Minimalism in the 1960s, a movement documented and illustrated by *Specific Objects*, currently on exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The show lays out a history of Minimalist aesthetics and its influence from the 1960s to our own time, when its austere block-



Una, 1771, Benjamin West

Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance

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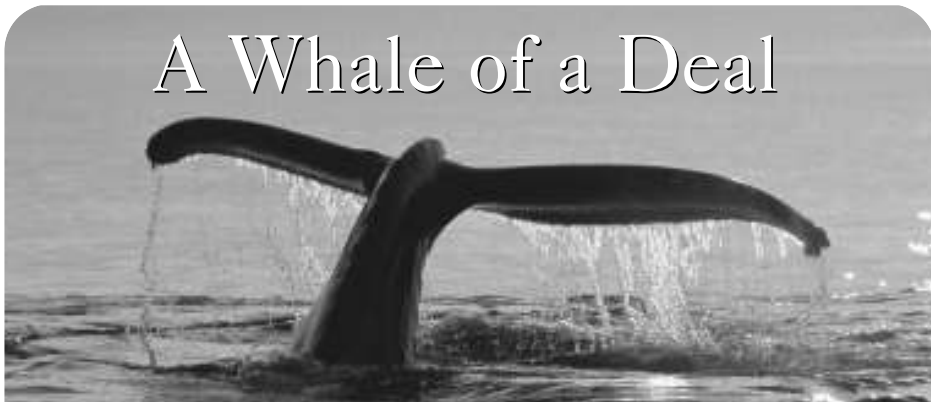
and-bones formalism has been infused if not exactly with poisonous "content," at least with cultural and historical awareness.

The term itself came out of a 1965 essay by the philosopher Richard Wollheim titled "Minimal Art," though most artists later associated with the movement — Donald Judd, Carl Andre, Dan Flavin, and others — rejected Wollheim's notion of Minimalism being "pared down" art. It certainly wasn't a monolithic movement. Some artists who shared similar goals rejected the term altogether; some waged polemics against each other. Where certain viewers and critics (myself among them) look at such art and can't help reflecting on what has been left out or denied, cooler heads see and set value only on what's there. It's fair to say, in any case, that most artists associated with the

practice, which set absolute value on nonreferential "presence," approved their colleague Frank Stella's remark that "What you see is what you see." Minimalism wasn't "reductivist," they argued, because there wasn't anything to have been reduced from; the art object wasn't an arrived-at "core" (or essence) of anything. "Specific objects" was the phrase used in 1965 by Judd to describe an art that finally eliminated conventional categories and representational assumptions. He said in a 1966 interview that European art — namely representationalism and painterly abstraction — was "over with" and that the new post-Abstract Expressionist American art aspired to an unmediated, forceful presentation of "whole things."

Minimalism's impersonality and its obsession with repetitive systems are imperturbably present

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in the exhibition. If you like looseness, rough energy, the gestural, and the undogmatic in your art, Minimalism — even if you understand its principles — might seem overintellectualized, lock-jawed, and bland. Its rigor is sometimes daunting. Gene Davis's stripe painting, *Blue Sound*, presents broad identically sized bands of color — puce, cobalt blue, felt green, chartreuse — that create intense pressure along the picture surface (and on your optic nerve). In a picture from Frank Stella's "protractor series," a big canvas shaped as the series title indicates and congested with austere curving bars of color, the shape — so clearly referential or, in Minimalist lingo, "relational" — is pounded into meaninglessness by the straight-jacketed color scheme. What you see is what you see. If you think you see a protractor, the picture hijacks your presumption. Two stacked and tiered structures of like-sized cubes by Sol Le Witt — these, too, like so much of Stella's and Judd's work, are instances in a series — suggest an architectural pattern that, however, breaks down under the pressure of enforced repetitiveness. There's also one of Judd's signature wall boxes, a shelf of galvanized steel and sea green Plexiglas. It's humanized



The Cave of Despair, 1772, Benjamin West



beep, honk, toot, #1, 1989, Haim Steinbach

by its scale. I could rest my chin on it: it's just high enough to have a visual conversation with.

The most interesting works in the show are Ron Davis's *U-Slab. C*, a picture in polyester resin where gorgeous, acidic browns and reds look baked into shape; a Tony Smith sculpture, *The Snake Is Out*, which

shows a muscular sculptural integrity that pushes voluminous steel planes up from the ground into space; and a stoic but mystifying picture by Roman Opalla, a white-on-white canvas that plays a kind of optical hide-and-seek with the viewer. From 20 feet away one sees a homogenized color field; from 5

feet away one perceives ribbon textures that, on closer view, reveal streams of numbers in graduated degrees of opacity covering the picture surface, phasing in and out of our vision. The picture, as I view it anyway, doesn't isolate itself from us as a "specific object." It pulls us into an archaeology of looking that makes us witnesses to an eroded, vanishing language. ■

ART LISTINGS

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(in Union Bank building, at Avenida de Acacias and El Tordo). Closes Saturday, February 26. 858-759-3545. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Painting Like Dolly Parton," a new series of work by SDSU art professor Janet Cooling, opens with reception on Friday, January 7, 6 p.m., in Simayspace at Arts College International (840 G Street). Closes Friday, February 25. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Giant vs. Giant," exhibition showcasing new work by Sheppard Fairey and Mike Giant, opens with reception on Friday, January 7, 4 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). Through Friday, January 28. 619-757-4966. (DOWNTOWN)

"Winter Burn," a show of new art by 26 artists in Gaslamp Quarter, opens with reception on Friday, January 7, 7 p.m., in Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). Show continues 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9. 619-239-0221. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Photographs by Local Artist Nick Karras are gathered in *Petals*. Exhibit of photographs — images described as "24 elegantly photographed sepia-toned" vulvas — from book opens with reception on Friday, January 7, 6 p.m., at 414 Pennsylvania Avenue. 858-336-1285. Through Sunday, January 23. (HILLCREST)

Thirteen Studio Artists exhibit work in the show on view through Saturday, February 5, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Reception for artists is Saturday, January 8, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

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.

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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.

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

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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. 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.

"Eye Spy: Photography from the Permanent Collection," on view through Sunday, January 30, includes works by Anne Collier, James Drake, David Goldblatt, Nic Nicosia, Armando Rascón, and others, who "use portraiture and photography as tools for revealing more than the eye can see, demonstrating the construction of personal and cultural identity."

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.

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.

Concurrently, take in "Marina Yampolsky's Mexico," also on exhibit through Sunday, March 6. 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 heart-felt 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. (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.

"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.

"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.

"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. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

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"Diverse French Composers and Favorite Romantic Gems" presented by pianist Scott Pratt for First Thursday Concert on January 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Listen for music by Debussy, Poulenc, Satie, Chopin, and Liszt. Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

The Yale Glee Club presents concert on Friday, January 7, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Program promises "broad and eclectic range of great choral music," from 18th-Century fugues by William Billings to contemporary compositions by Libby Larsen, Morten Lauridsen, newly commissioned work by Pulitzer Prize-winner Dominick Argento, folk songs, spirituals, college songs. Tickets: \$15 general. 619-281-3356. (POINT LOMA)

Violin Virtuoso Itzhak Perlman in recital hosted by San Diego Symphony on Sunday, January 9,

7 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Perlman is joined by pianist Janet Guggenheim. Tickets: \$25 to \$75. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Passion and Poetry of Chopin" explored when Keyboard Conversations series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel continues on Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Program includes "Scherzo in C-Sharp Minor" and "Variations Brillantes." Tickets: \$27. Box office: 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Old Masters in Music and Art, baroque trio sonatas and solos presented by Musica Fortuna on Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Works by Donizetti, Uhl, Barber, Mozart, Brahms, and Debussy promised when Mary Lou Rector (soprano), Janet Mathews (viola), and Ilana Mysior (piano) perform in concert on Sunday, January 9, 2:30 p.m., for San Diego Public Library concert series. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"When Classical Meets Jazz" presented by Marian Liebowitz (clarinet) and Richard Thompson (piano) for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 10, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

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IMAGE: Cao Fei, *Game Series: Wine Vessels Floating in the Meandering River* (detail), chromogenic print, 2000. Courtesy of the artist.

Final Purge

The play's a monster. Every cast member must deliver or it drags. And all did.

Since last year was the best for theater in at least a decade, it's earned two Year in Review columns. We not only had excellent productions, but the overall level of quality, from smaller houses to big touring musicals at the Civic, was consistently solid. In 2004, the bar got raised.

It's a good thing that the San Diego Theater Critics Circle will give multiple awards in a category — the ceremony's January 24. How do you choose between, say, the La Jolla Playhouse's *Jersey Boys* and the Old Globe's *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*? Both brand-new musicals — as different as apples and crayons — were great, and already in great shape when they opened here. Now both are Broadway bound. Forgive my territorial chauvinism, but each would win the annual award for a musical in whatever city they premiered.

And how to choose among individual performances — by the same performer? Blunt and brassy, in *Diversions*'s *Fit to be Tied*, Jill Drexler was a knockout as Nessa, a Mother From Hell with a heart of gold (two actors sat in front of me the night I saw the show; they kept turning to each other and rolling their eyes, in awe of her piston-punched deliveries). But in Renaissance Theatre's *Gingerbread Lady*, Drexler played Nessa's opposite and literally became Toby, an ethereal woman-child, haunted by her narcissism, as youth-obsessed as Peter Pan. Pick one.

For that matter, how do you pick apart *Don*

Juan at the Old Globe? It was terrific. But how much of its success, and its precise, 17th-century melodramatic/*commedia* style, was due to Stephen Wadsworth's direction, or the extraordinary period acting, at once somber and hilarious, or Anna Oliver's costumes, or Joan Arhleger's lighting (with all those Flemish, side-lit effects)? All was of a piece — so much that when you try to isolate

one feature, the others follow: you can't talk about the costumes without talking about how they fused with Kevin Rupnik's set, or how one design would frame the other, or vice versa.

Last week I griped about how the quantity of local theater often usurps quality productions, whose short runs must close before word of mouth can build. The Backyard/New Village Arts co-production of Sam Shepard's *Lie of the Mind* is a case in point. The play's a monster. Every cast member must deliver or it drags. And all did, in a prime example of ensemble acting few got to see because scheduling conflicts shut it down.

When the critics voted for the awards, one question we asked was: ten years from now, what will you remember most about 2004?

There aren't categories for some recollections. In *Jersey Boys*, for example, not only did the male leads sing like the Four Seasons, but every person onstage could play a musical instrument. And nobody faked guitar by just strumming bar chords either; all played well — even if “enhanced” by the live band (as, ahem, were the vocalists?). Like the



Norbert Leo Butz, John Lithgow in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*

origin of the Four Seasons' music, which began on the streets and moved inside, *Jersey Boys* became a movable concert, groups reconfiguring at different venues. I don't think I've seen this before, and won't forget it soon.

Ten years from now more sets will probably behave like David Rockwell's for *Scoundrels*. But today, it sets the standard for a fluid, living design. Everything moved. Objects rolled, flew down, revolved, and leapt into place so quickly there were no breaks for scene changes. Actors would walk offstage from, say, an exterior of the Riviera. At the same time — and in the same space — others would enter the garden of a pala-

tial Mediterranean estate or the lobby of a posh hotel.

That set was something else. Imagine Rubik inventing a ten-dimensional cube. The myriad reconfigurations were as choreographed as Jerry Mitchell's dance numbers, and done so well they were easy to take for granted: sure, sets just *vwap!* into place faster than you can say HOW'D THEY DO THAT?

Gregg Barnes's expressive costumes for *Scoundrels*, from elegant evening wear to unmitigated schlock, defined character and mood with textbook accuracy. But what Barnes did in the Globe's *Lucky Duck*, as the Old Man tells Ross in

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Peter Gregus, David Norona, Sean Smith in Jersey Boys

the Scottish play, "hath trifled former knowings."

A remake of Hans Christian Andersen's "Ugly Duckling," *Duck* was a toothless dog; rarely have so many shameless appeals for laughter been assembled in one script. Before the musical begins, a cataclysm reverted the natural order. Now fowls rule. Barnes's costumes fused human and animal traits: dazzling combinations, say, of tailfeathers and ruffled petticoats, with the line between the two blurred. And each glimmered with, it seemed, the Mother Lode of sequins. Sure they were over the top — imagine people-sized poultry decked in Vegas glitz. In Kansas we ain't. Too bad the musical itself never neared that baroque level of invention.

Depictions of hell, by Dante and others, always struck me as awfully high maintenance. Ceaseless pyrotechnical effects don't come cheap. Plus the sets:

craggs and bolgias, and flaming rivers that come from, and lead to, nowhere. Imagine the wear and tear! And what about the budget for monsters, ogres, and pitchfork-wielding demons? Who knows how much those drooling beasts consume in a day, let alone an eternity.

I much prefer Melpomene Katakalos's version. She designed the set for *Eurydice* at UCSD: a wall of 504 Sparkletts water containers, set in gleaming rows. When Eurydice dies she falls into Hades (or, more classically correct: to the "House of Hades," since Hades only runs the place). Suddenly the wall tilts, then explodes like a bursting dam. Plastic jugs waterfall from an expanding V. They bang, tumble, and ricochet and eventually clog the stage.

By the time Orpheus comes down to save Eurydice, the Underworld's thick with shiny, buoyant containers. There's no path. To get anywhere, you can

kick some out of the way, but umpteen more lie ahead. Sartre said, "Hell is other people." Well, maybe for Jean-Paul. Katakalos suggests that hell might just be restricted movement — and imagine having to slog through Sparkletts jars till the end of time! ■

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.

The Best of Broadway

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Jersey Boys

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there's at least one live musician on the minimalist stage, making the piece a movable concert where music's made in every conceivable mode. And most astonishing of all, the four performers cast as the singers are so talented they could hit the road, right now, and land high-paying gigs. They could, but they're headed to Broadway instead. If each were a separate "season," Christian Hoff's tough-talking Tommy DiVito would be winter. Daniel Reichard's gentle Bob Gaudio would be summer (especially when we learn that "Oh What a Night" commemorates his first sex). J. Robert Spencer's Nick Massi would be autumn, and Frankie Valli would be spring, since his voice explodes with the freshness of something brand new. David Norona plays Valli so well that on opening night, when he sang "My Eyes Adored You," in the audience the real Valli sprang to his feet, pounding his hands and, so it seemed to the crowd who soon stood with him, passing the torch. (Note: The La Jolla Playhouse has extended the run of this production three times.)

Critic's pick.

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic

event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go

along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

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nary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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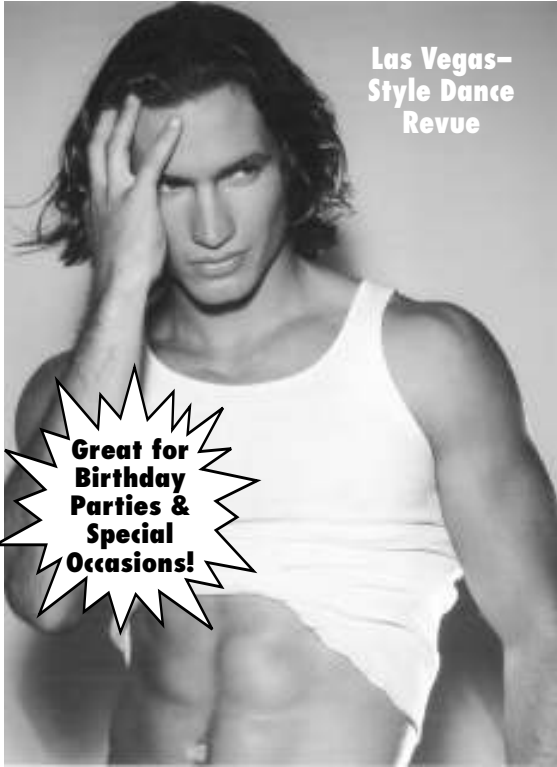
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A new Tijuana music venue called Voodoo House opened three months ago. It is booked by Mario Velasco, a longtime

could have drawn (Iguana's, which existed from 1989 to '93, was a well-known Tijuana club that held 1000 and was open to all ages) because Voodoo House only holds 400.

According to Velasco, Tijuana "could do a lot better" as a concert destination point. I pointed

Velasco said he traded Ensenada for Tijuana for two reasons. "In Ensenada there are too many people into drugs. They [fans who attend live music shows] are into ice and crack more than they are into the gig."

He suggests the newly installed PRI political regime in Tijuana is more pro-music than those in PAN-controlled Ensenada.

"Now it's back to the PRI in Tijuana. They don't care about live shows. In Ensenada, they want a profit for everything. You have to pay for permits, and then they want 20 percent of the door. In July I brought in a metal band from Miami called Dark Faith [to play Ensenada]. We had permits and everything. On the day of the show they canceled us, even though we weren't serving alcohol. I left

Ensenada."

"I would like to bring in Sepultura this summer. That was the last band I saw at



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TJ'S VOODOO HOUSE AIMS TO BE IGUANA'S LITE

Iguana's. We can put another 1000 people in our patio."

Velasco said his website is under construction, but he can be contacted at vdotj@yahoo.com.

Anarchus and Cacofonia (from Mexico City) appear tomorrow, Friday, January 7, with Intestinal Strangulation from L.A.; 9 p.m., \$8 admission, all ages.

— Ken Leighton

The Planet (103.7 FM) and its sister station, soft-rock KXYX (96.5 FM), are installing the Audio Vault system, where songs and commercials are digitally

stored as computer files. Presently the Planet and KXYX depend on live DJs to play CDs and cartridge tape machines. Both local stations, owned by Viacom/Infinity/CBS, currently need to have a live DJ present 24 hours a day.

"I think there are only a handful of stations in the country that still use CDs and cart machines," said Charlie Quinn, program director of KXYX.

Once Audio Vault is installed, the Planet and KXYX can opt to use live DJs or have their announcers prerecord or "voice track" their shifts. Every other major San Diego station is run with a computerized, digital-based system similar to Audio Vault.

"Audio Vault means automation, and automation means fewer DJs," said a radio insider.

Although Quinn said "I will not be pinned down" in reference to whether or not he will be getting rid of any live DJ shifts, he did say, "KXYX is not under a budget restraint to cut costs."

Todd Little, program

director for the Planet, did not respond to a request for comment.

Clear Channel stations are known for using voice-tracking in lieu of live DJs, but other stations, including Star 100.7 and KIFM, all use voice-tracked DJ shifts during weekends and overnight hours.

Quinn said both the Planet and KXYX will be able to use Audio Vault in two to three months.

— Ken Leighton

Local clothing company Sik World Productions is attracting



KERRY (R) FROM SLAYER MODELS A SIK WORLD SHIRT

media scrutiny over its new line of "Sik Kidz" baby clothes. Selling for around

the inside track

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Ensenada promoter who moved up to Tijuana to run the Voodoo House with partner Pedro Galas Hernandez Garcia, a Tijuana attorney. So far the Voodoo House has hosted hardcore American bands Life or Death and Strangulation and Mexican bands Konorteno (ska/cumbia) and Golden Gloves (hardcore), among others.

Although Velasco says his Voodoo House would probably not draw the same caliber of acts that Iguana's

out that the new owners of El Foro, located at the remodeled Jai Alai Palace, also brought up Iguana's when they opened in 2003. El Foro has not clicked with American promoters, agents, or artists.

"The owners [of El Foro] have money, but they are not into the music," said Velasco.

Velasco said the Voodoo House has since hosted ten live shows, which drew crowds from 50 to 200. He said admission has been \$2 to \$10.

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\$16 retail, shirts for tots are emblazoned with logos like "I'm the Baby Your Mom Warned You About," and worse.

The controversial clothes are the topic of an interview with Kimora Lee Simmons set to air on the Oxygen Network's *Life & Style* in January. Sik World has been producing shirts, stickers, thongs, and hats since 1994. Eminem can be seen wearing the company's wares on the cover of a recent issue of *Face* magazine and on the company website. The firm's recently formed music division has announced upcoming 2005 CD releases by San Diego bands Divided By Zero and Mower.

Sik World invites submissions for an offensive, salesworthy T-shirt logo. "If we use your idea, you'll get a free shirt," the website magnanimously states.

— Jay Allen Sanford

A waterproof iPod case manufactured by a local company, the SV Mini, gets a poor review from the

Modesto Bee (12-27-04):

"The folks at San Diego-based H2O Audio have come out with a sealed waterproof housing that they claim will make your iPod mini a little more robust and



POWAY'S H2O AUDIO GETS A BAD REVIEW

weatherproof without a loss of access to the player's many functions...in the final analysis, the product didn't live up to its billing." The article goes on to say, "The SV Mini (\$149.95) is made of rugged clear plastic. The iPod mini fits snugly inside."

H2O Audio claims the housing will keep an iPod mini dry down to ten feet of

water. The reviewer who tested the unit says, "I tried the unit underwater, thanks to the hot tub at my local health club. I sat in warm water for about 20 minutes with the SV Mini unit holding the iPod mini submerged about half the time. I dried off and checked the iPod to see if it needed the same. Unfortunately, it did. The unit wasn't soaked by any means, but there were three or four large drops' worth of water on the Apple unit. My verdict...waterproof at minimal depths for a very short period of time: not."

— Jay Allen Sanford

After putting out *No Cover* magazine for seven years, Mark Rasmussen suspended publication of his free all-music magazine in July. Now *No Cover* is back with a new format (all glossy), a price (\$2.99), and a new focus (half music, half action sports).

"We actually have two covers. On one side it's the action sports cover. If you turn it over, it's our music cover. Unwritten Law is on our first music cover. Oceanside-based snowboarder Jon Schurke is on the other side."

The first issue of the new *No Cover* also has interviews with Atreyu and Shadows Fall. The new issue hit newsstands in 7-Eleven and liquor stores last week.

"We used to publish 30,000 copies. We are starting now with 10,000."

Rasmussen said even though the July issue had 64 pages versus the current 32 pages, "This one costs us a lot more to put out."

Although he said the new *No Cover* is distributed in 1200 outlets throughout California, he eventually wants it to go national. "We weren't losing money, but it didn't make sense to move forward when the music advertising dollars weren't there. The goal has always been to have *No Cover* become a full-color, glossy



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NO COVER GOES 2 COVER BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DOWNLOAD SKATEBOARDS

national publication distributed on newsstands. You are never going to be a national publication if you stay a free zine."

Rasmussen admits putting out a pop culture magazine is dicey.

"*Revolt in Style* is no longer. *Where @* is gone. And [91X DJ] Jason Riggs did one that lasted three issues," he said about the S.D.-based magazines that have folded. "This is a tough business. Especially on the music end."

He said the entire music business has shrunk, and this includes ad buys. "There are free downloads [of songs off the Internet]. Everybody has cut their ad budget. That's why we now also cover action sports. You can't download a skateboard."

The current *No Cover* has ads from action sports brands like Atticus, Active, Vestal, and Ollie Pop.

No Cover will be published every other month during 2005. "Our goal is to go back to monthly."

Rasmussen said his biggest challenge as a magazine publisher came after he and his staff were locked out of their Carlsbad office in 2001.

"There were a lot of negative feelings when *SpinRecords.com* went under. A lot of people thought we were owned by them."

Rasmussen said *No Cover* had been housed in *SpinRecords.com*'s headquarters when that Internet company went bankrupt. The magazine's office is now in Bay Park.

"We were only with them for ten months. They let us use their office space and their trucks, and in exchange we helped get the word out about them." Regarding *SpinRecords.com*'s founder Wayne Irving, Rasmussen said, "It was like he completely disappeared."

He said his biggest magazine competitor on the music side might be *Alternative Press*, which is based in Cleveland. "I remember seeing the first issue of *Alternative Press* in the mid-'80s. I'm from Cleveland. Our first issue looks just like their first issue."

Rasmussen suggested that his magazine's action sports competitors include *Thrasher*, *Transworld*, and *Surfer*.

"This is the only publication that goes for both music and action sports. That's our niche we're carving. And besides, there are some advertisers who can't afford *Transworld* but who can afford us."

Rasmussen also owns his own label, Whiskey Records. "We just signed [L.A. band] Victory Within and local hip-hop artist DNA-1."

— Ken Leighton

"My back's still killing me," says jazz wind instrumentalist Chris Klich, "but I managed to mow the lawn today."

"What happened to your

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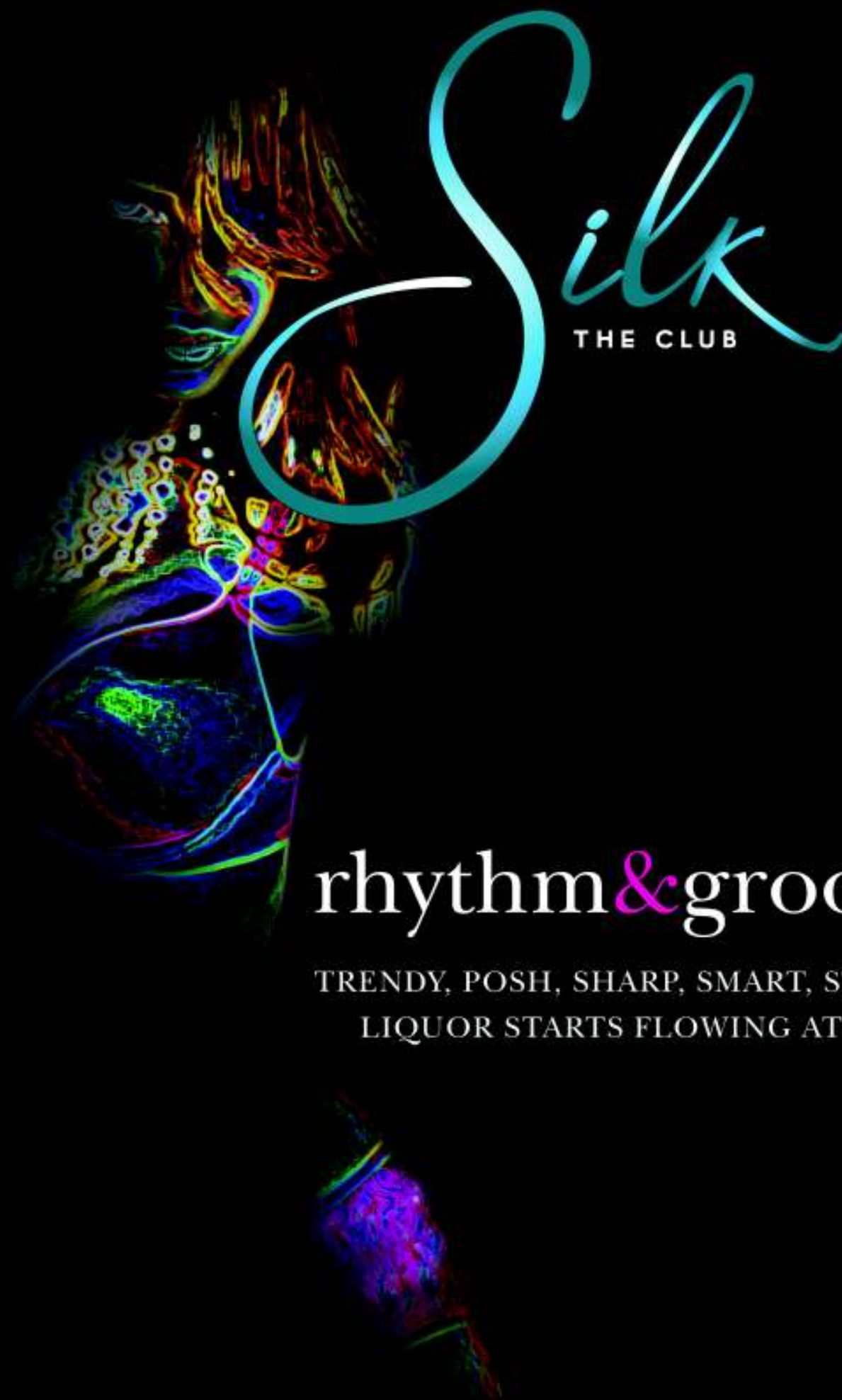
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back?"

"Threw it out...and rather than getting better, as it usually does, it's gotten progressively worse, to the point where I'm pretty crippled."

"Is this affecting your



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ability to play?" Klich plays saxophone, flute, and clarinet, and he resides in La Mesa.

"I've spent all of my time either playing a gig or lying on the floor doing the stretches that always used to return me to health. I have a

doctor's appointment, and he'll probably wind up giving me a shot of cortisone, so that should help."

"What were you doing? How did this happen?"

"Hanging Christmas lights," he says.

Klich is getting a master's in jazz theory from San Diego State. "I'll get it officially after I play my master's recital on April 13."

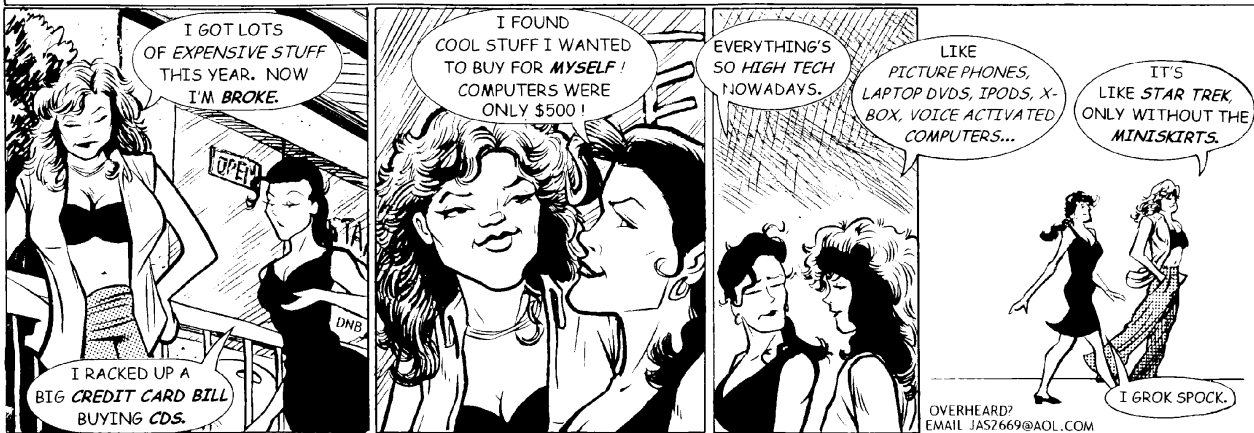
The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet's next show will be Sunday, January 16, from 5-8 p.m. at the Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad.

— Michael Hemmingson

In an article at CNN.com entitled "The Best Albums You Didn't Hear," Pinback's *Summer in Abaddon* is called "quite possibly the most intriguing album recorded in 2004. The San Diego duo has stepped beyond its early atmospheric experimentations and created a modern rock masterpiece filled with somber melodies and angelic grooves. Rob Crow and Armistead Burwell Smith IV share songwriting and multi-instrumental credits. They have the uncanny ability to blend multiple styles into one cohesive pop song, creating a rich texture of sounds that rewards upon each listen. If the tight guitar riff on opener 'Non-Photo Blue' doesn't hook you in, the haunting

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chorus of 'The Yellow Ones' will eventually have you believing the hype."

CNN Headline News, 12-27-04

— Jay Allen Sanford

Before As I Lay Dying

played Las Vegas venue The Joint December 28, an area periodical wrote, "Tim Lambesis, vocalist for rising metalcore act As I Lay Dying...has watched bands that were once underground darlings soften their edge to take advantage of the hardcore/metal scene's increased exposure. As I Lay Dying, a quintet from San Diego, has done a fair amount of exploitation itself, but not at the expense of its aesthetic principles. Over the past three years, it has sought a balance between its

assaulting rhythms and larynx-shredding howling, and a tunefulness aimed to prevent the band from becoming a thrash caricature.... Songs like 'Forever' reveal an emotional dynamic that explain the surge in interest for the band, though it never expected it to reach the numbers it did."

Las Vegas Mercury, 12-22-04

— Jay Allen Sanford

According to an

aversion.com CD review, "Two-thirds of the San Diego-based pop rockers Reeve Oliver (get it?) ["revolver"] met while working at Sea World, which would be just a cute, icebreaking story for their press sheet, except that it also threatens to be the most interesting thing about the

group. On its self-titled, full-length debut, the trio puts together a sound that, from the get-go, completely eschews punk and wades into more radio-friendly waters. The melodies are always agreeable enough, and the vocals and musicianship are credible, but this is an indie band, isn't it? Let's hear something ballsy or at least weird. If nothing else, front man Sean O'Donnell is pretty adept at the ol' A-B rhyme scheme, a skill that he employs a little too repetitiously. Lines like 'Then you take that hand / Satisfy demand / Leave 'em full on doubt / That's not what you're about,' from 'Until Someone Loves You' have a certain Fountains-of-Wayne-on-training-wheels charm about them, but without the

appropriately bratty vocals to accompany them, the lyrics end up sounding bored if not plain boring.... The fact that Reeve Oliver is a self-produced affair may be the record's greatest Achilles' heel. Never does the guitar tone come off as even impolite — forget loud or rocking — resulting in a wimpy, featherweight sound that could make the tame Switchfoot sound like AC/DC. Come to think of it, a contract with the majors can't be far behind."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Local Pyle

"Area bands are seeing a renaissance in all the attention they're getting."

Just sort of dropped off the face of the earth since I got fired," says former 91X DJ Tim Pyles. After hosting the local band showcase *Loudspeaker* for nearly six years (the show was extant before his inclusion), Pyles was let go in October after a dispute with his bosses over off-time use of a company vehicle.

On December 1, Pyles underwent knee surgery, paid for in part by a benefit held December 27 at the Casbah. "I got injured body surfing last summer. I got pulled over on top of a wave and got slammed to the beach. After I lost my job, I'm paying for everything out of pocket...I kept up my insurance, but everything's still real expensive."

Pyles says, "I'm hoping to get back into the industry somehow — if there's any station in San Diego that wants to cover local music. Area bands are seeing a renaissance in all the attention they're getting, even more than what happened in the '80s. Of course, what you see locally may not necessarily reflect nationwide tastes and playlists. Two San Diego radio stations are fighting over Pinback: 91X and 94.9 are both playing them, and both want to take claim for 'breaking' them and giving them their first major exposure. There's a lot happening with Louis XIV — they were just signed to Atlantic, and 91X is playing the heck out of them."

Pyles still watches the area scene closely and for a time wrote a music column for (now defunct) *Fahrenheit* magazine. "I've had the worst luck with employers this year." He currently presents a monthly "Local Pyle" band showcase at the Casbah, the next one scheduled for February.

LISTS

JAY ALLEN SANFORD

LOCAL BANDS DESTINED FOR FAME?

1. Louis XIV ("The stars have aligned for them, and they're getting all the breaks.")
2. Scarlet Symphony ("Led Zeppelin classic rock with a punk groove.")
3. Tristan Prettyman ("She represents the small local female rocker scene.")
4. Hot Snakes ("Anything the Swami touches!")
5. Pinback ("They have more commercial radio viability than, say, the Album Leaf.")

MUSIC OVERPLAYED ON LOCAL RADIO?

1. "I'm getting real tired of anything by Jack Johnson."
2. "Hoobastank — they're killing 'The Reason' by playing it all the time."

CURRENT FAVORITE BANDS?

1. Razorlight ("They have a great Brit-pop mod sound.")
2. Tegan and Sara ("Two lesbian sisters with really cool songs.")



Dave Grohl and Tim Pyle

3. The Music ("They mix rock with Chemical Brothers sound effects.")
4. Franz Ferdinand ("Represents the best of the post-punk era.")
5. Hot Snakes ("Minor chords have never sounded so pretty.")

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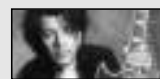
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The Kottonmouth Kings [129], King Spade, and Mower [239]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, January 15, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Keller Williams: 4th & B, Saturday, January 15, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Arcade Fire: The Casbah, Monday, January 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Jay Farrar: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Album Leaf [996], Rogue Wave, and Sunsets & Landscapes: The Casbah, Thursday, January 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Dionne Warwick [497]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January 20, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.



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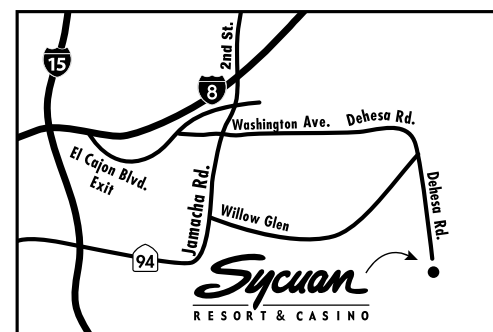
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Throwrag, Furious IV [107], and
the **Scotch Greens:** The Casbah,
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Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
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The Steve Morse Band and the
Dixie Dregs: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21,
8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa.
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Korby Lenker: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.,
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Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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.

Mike Marshall & Choro Famoso:
Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday,
January 22, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield
Street, Normal Heights. Information,
619-303-8176.

Andy Griggs, Lee Ann Womack,
and **Tracy Byrd:** Viejas Casino
Concerts in the Park, Tuesday,
January 25, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows
Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or
619-445-5400.

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7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard,
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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.

Ronny Cox: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Saturday, January 29,
7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street,
Normal Heights. Information,
619-303-8176.

**Ralph Stanley & the Clinch
Mountain Boys [773]:** La Paloma
Theatre, Monday, January 31,
7:30 p.m., 471 South Coast Highway
101, Encinitas. 760-436-7469.

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Luna and Midnight Movies: The
Casbah, Thursday, February 3,
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
midtown. 619-220-8497 or
619-232-4355.

Modest Mouse [593]: SOMA,
Saturday, February 5, 7:30 p.m., 3350
Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego.
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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.

"Brazil Carnival 2005": 4th & B,
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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,
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Ronnie Milsap: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Thursday,
February 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino
Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Bright Eyes [244] and **Neva
Dinova:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday,
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Ani DiFranco /259/: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

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Ted Leo & the Pharmacists: The Casbah, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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The Jonny Lang Acoustic Band: 4th & B, Friday, March 4, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Group /635/: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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Chris Cagle: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Music: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters /477/: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult /509/: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black /830/: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat /268/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe /475/: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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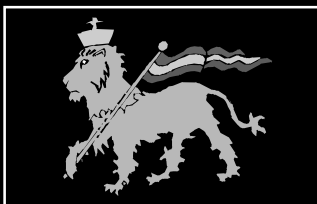
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Pale Black: Second Wind (Santee)

Pride Bowl: The Jumping Turtle

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Eve Selis [410]: The Calypso Cafe

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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

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Winstons
The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar
The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up Tavern
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino
Eddie Benitez & La Fuente: Dizzy's
Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II
The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze
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Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Redfields Lounge & Bistro, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)
Deejha Marie: Caffè Calabria
Fuerte: The Calypso Cafe
Hall & Leighton: Aurora Trattoria
The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Israel Maldonado: Winstons
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]: Croce's Jazz Bar
Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Sue Palmer [641]: Caffè Calabria
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The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Quartet: Tutto Mare
Jason Weber: Humphrey's
Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

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REGGAE / SKA

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I've never met **Greg Laswell**, so I don't know what he's like as a person. I just know he has moved on from the breakup of his band, Shillglen, into a promising career as a solo artist and producer. His self-released solo album *Good Movie* received a San Diego Music Award. He's booked a lot of shows recently, including several nights at Lestat's and Java Joe's. Until recently, he ran an interesting record store at Fashion Valley. He's even taken up drumming (with Matt Curreri and the X-Friends). He's talented, he's good-looking, he apparently has a lot of friends and admirers, and he makes a living playing and

recording music. Sounds like a go-getter to me.
But listen to his songs and you hear loneliness and self-doubt. In a melancholy, piano-based number called "Through Toledo," he sings of driving to San Francisco because "She thinks that I've already gone." And, again, in the rockier "Bright Ideas," he sings, "You may say I'm not here."
Instead of these exercises in low self-esteem, Laswell could be boasting about his bright future. I don't presume to know why he doesn't. But music is one of the few areas in human endeavor where shyness, introversion, moodiness, and emotional immaturity can be thought of as professional strengths. That's not to say that Laswell is showing his wounded side solely out of commercial considerations, to gain indie cred, or just to get laid. Everyone



GREG LASWELL

has feelings of vulnerability. We're lucky to have people like Laswell, who have the talent and the self-confidence to sing about their self-doubt.

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Album Name: *Exotic America* (2004)

Artist: Andy Robinson

Label: Brontosaurus Records

Songs: 1) Moving Mountains 2) The Bridges Are Burning 3) 95 Tears 4) Conversations 5) Exotic America 6) Penguin 7) The Different World Song 8) After the Fires 9) Children's Games 10) Nameless Parade 11) Let There Be Night 12) Avenue V

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Extra Info: In 1994, Robinson helped found Southern

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The album's artwork depicts Robinson posing among the carved stone creatures that live in the rocks behind

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Desert View Tower near Jacumba, and the idea for the title *Exotic America* originated in a quote from Andy Warhol

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Andy Robinson

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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. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon or Bad Credit*, rock.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *B. Lawrence Keys*, folk/rock.

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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, the Flock of 80's, pop rock. Tuesday, the Stiletto, rockabilly.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Friday, 8 p.m., the Makeout Boys and the Stranger's Six, rock.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance, 11 p.m., Gary U.S. Bonds. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jason Weber, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Island Breeze. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., Quino, reggae/soul.

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.

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alternative. Saturday, *the Starline Theory*, alternative.

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Lucky Star Restaurant and Dance Hall, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, *the Basin Street Band*, swing/Latin.

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, *Night Shift*, 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. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Serious Guise*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live alternative rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, *the Frantic, Resolver, Campaign for Quiet, Fever Sleeve*, and *Mountains of Europe*. Saturday, *Watching Charlie, Roadside Affair, Shining Through*, and *Around the Corner*. Sunday, *Bowling for Soup, American Hi-Fi, the Riddlin' Kids*, and *MC Lars*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Bad Habit*, rock. Saturday, *Blazers*, rockabilly. 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 p.m., *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. Thursday, *Alex Esther* and *Kim DiVincenzo*. Friday, *Ted Ehr, Aaron Bowen, Terra Naomi*, and *Dave's Son*. Saturday, *Martin Storrow, Hugh Gaskins, Will Edwards, Terra Naomi*, and *Just John & the Dude*. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

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. Friday, *Bad Credit, Reeve Oliver, Hedley*, and *Firstwavehello*. Saturday, *Mario Escovedo, the Heartaches, and Sister Margaret Mary Jones*. Tuesday, *Swandive, Yovee*, and *Ryan Ferguson*. Wednesday, *the North Atlantic* and *Irradio*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday and 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*. Saturday, *Primo*, Latin/salsa.

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.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Friday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Saturday, *the Siers Brothers*, rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop.



MUSIC > rock, alternative, acoustic, and reggae

SPECIAL NIGHTS > Tuesday is

open mike, Sunday is reggae, Wednesday is the only day with no live entertainment

CLIENTELE > 21 and over; average age mid-20s; 50 percent female, 75 percent Caucasian, 15 percent Asian, 10 percent Latino; 25 percent of the crowd looked to be surfers

COVER > none Monday through Wednesday, none before 9:00 p.m.

on other days; after 9:00 p.m. varies from \$3 to \$5

HOURS > 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. (during football season, open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday)

DRINKS > happy hour is Monday through Saturday, 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (that gets you \$2.50 pints, wells, and wine as well as half-off appetizers); 20 beers on tap

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., *Eddie Benitez & La Fuente*, Latin jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Berkley Hart* and *the Coyote Problem*, acoustic.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music by *Raggle Taggle*, Irish fusion. Call club for information.

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FOOD > sandwiches, salads, burgers, mahi-mahi (\$9.95); Monday, \$4.95 pasta bar; Tuesday, \$1 fish tacos (and 2-for-1 entrées); Thursday, \$2.99 cheeseburger and fries; Saturday, \$.25 wings and taquitos; and Sunday morning, \$.95 omelet and waffle bar

ACCESS > west on Garnet; street parking is all around (but hard to find Thursday through Sunday); bus stops nearby

DRESS > casual but no bare feet and you must wear shirt; I saw

shorts, bathing suits, jeans, and lots of T-shirts ("South Coast," "Mission Bay Buccaneers Volleyball," "Quiksilver," "Bob Marley," and "Bebe")

DANCE FLOOR > an area about 3 feet by 15 feet, but not much room for dancing

FIRE EXITS > three — main entrance, one near bathrooms, and one from back of bar; I saw a few fire extinguishers also

BATHROOMS > men's had two urinals (one wheelchair-friendly), one stall; women's had three stalls (one for wheelchairs) painted bright yellow; both had two sinks and were clean

CAPACITY > 150

SPECIAL AREAS > two patios where you can smoke

FURNISHINGS > walls are covered with surf photos, tiki masks, surfboards, and plastic fish; six TVs; pool table; thatched roof over booths; ceiling fans, six small tables near stage, ten booths, and one wall filled with banners showing their drink specials

DECIBEL LEVEL > 111 when the

Devastators covered a Sublime song; 115 last week at the Shout! House

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Carbine

QUOTABLE > "Dude, this place is so California meets Mexico. They have a mahi-mahi burrito on their menu."

On a recent Thursday night, every club on Garnet had a line waiting to get in. At one club, bouncers were throwing a guy out who kept swinging his fists. At Longboards, however, there was no line.

The band the Devastators was doing mostly alternative stuff but would throw in some Green Day and Bob Marley.

One guy at the bar told me, "I'd rather hear original stuff. We can hear enough of the '80s songs on the radio.... I hated to hear my parents listening to old '50s songs. My girlfriend, if we have kids — they are going to be hating all this Duran Duran crap."

— Josh Board

6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

The Latin Room, 560 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-237-7800. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. 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, *the Nik Simon Band*. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Blue Largo*, 9 p.m., *the Texas Twisters*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Soul Diego*. Sunday, *J.J. Slyde*. Monday, *Red Lane*. Tuesday, *Lafayette & the Leasebreakers*. Wednesday, *Kyle Jester Show*.

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The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Sunday and Monday, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Faith Page*, piano and vocals.

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Delayed Whomp

I spent all last summer without a lick of barbecue crossing my lips. So by late fall, the craving for the taste of smoke reached a crisis. I began a quest for new “Qs” and found two of them. (Actually three, but the chef/owner of Willy’s BBQ in Mount Hope had health problems that forced him to shut down his BBQ shack. I wish him well.)

When I go out for “Q,” I’m looking for something very different than open-flame grilling (whether the flames are fueled by charcoal, gas, or electricity). I seek Southern-style smoked barbecue, because “Q” is fundamentally a Southern art. There are great schools of it up north in Kansas City, Chicago, and Oakland, true, but these were created largely by southern emigrants and their offspring. The art is most often brought to its peak by African-Americans, but anyone can play — so long as they play by the rules. And the first rule is that smoke comes before fire.

“The tasting of barbecue is a precise affair involving an assessment not merely of quality but also of authenticity,” writes food-folklorist Lolis Eric Elie, editor of the fine new essay collection *Cornbread Nation 2: The United States of Barbecue* (Southern Folkways Association, University of North Carolina Press). “While it is possible to enjoy tender, well-seasoned meat bathed in barbecue sauce, I make a distinction between good food and good barbecue. Good barbecue must be smoked over hardwood or charcoal, and the flavor of that fuel must penetrate the meat....And barbecue should be tender. Merely placed in close proximity to a fork, brisket and pork shoulder should yield with little additional effort. Ribs should separate from the bone without excessive pulling and tugging. The difficulty is cooking the meat long enough to attain this degree of tenderness and smokiness without drying it out.”

The second issue for me lies in the flavors added to the meat, since meat by itself isn’t all that interesting. Slopping on barbecue sauce as a marinade *before* smoking is a sure sign of inauthenticity, and a near-certain route to a nasty layer of charred sugar besmirching the surface of the meat. Texas barbecuers (especially white guys) often use a wet marinade or baste, which they call “mopping sauce,” and in Kansas City, some “Qs” immerse their pork ribs in a savory spiced brine, but most southerners rub the meat with a dry-spice blend (homemade or store-bought) — salt, pepper, pa-



Lightnin’ Jack’s

prika, plus dry mustard, garlic powder, whatever.

After that comes the sauce. If you travel through the South, every hundred miles or so you hit a different regional sauce, plus all the individual variations thereof. South Carolina’s mustard-based sauce is thin and yellow, Memphis’s sauce is red, light, and tangy, and rural Tennessee’s can be incendiary. Louisiana’s runs sweet and lemony, and the sweet-sour, tomatoey Texas sauce (called “sopping sauce” by the natives) is the model for the bottled sauces in the supermarket — and for the sauces served at most California barbecues. But even if a sauce resembles the bottled stuff, I’m always looking for more than two-dimensional sweet-tart flavors. I hope for those extra dimensions and eccentricities that make some barbecue chefs’ “secret sauce” recipes into secrets worth guarding.

Finally, there are the side dishes. For the past few decades, soul food and barbecue restaurants have meshed their menus. Many soul-food restaurants now have genuine smokers, while more and more barbecues serve a full array of soul-food veggies. At

my ideal barbecue, a vegetarian — not a vegan — could make a great “Q” meal from sides and desserts without a bite of animal protein.

San Diego County has two barbecues that would probably meet Lolis Elie’s standards, and emphatically meet mine: Big Jim’s in Encinitas, and Barnes Bar-B-Que in Lemon Grove. Those are the ones to beat, but both are in out-of-the-way communities. Hence the search for more centrally located “Q.”

Lightnin’ Jack’s is in the outdoor food court of a multiplex theater in a vast mall in Clairemont. It sits next to a Greek place called Dino’s. Both are owned by Dino and Edna Zane. He’s Greek, she’s Californian. Their barbecue joint isn’t a joint, but clean and cute and a little self-conscious, with black-and-white Western-themed pictures on the walls and 30 inside seats. Outside, some 60 more seats are arranged around umbrella-shaded tables. Some chairs, inside and out, are bar stools with metal “saddles.” I feared spinal torture, but the saddles curve comfortably around the anatomy, even if your hindquarters are past their lissome youth.

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Lightnin’ Jack’s BBQ ** (Good)

Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive, Clairemont, 858-270-8227.

HOURS: Sunday–Thursday 11:00 a.m.–9:30 p.m., weekends until 10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Barbecue or catfish platters \$7.99–\$15.99 with two sides; sandwiches and salads \$5.50–\$6.50; sides and desserts \$1.25–\$6. Kiddie dinners \$3.50–\$5.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Hickory-smoked barbecued meats and poultry, catfish, sandwiches. No alcohol.

PICK HITS: Pork ribs, brisket, catfish platter, hush puppies, sweet-potato fries.

NEED TO KNOW: Nearest eatery to the movie multiplex in the mall. Patio and indoor seating.

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse ** (Good)

1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526.

HOURS: Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Barbecue platters \$8–\$19 with two sides (solo rib \$3); sandwiches \$5.25–\$6; sides and desserts \$1.25–\$3.50.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Hickory-smoked barbecued meats and poultry, sandwiches, and salads. Italian sodas available. No alcohol.

PICK HITS: Pork ribs, brisket, coleslaw, hearts of romaine salad with Caesar dressing.

NEED TO KNOW: Patio and indoor seating. Street parking (often difficult). Free delivery (\$12 minimum) within area.

Ratings reflect the reviewer’s reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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Jack Dupree or if it's merely a made-up name that sounded cool.

The staffers are young and friendly. They did, however, give the peach cobbler that I paid for to somebody whose takeout order was larger, so I never tasted the premier dessert. You gotta watch that stuff.

Hidden inside the kitchen, Jack's lays claim to a Texas-style pit smoker burning hickory wood. The meats that emerge aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty. The pork ribs are tender and moist, and the brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas. The beef ribs are on the tough and chewy side. The chicken (I opted for dark meat) is tender but tastes fast-grilled over flame, rather than slow-smoked. The Texas-style sauce is a sweet-tangy tomato blend with Liquid Smoke to accentuate the wood flavors. It's ordinary but enjoyable.

In a pulled-pork sandwich, a barbecue specialty of Memphis, the pork needed more pulling — the pieces were chunky, not shredded. The meat comes, as it should, on a burger bun with coleslaw piled on top. The peppery slaw, however, substitutes showers of sugar for the calmer sweetness of grated

carrot more typical of Memphis's best.

Fried catfish is another option. There's a salty spice mix in the cornmeal coating, swathing moist cat that tastes as if it was raised in clean water. I prefer the catfish plate to the sandwich, because the latter comes drenched in so much Louisiana-style hot sauce you'd be hard-pressed to guess what's under the h-h-hot.

Among the sides, steak-cut fries are tasty in the usual way. Potato salad has skin-on new potatoes with a fluffy texture and no hint of the South in the seasonings. Sweet-potato fries are greaseless and charming. The hush puppies are light-textured and oniony, with a delayed *whomp* of hot pepper; it hits as you swallow. Other choices include fried okra, jalapeño poppers, onion rings, baked beans, and mac 'n' cheese.

Next day, I headed to Pacific Beach, where another new "Q" called Stickee Fingers is home to the only known smoker in the PB area. Since it opened last spring, the owners have changed the spelling of the first name — maybe the Rolling Stones were claiming copyright violation.

The bright room has a handful of tables, big windows, Mexican folk art, and chile

posters. Outside, there's a wooden patio with a few more tables and an oil-drum smoker, which is where the meats are cooked. The chef, Sonny Choudo, presides at the counter. I asked him about his odd accent. "I'm an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City, where I ran bars and nightclubs," he said. "Then the crime there got so bad — I actually had friends who were kidnapped — I decided to get out and learn to cook. I spent two years studying at culinary school in Israel and working in hotel kitchens there. That's probably why I sound like a combination of Spanish and Middle Eastern." His mother has been living in La Jolla for 20 years, so he decided to move to the San Diego area.

After cooking at several local restaurants, including the pan-Latin cuisine at the Gaslamp's (now extinct) Tango Mango, he attempted to make a go of a similar *nuevo Mexicano* restaurant in PB. "The more people came in to eat, the more money I lost, because I needed to hire more people," he said. After traveling in the South and eating barbecue all over Texas, he converted the space to a barbecue. A local friend, a former barbecue chef, taught him the basic recipes. His

business partner, New Englander Wes Slack, now does most of the cooking from Sonny's "recipe book," while Sonny works the front of the house and the financial side.

I tried the largest combo plate with a quarter-rack of ribs, a quarter chicken, and brisket. The meats are smoked over hickory-wood chunks, the best of all barbecue woods because the smoke is sweet-tasting. The pork ribs are tender to the bone. (Sonny swears they're not par-boiled or pressure-cooked, just smoked and then grilled to re-heat and crisp them.) The brisket is shreddy and smoky, and the chicken is reasonably tender and even smokier. Unfortunately, under the smoke, the poultry tastes like those family-size bags of cardboard legs — it's hopeless fowl even when well-cooked. Since I last ate there, a smoked turkey leg has become a popular addition to the menu.

The meats are rubbed with an unassertive dry-spice blend: I found the flavors one-dimensional, and the barbecue sauce is a basic model, with tomato up front, not much tang on top, and minimal bass back-up. It needs more something — molasses? Worcestershire? Liquid

Smoke? — anything except more tomato. Above all, I'd wish for "medium" and "hot" options, like the kind they offer up in Oakland, because the default version is bland.

Given that you're not getting a Memphis-style sauce, the pulled-pork sandwich is decent. Choose the potato-bread hamburger bun (not the French roll, which is too thick for this dish). The meat comes topped with a terrific coleslaw, combining crisp red and white cabbage, carrot, vinegar, and celery seed. It's the most complex and authentic flavor combination in the house. My one quibble is that the pork shoulder butt (a fatty cut) is cooked by a technique that rids it of nearly all its fat — lean meat isn't what you want when you get a craving for a traditional good-and-greasy Memphis sandwich.

I also tried the BBQ wings, which are marinated and grilled in the house barbecue sauce; the taste is similar to KFC's version. The Louisiana "hot" links are mild but flavorful, like a Creole take on kielbasa. Potato salad features skin-on red spuds with a dressing of mashed egg yolk, mayo, and chopped pickle. The flavor is slightly sour, but not quite

Southern — it lacks mustardy piquancy. Baked beans taste genuinely baked and are pleasant but not riveting. They beg for a soupçon of Liquid Smoke (and maybe some chopped smoked pork) to seduce them out of Boston and into the land of Dixie "Q." Other choices include shoestring fries, house-made potato chips, and onion rings.

The house salads are options for your side dishes, and they're good. I tried romaine hearts with a Caesar dressing, which to my joy tasted of anchovies. The kitchen was out of sweet-potato pie but did offer alternates. The brownie is light, cakey, and cocoa-based. The cheesecake is weighty and so rich that every bite demands contemplation.

My smoky leftover meats and sauces from both barbecues later went into a homemade Brunswick Stew. The Virginia-Kentucky versions of that American classic involve squirrel (or rabbit, if that's what you've caught). The Georgia version uses leftover barbecue, including chicken. I chose to march through Georgia en route to the stove. Now that the stew's done cooking and I'm done writing, I'm going to go eat. ■



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It billows down the sidewalk. Then the wind shifts and blows it sideways across Broadway toward the Chula Vista Center. Ah. Now I see where it's coming from. Two blackened, cut-in-half 44-gallon drums sitting on a trolley above the sidewalk. Here on H Street, a real live outdoor barbecue pit! A guy with tongs lifts flaps of meat, then slaps them down on the other side. Each time he does, he disappears in a cloud.

"So-o-o good," says one of two guys feeling their way out of the fog. "Those were ribs, man."

What the heck? I climb three steps under a black-and-maroon canopy and step into a little cream-colored-brick place.

'Course I'm supposed to be doing something else. I've come to scout an, uh, easy chair. For Carla. To snooze in, in front of the TV. But I worry. Get her a comfy chair and it's official: Youth Has Fled. Sayonara, Big Adventures, sailing to Santiago, ballooning to Belgrade, painting in Paris...Eating will give me time to think, anyway.

Inside, it's white walls, white ceilings, four ta-

bles, a cabinet filled with cakes and pies, and a big sign on the wall, "THANK YOU, JESUS!" There's lots of noise — talk, laffs, kidding — out back.

"Hey, good hat," says the guy who'd been turning the ribs at the grill outside. Zarak. He's behind the counter now. "Ready to order?"

I tip my straw hat back to check the wall menu, aware that I'm spending chair money here. The hot link, beef, and rib-tip sandwiches are cheapest: \$5.75. The BBQ chicken sandwich is \$6.00, the BBQ tri-tip \$7.00. All

come with chips or a small side, like potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, baked beans, candied yams, collard greens, or kernel corn.

But then how can you bypass those ribs cooking outside? Here we're talking \$7-\$9. Quarter chicken and two (pork) ribs are \$8.75 with cornbread and two small sides (everything's a dollar more for dinner but comes with medium sides). A hot link and two ribs goes for \$7.75, ribs or rib-tips for \$8.00, BBQ or teriyaki half-chicken \$7.00, and the "triple play" (tri-tip, rib and chicken) is \$10.25. They even have lasagna for \$7.25.

Better hurry. "Uh, what's tri-tip?" I ask.

"Sliced steak with its own marinade, cooked on the grill."

"And how much for, like, a slab of ribs? The whole slab."

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"OK. Half a slab?"

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He points to a chart on the counter I hadn't noticed. Today, Thursday, is "rib-tip dinner." Aha. It includes two *medium* (not small) sides plus cornbread. Seven bucks, not eight.

"That's the one," I say. I order a side of candied yams and, oh yes, coleslaw to freshen up between rib-tips.

"Like the sauce normal or hot?"

It's a challenge to manhood more than anything else, so I say "hot" and get a can of soda (\$1.25) and head for a table in the sunny corner.

Then, oh wow. The rib-tips and the cornbread come in a polystyrene box, with each side in its own separate pot. There must be a dozen chunky rib-tips. The barbecue sauce is sweet, tangy, but not too sharp. Friendly, but peppery hot. Thank goodness for the cornbread.

I chomp into my rib-tips and savor that sauce. One or two of the tips are a little chewy, but the whole meal is a deal. Deal-icious, you might say. And oh, that cornbread. So fresh and crumbly.

"We make it here from scratch every morning," says this guy Kashif. KC, everyone calls him. I ask him about the party out back.

"That's just my cousins. We're all family here. Always talking, arguing, having a good time."

Can't believe I haven't noticed this place before. KC says his parents, Lance and Robin, opened up in 2001. "Eleven years ago, my mom started making cakes at home," he says. "It became a catering business. Soon, she couldn't fit it all into our kitchen. They decided to find another location, and my dad said, 'Well, why don't we make it a barbecue takeout while we're about it?' So they went looking, and the Lord blessed us with this place."

A car parks right outside the window. "That's my mom," says KC. And soon Robin's in, joining us at the table. "It was difficult at first," she says, "but we got a lot of support from family, friends, and our church — the New Creation Church at Alta Dena. And God. He gave Lance a vision for this business. As a foundation for creating a family legacy."

We chat on. Nephews, Zarak, Lamarr, and others join in every now and then. I end up buying one of Robin's sweet-potato-cream cheesecakes (\$1.50). It makes a nice ending. Man, I'm stuffed. Bloated. Outside, the skies are clear. Zarak has closed down the pit for the afternoon. Across the road, somewhere, is a chair I can't afford. So maybe...Yeah. I'll just bring her a rack of ribs. And a bunch of La-Z-Boy brochures. That should cover the bases, right? ■

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"I was drinking these great bottles and saying to my wife, 'This is out of control!'"

In 1991, Detroit native Thomas Arvid backpacked across Europe with his girlfriend Vanessa. There, he says, "I was able to see artists working in the street. Later on in the day, I'd find them down by the square or the piers selling their paintings. I said, 'They're making a living doing that. That's what I want to do.'" So, without bothering about formal instruction, "I just decided to sit in my basement and paint."

The basement sat below the streets of Atlanta, and in 1995 Arvid climbed the stairs and started painting in public, at the city's Tu Tu Tango café. He began a series of paintings depicting what he thought of as American icons — red American icons. "I was painting Converse high-top tennis shoes, Radio Flyer wagons, and crushed Coke cans, and wine just fell into that list of 'things that are red.'" (It is surely hopeful news for the domestic wine industry when a casual drinker in Atlanta thinks of wine as any kind of American icon.)

Continues Arvid, "I started painting wine the way that I saw it: on a table, being shared. People fell in love with the paintings; they were buying them as I was working on them." One client gave him a bottle of Silver Oak and a bottle of Stag's Leap Cask 23, saying, "Thomas, you've got to drink this wine and do a painting, and I'll buy it off you." I was a struggling artist at the time, and

I was drinking these great bottles and saying to my wife, 'This is out of control! This is what wine is supposed to taste like!' Suddenly, Arvid became a less casual drinker; he had fallen in love with Napa Valley Cabernet. Less suddenly, he be-

came a much more serious painter of wine. "The paintings start to sell and you keep on trying to add a wine painting to your series, and someone keeps buying it, and you start to forget about your icon series. You think, 'Hey, does anybody else paint wine like this?'"

I looked up winepaintings.com on the Internet, and there was nothing registered. I didn't know how to register, but I had some-one do it for me. I was thinking, 'This is weird.'"

He decided to put his work — close-up, casual in tone, larger than life, and photorealistic — up against the wine painters of Napa. But when he arrived in the Valley in the late '90s, he found the battlefield deserted. "Everybody in Napa painted vineyard scenes and clusters of grapes. I thought, 'Nobody else is doing what I'm doing.' I delivered six paintings to the first gallery I worked with in Napa. They sold all six overnight. I got a call the next day: 'Hire somebody to mow your lawn. Hire somebody to clean your kitchen.'" Arvid had arrived.

He kept at the painting-in-public. "People responded to it. They were just, like, 'This is so cool. I can't believe you did that in two hours. Can

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So Napa by Thomas Arvid

night, but not cult wines such as Colgin or Bryant Family either. "I tend to try to stay within the realms of reality. I've had those wines, but I don't tend to paint them. People don't have the personal experience; they don't connect with it. There's a special bottle of wine, then there's fantasyland." (The same goes for glassware; though Arvid loves the giant Reidel Sommelier glasses, he usually works with "more comfortable glasses, really middle-of-the-road.")

People connecting to his work through personal experience has been one of the secrets to his considerable success. Before Arvid closed his commission list — he's booked for the next four years or so — he noticed a pattern in his clients. "People usually followed the work a little bit in a gallery and then decided, 'We want one of his originals.'"

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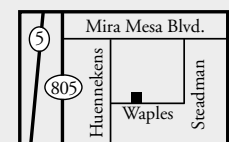
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They would say, ‘I drink this bottle of wine, and this one is my wife’s favorite. If you could put these two bottles in the painting with two glasses being shared, it would speak of our life.’ Then they left it up to me to put together the composition.”

And however special the bottle, however personal the experience he was depicting, the appeal proved near-universal. People connected with the subject. “Forgetting the painting — just consider the image of wine,” comments Arvid. “If you see a bottle of wine on the counter...when somebody says, ‘Hey, why don’t you have a glass of wine with me?’ the relaxation level rises. It means you’re going to stay another 15 minutes and hang out with your friend. You sit down, you relax. That’s what I feel is happening within my work. It’s not just how you paint and what you paint. It’s the story, what you’re trying to project to people.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. **Inexpensive:** below \$10; **moderate:** \$10 to \$19; **expensive:** \$20 to \$24; **very expensive:** more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets),

Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there’s no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled “Nouvelle Italian Cuisine,” resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically “northern Italian” bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest’s Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour’s wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It’s New York pizza only here. “People back East are more traditional,” says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. “We don’t do California thick crust, we don’t do pineapple, we don’t do chicken. We don’t do ‘personal size,’ either. But we *do* do slices.” They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’ right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul’s Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building

used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the

sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommy-burgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens’ and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time

to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose eggs, omelets, frittatas, and French toast. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpe, salads, and sandwiches, all made with local-grown produce. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too! Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/04)

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy’s), 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the

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Meiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

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The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. “The cheese trade is dead,” says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its “overstuffed” meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l'orange, with “early bird” bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W.* (5/02)

George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W.* (9/99)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners — could mix and meet with

plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich “Hot Creamy Oatmeal” with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

India Palace 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133. Also, 694 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 691-294-8886. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la

carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Lee's Catering Truck In parking lot by Airgas industrial gas depot, 910 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex), Clairemont, 858-922-6444 or 619-889-0759. People stop here for an early stand-up breakfast on their way to the Superior Court next door. The truck only stops here for half an hour. But the aunt and nephew who run it, originally from Vietnam, are super-friendly, and their coffees and breakfast treats are the cheapest anywhere. Like the bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich, or two sausages, three eggs and Tater Tots, or the interesting chicken curry burritos. Even Chinese dishes: BBQ-duck rice bowl or stir-fried beef rice. But the joy is eating alongside clerks, judges, and the guys they'll be judging. 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. — *E.B.* (1/04)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't “Americanized.” Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the “de-fatted pork shoulder,” the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the “Beerubin” sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

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Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they al-

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El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you’ll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a “Peace Blossom,” or boarding his Italian “*Treno della Pace*.” Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped “Neat-loaf” bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, “Infinite Blue” (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Mama’s Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama’s offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not “fast food,” but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama’s fresh-made *sajj*,

(soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Antonio’s Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn’t been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it’s because there’s been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia’s great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you’re hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Gar-

den. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with “salsa cream aioli,” the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful “Por Favor” eateries’ owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it’s partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover’s heaven: It’s all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito’s of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito’s claims “Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas.” Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine

runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the “Specialties” section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon’s Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A’s 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker’s Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug’s airy, open renovation of this formerly “ancient regime” eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler’s modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including “ripe” first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And

then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf’s faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you’re deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don’t look for pure authenticity — you’ll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po’ boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Hamburger Mary’s 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary’s mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it’s a gay rendezvous, but everybody’s welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the “I’m Sooo Bleu” burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the “Two Tons Of Fun,” a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they’re all

served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with week-day specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that’s what “*ichi-ban*” means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco’s Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can’t beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinis here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced

valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

George's On Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant

A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or ribs tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *caillacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his

homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burger joint is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

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RESTAURANTS

vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghetti. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare in-

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HOW TO DO IT

Preheat the oven to 450

degrees. Mix together the onion, bell pepper, barbecue sauce, chili powder, and salt and let sit. Rinse the pinto beans thoroughly and place beans and water in large covered baking dish. Bake for 2 to 2½ hours. Remove from oven and stir in the sauce mixture. Serve immediately.

This recipe serves 8 to 10 as a side dish.



INGREDIENTS

½ an onion, chopped
¼-½ of a green pepper, chopped
¼ cup barbecue sauce
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons salt
1 pound of pinto beans
6 cups of water

cludes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy.

Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

La Costa Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Ameri-

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La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleño, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

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Retracing my steps, I have stumbled upon a subjective new measurement for an unexciting year of movies. There was exactly one new release in 2004 — I am almost shocked at the realization — that I went back to see for a second time, surely an all-time low. It cannot get much lower.

That lone one, by all rights, must top my list of the top films. *Spartan* was simply the most fun I had at the movies all year — without it, I might have forgotten that moviegoing and fun were compatible — and I sat through it again within a week of the first viewing. The second viewing raised more questions than it laid to rest; and the explicit fairy-tale underpinnings (the Midas myth, the curse-come-true, the trail of bread crumbs in the forest, the all-seeing crystal ball, etc.) do not give the film a free pass to gloss over the logic of its connections. More accurately, the trouble with the connections seems to be not so much their logic as their speed, and certainly the breakneck pace and snappy dialogue are more than a fair exchange for a little illogic here and there. The scene in which the special-ops hero scopes

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out the lair where the President's daughter is held hostage, sees that she is about to be moved, and makes a snap decision to snatch her on the spot, ahead of schedule, was my most pulse-quickenning experience in a theater last year. (Not excluding Chloë Sevigny's blow job in *The Brown Bunny*.) All

told, David Mamet's best work since *Homicide*, and all fun aside, a political statement of scorching rhetoric. The fact that I am not seeing it on other critics' lists only tightens my embrace.

Moving on in order of preference: I might have thought about sitting through *Millennium Mambo* a second time had Madstone Theatres not turned out the lights on their entire operation, nationwide, three days into the film's guaranteed first week at Hazard Center. Technically, it had already had a local showing two years earlier in the San Diego International Film Festival, when I was busy gallivanting around Italy. Because I missed it then, and because I am hard up now, I cannot forgo the chance to commemorate the first local theatrical run, no matter how aborted, of any film by Hou Hsiao-hsien, one of the world's foremost living filmmakers. I could say something more



Spartan

about the serenity and sublimity of his image, or about the subtlety of a narrative method that communicates so much meaning with so little plot, but the sad truth is that Hou has never really become part of the conversation around here. Shortly after the lights got turned out on Madstone at the start of June, another switch was flicked off on Scott Marks's film series at the Museum of

Photographic Arts, putting an end to (among other things) the germinating plans for a Hou retrospective. Little wonder if I entered an autumnal mood in early summer.

I could entertain no thoughts, either, of a return trip to *Lugares Comunes* (trans., *Common Ground*), having caught it on the last day of the San Diego Latino Film Festival, during a break in

the action of the NCAA basketball tournament. Directed by Adolfo Aristarain, from a novel by Lorenzo Aristarain, the film is a leisurely, mellifluous, bubbly verbal, river-of-life affair about an aging Argentinian Lefty, forced into retirement in the country's depressed economy as a Professor of Literature, who then has an opportunity to practice what he has



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preached in his rustic new life as a cultivator of lavender. Not on the basis of this alone, the Latino festival appears to have edged into the lead over our numberless other festivals. Some of its offerings receive an encore in the valuable monthly series, Cinema en Tu Idioma, which continues at Hazard Center even in the post-Madstone tenancy. *Lugares Comunes*, alas, has not been one of these.

Mike Leigh's *Vera Drake* creates a completely convincing, completely enveloping fictional universe, post-WWII England, centered around a salt-of-the-earth cleaning lady who doubles as a house-call abortionist: an unpolemical and unpolarizing characterization. Impeccable though the set decoration may be, and as unobtrusive and undisruptive as the camerawork assuredly is, the principal credit for the illusion must go to the ensemble cast: my one-stop-shop for the year's acting awards. Lead actress: Imelda Staunton. Lead actor: Philip Davis. Supporting actress: Alex Kelly. Supporting actor: Eddie Marsan. With regrets to the likes of Annette Bening (*Being Julia*), Kate Winslet (*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Finding Neverland*), Giovanna Mezzogiorno (*Facing Windows*), Kurt Russell (*Miracle*), Val Kilmer (*Spartan*), Jon Heder (*Napoleon Dynamite*), Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church (*Sideways*), Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh (*Sideways* again), Cate Blanchett (*Coffee and Cigarettes*, not so much *The Aviator* or *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*), J.K. Simmons (*The Ladykillers*), Jamie Foxx (*Collateral*), Jamie Foreman (*I'll Sleep When I'm Dead*), too many to mention.

Michael Moore's anti-Bush ad, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, could not alter the outcome of the election, but should all the same alter the level of involvement

of movie documentarists in current events. Even if it doesn't, it *should*. Or to put it another way, its contribution to the art form exceeds its contribution to the Kerry campaign. Whether or not its status was damaged by the events of 11/2, its status had already been damaged by the widespread nit-picking at some of its facts and tactics. Twisted facts and overzealous tactics, however, need not, ought not, diminish its main points. Fiction films such as *Spartan* will always be freer than documentaries to tell the truth. They are not so constrained by reality.

With that, I have finished laying the floor of the upper echelon. Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby*, not slated to open here in the hinterlands until the end of January, will only give me a good start on next year's list. Even so, I doubt I will be ready so soon to watch it a second time.

Honorable mentions: Alexander Payne's well-cast, funny, adult, uncorrupt, unavaricious, somewhat overrated *Sideways*; Jafar Panahi's limpid depiction of an ambiguous act of violence, *Crimson Gold*; Norman Jewison's subdued manhunt thriller, *The Statement*, with a capable cast of Britishers in the roles of Frenchmen; Cédric Kahn's one-man womanhunt thriller, *Red Lights*, with the year's finest, most atmospheric cinematography (Patrick Blossier); a pair of very personal documentaries, as their titles would indicate, Nathaniel Kahn's *My Architect*, about the filmmaker's famous father, the architect Louis Kahn, who never publicly acknowledged his illegitimate son in his own lifetime, and Maximilian Schell's *My Sister Maria*, about the incandescent career and dimming later years of his actress sister, Maria Schell; Gavin O'Connor's *Miracle*, a surprisingly rousing and fulfilling buildup to a foregone conclusion, the triumph of the U.S. hockey team over the Soviet at the 1980 Winter Olympics; and Joel and Ethan Coen's proficient and idiosyncratic, if markedly inferior, remake of *The Ladykillers*, the broth-

ers' first actual remake, after a number of mere pastiches, and the first of their films I would see only once. Given enough time, that could still change.

And the list would not be complete without an entry for the latest and least of Alain Resnais's full-length features, *Not on the Lips*, a remarkably straight staging of an *entre-les-guerres* operetta, which I saw, up north, at the City of Lights/City of Angels festival in Los Angeles. Even that, I don't feel any strong urge to re-see. I suppose I would need to, just to refresh my memory, should it ever make its way to San Diego. I'll cross that bridge when they build it. ■

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Alexander — The Great, that is. Not great movie, mind you, just great Alexander. The movie, on the other hand, is a lumbering three-hour uncinematic spectacle that traces the Macedonian conqueror (or uniter, depending upon your politics) from his days as a young lad to the end of his days as a young man — or more concretely, from a child actor who's a pretty fair look-alike, and even Irish-accented sound-alike, for the star of the show, a bleached-blond Colin Farrell — while his mother, Angelina Jolie, rolling her *r*'s in some vague Mediterranean tongue, doesn't age a day. Oliver Stone, in quest of another exposé, exposes himself as pretty much a fraud of a filmmaker. Oh, he may shower the hero with rose petals upon his triumphant entry into a computer-generated Babylon, and he may scare up a harem of wriggling and shimmying concubines, and he may marshal some trick photography for the battle scenes: time-tested slow-motion, of course, but also the more modish (post-*Private Ryan*) sorts of jerky and jumpy motion, and a totally bloodshot screen

when the hero takes a spear in the chest. Most of the movie, though, is rudimentary face shots, in talky, speechy, shouty, bellowy scenes that are virtually unstaged, and are not more powerful for the rising volume of the voices. To a human battering ram such as Stone, the liberty to depict the switch-hitting sexual mores of the Ancient Greeks (Jared Leto in eyeliner) might have seemed a worthwhile advance over the mid-Fifties handling of the material (Richard Burton in the hero's sandals), but this smidge of historical pedantry, no less than the general tedium, seems unlikely to rally the moviegoing troops. 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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics *circa* 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's Angels*; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant

lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bad Education — An Almodóvar *paella* of priestly pederasty, transvestitism, female impersonation, film, stage, assorted spices and savories. (Gael García Bernal in the persona of cabaret artiste Zahara looks strikingly like a blond Julia Roberts.) The presentation is polished and colorful as always; the onion-y layers of reality — of fiction within fiction — appear muddled and murky. What his fans will nonetheless be certain to find a satisfying dish will be judged by others to be show-offy and self-indulgent. A tasty bit on which everyone might agree: the predatory priest and boy soprano in a guitar-and-vocal duet of "Moon River" *en español*. A true crossover number. Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Beyond the Sea — Vanity film from Kevin Spacey, directing himself in the part of pop star Bobby Darin in a free-form, fantasy-riddled biopic, throwing in a gratuitous impression of Jerry Lewis in the bargain (not bad), and doing his own singing in a mellow, droopier, croonier

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style possibly more suited to a biography of Vic Damone or Al Martino. The objection, voiced on the set of an autobiographical film-within-the-film, “He’s too old to play this part,” will not be answered by the rhetorical question, “How can you be too old to play yourself?” You can be too old to play “yourself” if you are really Kevin Spacey and not Bobby Darin, and you are already eight years older than Darin at the end of his life, never mind when he was recording “Mack the Knife” or courting Sandra Dee. (Kate Bosworth, who roughly recalled that actress in *Blue Crush* and *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, fails to measure up when trying to cram her hoof into the actual glass slipper.) Spacey does manage to win some sympathy — no small feat — for the teen idol’s makeover into the mustached, sideburned, wigless, and politically involved *Bob* Darin of the late Sixties (a sudden cousin to Bob Dylan), perhaps partly because his physical resemblance is closer at that point. But at all points we are conscious of contemplating not the life and legacy of Bobby Darin but the chutzpah of Kevin Spacey. Not without interest of its own. John Goodman, Bob Hoskins, Brenda Blethyn, Caroline Aaron. 2004. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Birth — The sophomore effort of director Jonathan Glazer, after his auspicious debut with *Sexy Beast*, is nothing if not ambitious: a reincarnation mystery wherein a somber little teen-year-old (Cameron Bright, the little creep of *Godsend*) shows up at the doorstep of a newly engaged widow (Nicole Kidman in a Peter Pan haircut) to inform her that he is her reborn husband. A couple of generations earlier, such a starting point might have led to a racy farce in the tradition of Thorne Smith. But that was then; this is now. When the jealous fiancé takes his half-pint rival over his knee to paddle his behind, it isn’t for laughs; it’s in spluttering response to the breath-stopping episode in which the tiny tyke strips down and joins the full-bloom woman in her bathtub. There’s no knowing whether the farcical approach would have worked, then or now, but it’s a certainty that the striven-for note of New Age wonderment (what modern woman, especially with a fiancé as damp as Danny Huston, could resist so transcendent a love?) is the wrong one. And the working-out of the plot serves only to invalidate the treatment. It’s almost as if no one had troubled to read the script all the way to the end. A number of serious actors, including Anne Heche, Peter Stormare, Arliss Howard, Alison Elliott, Cara Seymour, Ted Levine, and Lauren Bacall, are left looking pretty foolish. But there’s

no fun in it for anybody. The musical score by Alexandre Desplat, all by itself, would see to that, administering the aural equivalent of a Chinese water torture, with the flutes, the harps, the horns taking turns attacking our fortitude. 2004.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; FROM 1/7)

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 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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



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been proud of, had Chaplin lived in the age of Botox: trying to eat fruit cocktail with immobilized mandibles. And the sight of the middle-aged Jamie Lee Curtis in an itchy-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. ★ (VOGUE)

Closer — Reekingly urbane Mike Nichols chamber piece, prone to be seen as a long-distance companion to his *Carnal Knowledge* in its dirty talk and its romantic disillusion. The quartet of players — two American females, a stripper (but of course) and a portrait photographer, and two British males, an obituarist and a dermatologist — align and realign over an extended period of time. (The title is presumably to be pronounced with a soft s, synonym of “nearer,” not a hard s, synonym of Mariano Rivera.) A lot of important events transpire off-screen — in between scenes, in the blink of an eye — and it would not be amiss to say that the most interesting parts of the film are the skips. Nor would it be amiss to point out that these are common devices in theater, where indeed the film originated. While the action has, as they say, been “opened up,” the brittle dialogue still echoes of the stage. (Patrick Marber adapted his own play.) Clive Owen, normally a bit of a Gloomy Gus, is surprisingly the liveliest member of the ensemble; and Julia Roberts, hardly less surprisingly, is the most restrained, the most recessed. (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.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18)

Darkness — Nameless, malevolent forces dim the lights in an isolated country house, pilfer the colored pencils of the current residents’ youngest child, and inflame the nervous condition of the man of the family. Prosaically scripted, pallidly photographed, frenetically edited thriller from Spanish filmmaker Jaume Balagueró, but spoken in English in a cacophony of accents: New Zealand’s Anna Paquin, Sweden’s Lena Olin, Scotland’s Iain Glen, Italy’s Giancarlo Giannini, Spain’s Fele Martínez. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Fat Albert — Live-action version of the TV cartoon, starring Kenan Thompson in the title role, directed by Joel Zwick. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Flight of the Phoenix — Stripped-down remake of Robert Aldrich’s near-perfect survival adventure of 1966, about a new plane constructed from the wreckage of an old one in the middle of the desert. Among the things stripped away are all vestiges of character and thematic interest: no more humanism versus pragmatism; no more lingering hostilities of the Second World War; no more division between military and civilian; no more tension between the old school and the new; no James Stewart (a pilot for real in the Second World War as well as in *The Spirit of St. Louis* and *Strategic Air Command* on the screen), no Richard Attenborough, no Hardy Kruger, no Peter Finch, no Ronald Fraser, no Ian Bannen, no Ernest Borgnine, no George Kennedy, no Dan Duryea. And nothing put in their place. Nothing, that is, except a computer-cartoon sandstorm and plane crash, a handful of pop songs, and a lusterless cast assembled for demographic rather than dramatic purposes: a headstrong woman (“This is bullshit!”) where the original cast was all-male (save for Barrie Chase in a momentary hallucination), plus a couple of blacks, a Mexican, a Middle or Far Easterner, a virtual Rainbow Coalition. Director John Moore covers the same distance in half an hour less, hitting none of the right notes but hitting them faster and louder. Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi, Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. 2004.

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Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between *The Killing Fields* and *Schindler’s List*, it mercilessly plays the shame game (“Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them — the French, the English, the Americans”), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Friaire. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed

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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 typescast 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 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

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events — An amalgam of three of Daniel Handler's children's books under the pen name of Lemony Snicket (Jiminy Cricket! what a monicker!), here impersonated in voice and in silhouette by Jude Law. The setting is an amalgam as well: Charles Addams Gothic and Edward Gorey Edwardiana infiltrated with modern conveniences such as cars with telephones, and verbal anachronisms such as "This place could use a little TLC." The grand total, the small sum, is a sort of mock-Dickens to do with three orphaned siblings and their nefarious guardian, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey, piling two additional disguises, a slimy herpetologist and a salty sea captain, on top of his initial disguise as a hook-nosed ham actor with Bride-of-Frankenstein hair). The movie starts out with a just-kidding animated feature called *The Little Elf*, and our author/narrator, after its abrupt interruption, cautions us solemnly that the movie we are about to see instead is "extremely unpleasant," and he

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VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15;
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The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou — With, more factually, Bill Murray in the role of Zissou, an over-the-hill, or over-the-wave, oceanographer *cum* filmmaker, a cut-rate Cousteau: “What happened to me? Did I lose my talent? Am I ever going to be any good again?” Director Wes Anderson, a critical darling and “indie” bellwether for *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, and *The Royal Tenenbaums*, took a lot of money from Disney for the

sake of some animated marine life and a marvelous cross-section set of the oceangoing vessel, the *Belafonte* (shown off to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn't let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd. The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they're not. Maybe they're a "comment" on contemporary action films in general. The bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky

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accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daftly pointless. Or pointlessly daft. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004.

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Meet the Fockers — Twenty-five, thirty years earlier, a cast of Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, and Barbra Streisand would have tilted the earth’s axis. Nowadays they — or at any rate Hoffman and Streisand, pickups for the sequel to *Meet the Parents*, as the hippie-dippy, touchie-feelie, loosey-goosey parents of the groom-to-be — are just riding the coat-

tails of Ben Stiller, happy to prolong their careers and to pretend they are partly responsible for a financial windfall that would have been infinitesimally smaller with Ron Leibman and Lainie Kazan in the parts. To do so, they have only to swallow their pride, if any, at such moments as when the preserved snipping from baby’s circumcision gets catapulted into the fondue pot (Hoffman has been entrusted with the compulsory punch line: “Anyone for Chinese?”) or when playing second banana to an undersized and oversexed pooch who will hump a foot, a cat, a doll, anything. As if all this were not demeaning enough, the two newcomers are introduced on screen via answering machine. De Niro, by comparison, comes off as almost dignified. Everything’s relative. With Blythe Danner, Teri Polo, Owen Wilson; directed by Jay Roach. 2004.

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The Motorcycle Diaries — Mythologizing biopic on the critical year of 1952 in the life of Che Guevara, before he was Che, when he was still just a med

student called “Ernestito,” embarking with his biochemist best friend on a road trip from his native Argentina, up the entire west coast of South America, on the back of “an aged, leaky 1939 Norton 500,” nicknamed “The Mighty One”. The motorcycle, after four spills, conks out in Chile, but the journey continues on foot: a desultory, mildly diverting narrative that, in the end, turns quite touching. With Gael García Bernal and Rodrigo De la Serna; directed by Walter Salles. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA)

National Treasure — Juvenile adventure yarn about a treasure hunt for the legendary booty of the Knights Templar, handed down to their natural successors, the Masons, and squirreled away by the American Founding Fathers, with clues to its whereabouts written in invisible ink on the back of the Declaration of Independence. The Jerry Bruckheimer treatment (Jon Turteltaub the nominal director) blends bombast and grandiosity with insolence and insouciance, in such a way as to appeal strictly to the tone-deaf or tone-indifferent (or more exactly, juveniles). Nicolas Cage reverts to his action-hero mode, which is to say his take-the-money-and-run mode. Justin Bartha, the mentally challenged younger brother in *Gigli* (if you’re one of the forty-two people who saw it), is the sardonic sidekick who seems to be doing an impression of Dennis Miller. Diane Kruger, the Face That Launched a Thousand Ships in *Troy*, is Just Another Pretty Face. And Sean Bean is just another British baddie, albeit slightly more

justifiable as a present-day descendant of the Redcoats. With Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Plummer. 2004.

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Ocean’s Twelve — The gang of eleven, the ersatz Rat Pack, reconvenes (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, et al.); the newcomer, the apparent twelfth, is not a member of the gang at all, but a member of law enforcement (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Even the victim of the previous heist returns (Andy Garcia), rounding up each of the thieves in a laborious preamble, demanding repayment plus interest, or roughly \$19 million per head, after having been informed of their identities and whereabouts by a rival heister known only as the Night Fox (Vincent Cassel), who wants to force them into a bragging-rights competition to swipe the “famous Fabergé coronation egg” on exhibit in a Roman museum. Smugness, rather than the promoted “coolness,” would seem to be the predominant attitude, not only of the cocksure crooks but also of the filmmakers, fresh from laughing all the way to the bank. Steven Soderbergh, as he found out on the first film, has built up enough credit with critics (some of it well earned) that they will go a long way to make excuses for him. This time they will need to go a long way and a little farther. It oughtn’t to be necessary, though, to pick apart the

nonsensical plot in detail in order to demonstrate the contempt of the filmmakers for their material and their audience. It ought to be sufficient to cite the lame comic twist whereby the character played by Julia Roberts is asked to put on a Southern accent and impersonate the *real* Julia Roberts; is accepted as such by the Roman press as well as by Bruce Willis (playing himself); and is put in the position of speaking over the telephone to “herself” on her Taos ranch. Far from being some postmodern Pirandellian prank, this smacks of the desperation of an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood comedy such as *Take Her, She’s Mine*, in which the character played by James Stewart gets hounded in France on the grounds that he looks like James Stewart. Of course an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood hack such as Henry Koster had no one to make excuses for him. 2004.

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The Phantom of the Opera — Thanks (if that’s the word) to the “revival” of the movie musical by way of *Moulin Rouge* and *Chicago*, the bombastic score of Andrew Lloyd Webber at long last reaches the screen, in a jewel-box production of

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The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:45, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:45) 8:30; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:35, 6:55, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:55) 6:55, 9:25; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50) 4:15, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:45) 7:00, 9:45; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (1:35) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:45, 10:20; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:30) 4:30, 5:20, 6:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:35; Sun. (12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:30) 4:30, 5:20, 6:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:20) 6:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:20; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 3:10) 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:00) 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:50) 6:50, 9:35; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; Sat. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (12:15, 2:35) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Beyond the Sea (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:55; Sun.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:00, 9:35; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:35; Sun.-Thu. 10:15; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:05; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:10) 8:00, 10:10; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:50) 7:20, 9:40; **Flight of the Phoenix**

(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:20, 8:05; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:20) 7:40; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:55) 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:45, 3:55) 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:35, 3:55, 5:30) 7:05, 8:10, 9:45; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:00; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 1:15, 3:30) 4:35, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 4:35) 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 10:00; Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 9:55; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50, 10:40; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:05) 7:30, 8:20, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14
Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Alexander (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 4:10) 8:10; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:30, 1:05, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 8:00, 8:30, 9:05; **Birth** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:00; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:40) 6:45, 9:20; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50); **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:50, 3:45, 4:15, 5:05) 6:15, 6:40, 7:10, 7:50, 9:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:05, 3:00, 4:10) 6:15, 9:25; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:50) 7:00, 9:45; **What the Bleep! Do We Know?!** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 9:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
White Noise; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; Fat Albert; The Phantom of the Opera; Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; Ocean’s Twelve; Closer; Finding Neverland; The Incredibles

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; **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; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40,

7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Fat Albert; White Noise; Hotel Rwanda; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; Fat Albert; The Phantom of the Opera; Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; Ocean’s Twelve; Closer; Finding Neverland; The Incredibles

Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Call theater for program information

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:25, 6:15, 10:05; **Beyond the Sea** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:55, 8:00, 11:00; Sun. 4:55, 8:00, 10:50; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 5:15, 6:55, 7:55, 9:30, 10:25; Sun. 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 4:25, 5:15, 6:55, 7:55, 9:30; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:15, 5:10, 8:15, 11:05; Sun. 2:15, 5:10, 8:15, 11:00; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:25, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40; Sun. 1:25, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. 12:35, 1:35, 3:25, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:15; Sat. 12:35, 1:35, 3:25, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:10, 5:05, 8:05, 11:10; Sun. 2:10, 5:05, 8:05, 11:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:25, 6:50, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 10:30, 11:15; Sun. 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:25, 6:50, 7:40, 8:20, 9:40, 10:30; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:45, 4:05, 7:20, 10:40; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:35; Sun. 1:15, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:35; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
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Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Straight-Jacket (Not Rated) Fri. (5:05) 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 7:25, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bad Education (NC-17) Fri. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; **Kinsey** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 10:10; **The Motorcycle Diaries** (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:10) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; **A Very Long Engagement** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Forces of Nature (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 4:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00
Night on Dream Mountain Sat. 10:00; **Roar: Lions of the Kalahari** (Not Rated) Fri. 2:00, 5:00, 9:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **To the Limit** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Birth** (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 10:55; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Christmas with the Kranks** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25) 6:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Sat. 7:00; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45,

10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:15, 5:05) 7:55, 10:45; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Sat. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:20, 1:50, 2:10, 4:40, 5:00) 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:40; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 2:00, 5:00) 8:00, 11:00; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:50, 4:50) 7:50, 10:50; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00) 7:00, 10:25; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:35, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:35) 7:10, 9:25; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:55, 10:25; Mon. (11:00, 2:45, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:55, 10:20; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:30, 10:05; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:20) 7:20, 9:55; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 2:05) 4:55, 7:40, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 7:40, 10:30; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:40, 7:45, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:40) 7:45, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3483)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:25; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:30, 10:25; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:55, 4:40); **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate**

flowers, candles, literal smoke-and-mirrors, under the direction of Joel Schumacher: an overstuffed and suffocating bore. (Mere boredom, moreover, becomes outright exasperation in the cemetery scene where the romantic hero, after a sloppily staged swordfight, lifts his blade from the Phantom’s throat and lets him go, only to begin frantically plotting his capture in the very next scene.) None of the fulsome visual effects can match the little slip of a thing who goes by the name of Emmy Rossum, with her tightly woven mat of hair, her pillowy lips, her perpetually surprised eyebrows. If she made a few fans with *Passionada*, *Mystic River*, and *The Day after Tomorrow*, she should herewith make a few slaves. Broadway musical star Patrick Wilson, meanwhile, following his impressive screen debut as Travis in *The Alamo*, proves to be strangely bland in his own element. And Gerard Butler is an uncharismatic Angel of Music (a nicer alias of the Phantom), but at least his habitually noisy nose-breathing gets drowned out in the din. Miranda Richardson, Minnie Driver. 2004.

● (ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN 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 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.

★ ★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood *circa* 1948-65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There’s a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only

tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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 extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let’s say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be

difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what’s best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker’s wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the *New York Times* crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother’s birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception, congenital mendacity — extends as far and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance. 2004.

★ ★ ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Blade Trinity; Darkness; Meet the Fockers; Ocean’s Twelve

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Birth** (R) Fri.-Thu. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:45, 7:45, 10:30; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (4:45) 10:15; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:30); **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:30; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15) 5:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road (858-558-2262)
White Noise; Birth; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; Fat Albert; The Phantom of the Opera; Darkness; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou; Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events; Flight of the Phoenix; Spanglish; House of Flying Daggers; Closer; Ocean’s Twelve; Blade Trinity; National Treasure; The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie; The Incredibles; Ray

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 1:10, 3:45) 7:45, 10:25; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:50, 3:35) 7:45, 10:25; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:15, 12:50, 3:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:10; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Thu.

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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Christmas with the Kranks (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:45; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 9:45; **The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00

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The Aviator (PG-13) Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Mon.-Tue. 3:30, 7:00; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Tue. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Mon.-Tue. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30

(2:30) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Tue. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Tue. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Birth** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Tue. 7:15; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45); **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 2:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 2:45, 7:45; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (12:30) 5:30; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Tue. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

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Flower Hill 4
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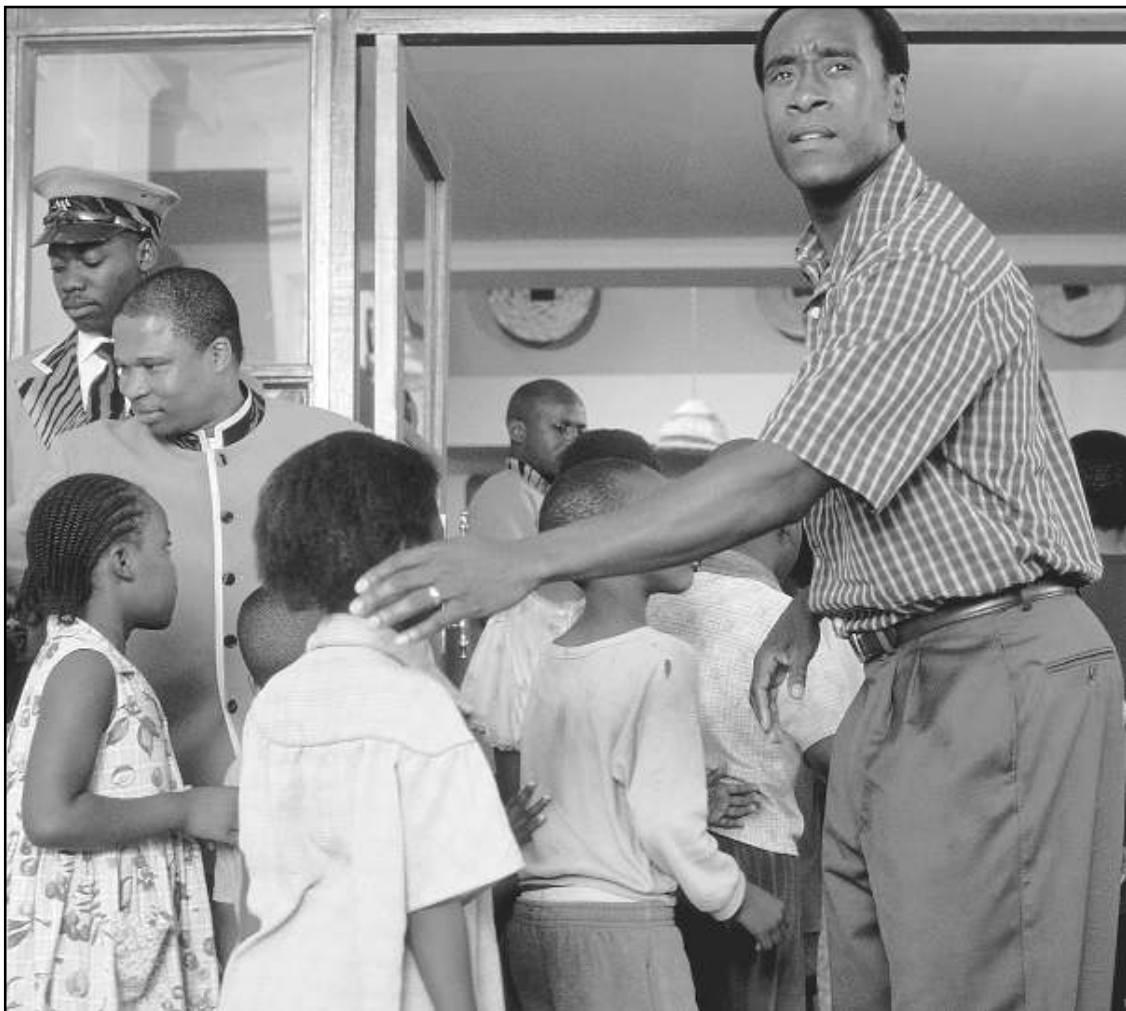
MOVIES

Spanglish — Heart-on-sleeve comedy from James L. Brooks, told in the form of an admissions essay to Princeton University, a document that must, by the end, have stretched to 60,000 words. It has, in the pattern of a Well-Made Sitcom if not a 19th-century Realist Novel, a set of characters and relationships in a socially “relevant” milieu: a master chef fearful of the effect of a four-star review on his cozy little neighborhood restaurant; his high-strung, motormouthed, hardbodied wife, who requires domestic help now that she has been downsized into a full-time mom and part-time adulteress; her bibulous live-in mother, a former jazz singer; an adolescent daughter with a weight problem less burdensome than her mother’s jabbing reminders of it; a younger brother who you often forget is in the movie; and a beautiful Mexican housekeeper who knows no English and has a beautiful preadolescent daughter of her own. Naturally, Brooks being Brooks, there are occasional scraps of observation and sensitivity: e.g., the maid’s inability to express her indignation in language when the lady of the house appropriates the other’s daughter. Yet the entire project looks to have been sabotaged

in the casting. Adam Sandler remains a highly mannered actor even when he attempts to tone down his shtick; and his standard recipe of juvenile awkwardness and bashfulness, with a dash of infantile temper, seems rather unattractive in “the best chef in the United States.” Téa Leoni, as the wife, is portraying so unattractive a personality to begin with, it’s both unfair and unwise to allow her also to be less attractive *physically* than her unimpeachable maid and romantic rival, Paz Vega, who appears ready to steal a few roles from Penelope Cruz. In the result, what’s supposed to be a bittersweet ending tastes strictly bitter. Cloris Leachman, Sarah Steele, Shelbie Bruce. 2004.

★ (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)

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie — Big-screen blowup of the Nickelodeon TV cartoon show, brain-child of writer-director Stephen Hillenburg. 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



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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.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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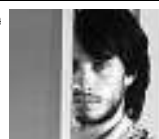
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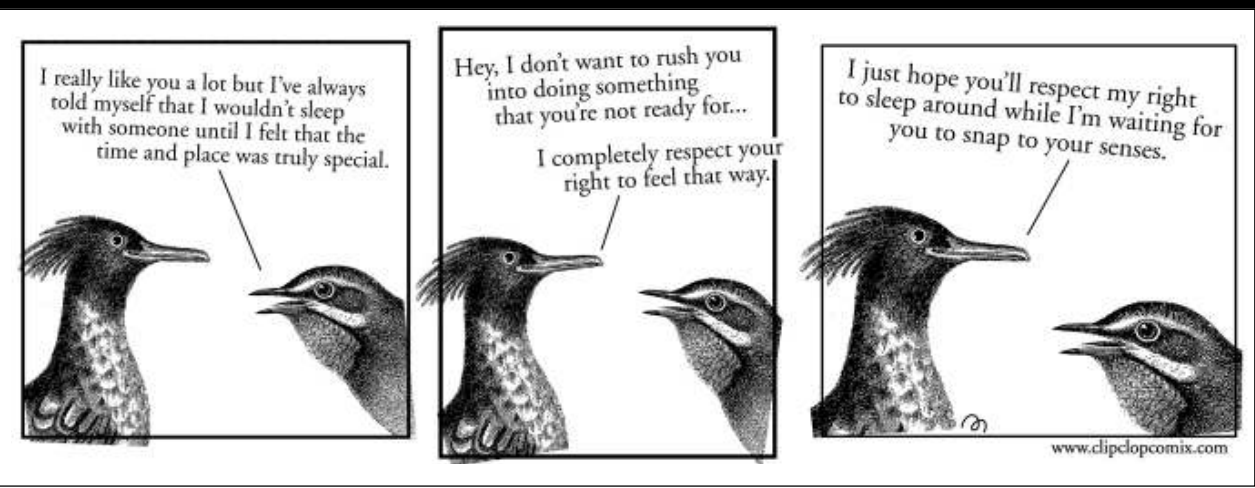
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A Very Long Engagement — Jean-Pierre Jeunet’s visualization of a novel by Sébastien Japrisot, a name firmly entrenched in the mystery and suspense genres: *The Sleeping-Car Murders*, *The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*, *One Deadly Summer*, others. This one is plainly in the grips of a greater ambition, a WWI-period romance about a tuba-playing, polio-crippled cutie (Audrey Tautou), pounding the trail of her soul mate (Gaspard Ulliel) who vanished on the front lines at the quaintly named bunker of Bingo Crepuscule. So, there’s still a mystery element in it, and even a professional detective (not one to inspire much confidence), but the overriding feeling of the thing is expansively, unconstrainedly “novelistic,” with scraps of information gathered willy-nilly from different time zones and a narrator to fill in the gaps. Neither the pet composition — giant faces floating in front of a blurred background on a convex canvas — nor the monochromatic, butterscotchy color manages to redeem the film as cinematic. (Though the first shot, of a broken Christ hanging from a cross by one hand, is a grabber.) The scrambled structure never quite enables you to believe in the Great Love or to follow the train of detection. And the winking tall-tale tone disengages you to the point of uninterest. Jean-Pierre Becker, Dominique Bettenfeld, Jodie Foster. 2004.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

White Noise — Michael Keaton receives communication from his dead wife; directed by Geoffrey Sax.
(CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/7)



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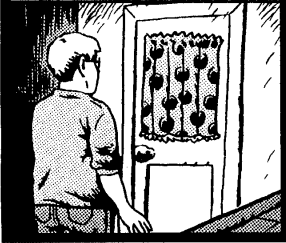
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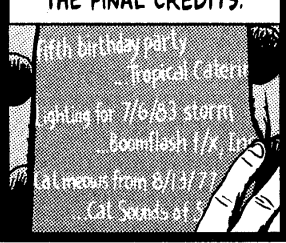
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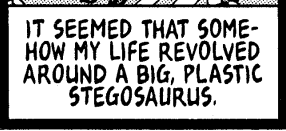
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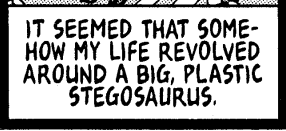
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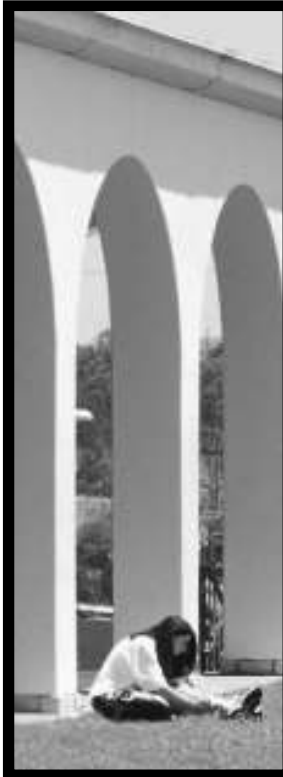
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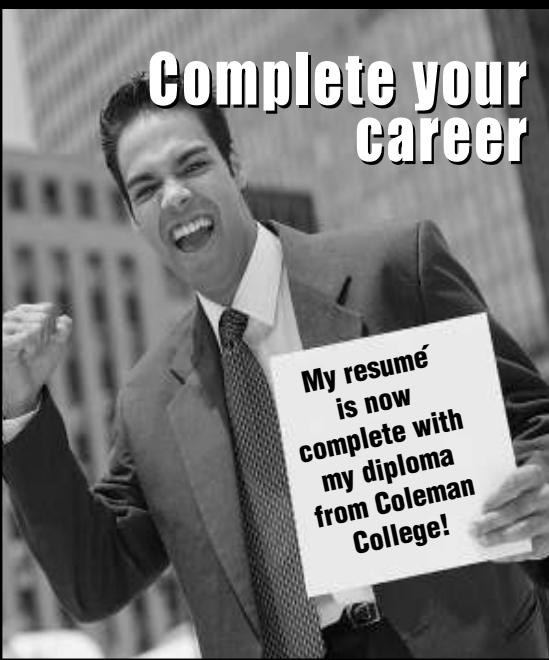
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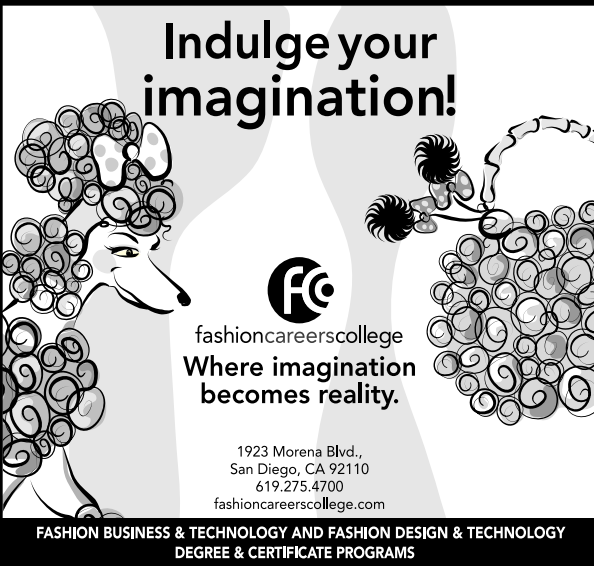
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15. 1985 U.S. Open winner

16. Lindsay of "Mean Girls"

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18. RR employee

19. Movie trailer, e.g.

20. "Revelations" choreographer

21. wasn't feeling well?

23. Omar of "The Mod Squad"

24. Ave. crossers

25. Case worker?

27. She costarred with Ted on

28. "Cheers"

29. "Shucks!"

32. "____ want for Christmas ..."

35. In ____ (stuck)

38. "Holy smokes!"

39. Serum container

40. Some examples of Surrealist art

42. Carry on wildly

43. Cosmetician Elizabeth

45. "What are you — some kind of

46. "The Meaning of Trees"

47. Grammy winner

49. It means "city" in Russian

51. Easter entree

54. Big bird

57. Pro's foe

60. "Vision of Love" singer did

62. Silver and Grey

64. Omar's role in "The Mod

65. "Shane" star

66. Nonplussed

67. Colombia neighbor: Abbr.

68. "Got it"

69. Bungle

70. Leaf-turning mo.

71. Drive or reverse

11. Waffle House alternative

12. Genie's home

13. Old Testament figure

21. Derisive cry

22. Forensic ID

26. "Totally gross!"

27. Miami coach got on his players'

29. Actor McGregor

30. Count-out word

31. Actress Catherine ____-Jones

32. Gardner and others

33. It used to be spent in Italy

34. First word of a D.H. Lawrence

36. Vessel for ashes

37. Make firm

41. One who pussyfoots around?

44. Opposite of paleo-

48. Kings of the NBA, on score

50. Film lover's cable channel

52. Door-to-door work

53. Instant

54. Wipe clean

55. Euripedes play

56. Dairy outlet?

57. In ____ (stuck)

58. "Don't look at me"

59. "Working Girl" girl

61. Sacha Baron Cohen alias on a

63. ____ Paolo

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2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle

3. All entries must be accompanied

4. Employees of the Reader and their

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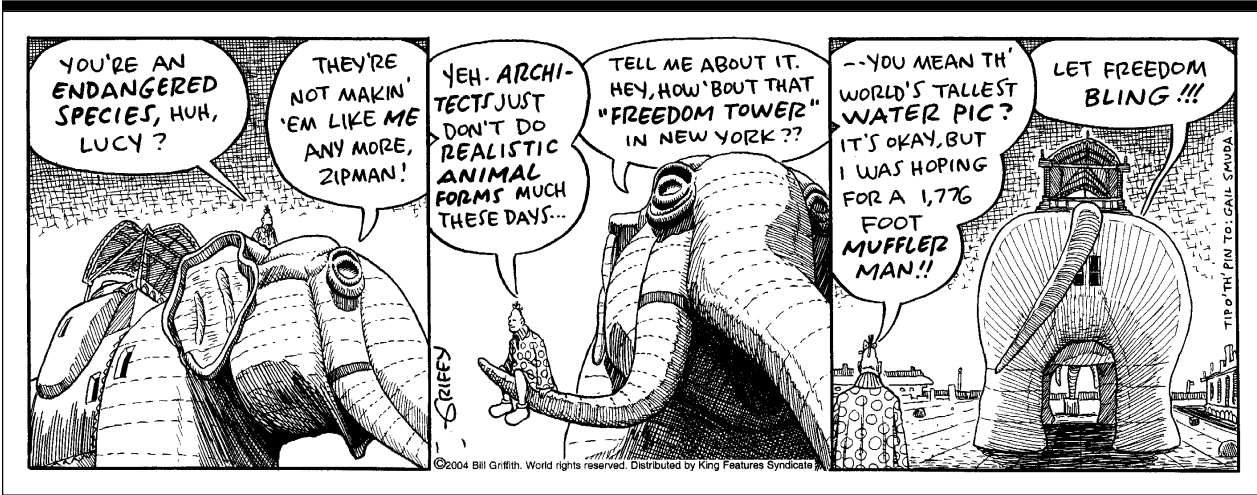
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LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO talk with? Someone to have fun with? Someone to share an adventure with? Are you in your 50s? Contact me! (1/19) ☎33825

AFFECTIONATE, OUTDOORSY, humorous white man wanted. Me, attractive white woman, 46, low maintenance, no children. British accent and/or handyman a big plus. (1/12) ☎33805

DYNAMITE IN A SMALL package. Outdoorsy type, 40s, into walking, movies, cooking, sports; seeks counterpart. (1/12) ☎33786

HISPANIC, 47, SMILES, honest, sense of humor, easy to get along with. Enjoy jazz, arts, dining, movies. Adventurous, romantic, affectionate, sincere. (1/19) ☎33830

LET'S TALK. East Coast gal, attractive, intelligent, unencumbered Jewish, into fitness, hiking, music, dining. You: have integrity, humor; intelligent, fit, honest, personable, fun-loving. Possible long-term relationship. (1/19) ☎33817

FRENCH, 40, 135lbs, 5'6", blonde-blue, indoors, outdoors, sports, travel, trips, dancing, beach, dating, golden hearted, attractive, fun, affectionate, sexy. You, 40-54, handsome, athletic, sexy, same. (1/12) ☎33802

ENCHANTING, ENERGETIC, extraordinary, 36, white female. I'm into skiing, outdoors, coffee houses, movies, plays, gardening, golfing, traveling, fun and adventure. Seeking easygoing, sincere, genuine guy. (1/19) ☎33821

FUN LOVING, LOYAL, sexy mom, 1959 classic, seeks loving soul mate to spoil me. You're honest, funny, attractive, strong, awesome

kisser, good communicator, etc. (1/19) ☎33827

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, 58, into dancing, movies, travel, seeks 60s-70s, semi-retired, successful businessman, emotionally available, with humor plus Christian values, for friendship/companionship/long-term relationship. (1/19) ☎33814

ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, sincere, 59, Filipino lady, 5'1", size 14. Looking for 57-65, secure, single gentleman for one-on-one relationship, travel, dining, football, concerts. (1/12) ☎33798

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeks tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (1/12) ☎33808

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

REAL LOVE. African-American male, 42, seeks white female, 40-50 years of age for serious one-on-one relationship. Serious only reply please. (1/12) ☎33476

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. (1/12) ☎33467

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58-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for non-smoking woman in North County, has great sense of humor, likes herself, is happy person, good hearted just like me. (1/19) ☎ 33496

HAPPY, GENUINE, SPIRITUAL white male, late 30s, and am a strong, sensual, powerhouse of energy. I love life, laughing and playing (not player!). I'm 5'10", have dark features, green eyes, muscular and fit. I aspire to be a great partner with the right partner. I'm into monogamy, great conversation, togetherness and making things happen. I'm into clean living, making a difference, education, love and sharing. I'm a leader, intense, successful and passionate. I feel things and take action towards my desires. I love music, dancing, sunsets, slow kisses, laughing out loud, fast cars, being a kid. I'm committed to be a great husband and dad. I'm available, open and peaceful. If this expresses what you desire, this is who I am... run to the phone! (1/19) ☎ 33529

47, 5'8", 160LBS., emotionally available and emotionally healthy. Looking for soul mate. Good listener, down to earth, professional, metaphysical, no children in household. Point Loma. (1/19) ☎ 33506

NICE GUY, 53, healthy, employed, intelligent, affectionate, loyal, compassionate. Seeking female over 50, any race, for friendship, fun activities, possible romance, long-term relationship. (1/19) ☎ 33502

YOUNG 65, ROMANTIC. East County. Great shape, nonsmoker, nice guy, good looking, silver hair. Share life, love, music, movies, ideas. Seeking voluptuous, 5'5"ish soul mate. (1/12) ☎ 33488

AVERAGE JOE NEEDS JANE for tennis and cocktails. Call Mike for fun and games. (1/12) ☎ 33486

68, GOOD NATURED. Like to travel, movies. Am healthy, active, secure, live in La Mesa. Looking for quality time with a nice lady. (1/12) ☎ 33485

ROMANTIC LOOKING for love, 49, 5'6", construction worker desires friendly, honest, sincere lady who enjoys outdoor travel for lasting relationship. Age/race open. (1/12) ☎ 33469

HONEST, CARING, WHITE, 49, 5'2", red/blue. Seeking 30-48, attractive lady; friendship/dating. Likes: jazz, metal, football, animals; nonsmoker/drinker. Hispanic or American Indian preferred. (1/12) ☎ 33468

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 56, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, nature, cats, and fun at home. La Mesa please. (1/12) ☎ 33479

Former Olympic Athlete

seeks marriage-minded beauty, 5'5"+, 150lbs., shapely, long legs, 25-40. Me: 5'10", 45, handsome, African-American, Ph.D., enjoy sports, dancing, travel, politics. Prefer caucasian interracial latina. No games. (1/19) ☎ 33493

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man in search of unique Asian woman, 30-45, humble, pretty smile, affectionate, well formed for relationship of passion, intimacy, growth. (1/12) ☎ 33482

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43, 5'11", 190lbs., open, honest, energetic male into working out, walking, movies, cooking and adventure. Seeking active, balanced, caring female. Sense of humor a must. (1/12) ☎ 33464

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial African-American and white, 66, 6'4", 220lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (1/19) ☎ 33515

TALL, LOVING, AFFECTIONATE, attractive white male, 53, financially secure, easygoing, romantic, sensitive, passionate, sensual. Seeking female, any age, for romance, affection, intimacy, closeness, togetherness, love. (1/12) ☎ 33466

POWAY, HANDSOME GENTLEMAN, 55, 5'9", 174lbs., clean shaven, gray/blue, well groomed, great qualities, supportive, fun, intelligent, secure, wants monogamous relationship with Poway woman, 45-65. (1/19) ☎ 33497

FULFILLING LIFE PARTNER. Seeking spirited, interesting, genuine, playful, active, fit, good-looking, 25-40, for commitment, family. Me: energetic, loving, playful, tactile, holistic health, athletic, caring, appreciative. (1/19) ☎ 33509

TALL, OK LOOKING, fun, stable, 39, black male, seeks cute, smart, fun, down to earth woman, who is also loving and romantic like myself. (1/19) ☎ 33505

38, FIT, GOOD LOOKING GUY, seeks 29-40, nice, fit, good looking girl that likes the gym, movies, sports, dancing, hanging out. (1/19) ☎ 33523

ATHLETIC, 5'7", 160LB. HUNK, enjoys long exercise, deep sea diving, snorkeling, swimming. Seeking open-minded woman, any age, race. Hello! (1/19) ☎ 33494

ARE YOU AN ATTRACTIVE, FIT WOMAN, who's searching for humorous, educated man to have fun with? I'm 5'11", 170lbs., clean cut, 38, athletic. Any race! (1/19) ☎ 33521

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. (1/12) ☎ 33477

LIFE'S GOOD. 6'2", brown/blue, athletic, educated professional. Enjoy surfing, sailing, travel, dining, conversation, music. Seeking special girl, slim, 35-45, similar interests. Friends first. (1/19) ☎ 33525

RETIRED MARINE seeks long-term relationship/marriage. 66, 5'11", 190lbs., healthy, mobile, sane. Apartment dweller at home: at home, camp, beach, road. (1/19) ☎ 33498

47 YEARS YOUNG, East County. In search of a beautiful woman with honesty and lust within her heart. Me: 5'8", 185lbs., green eyes, brown hair. (1/12) ☎ 33474

RESCUE ME IN NORTH COUNTY. I'm starving for attention, friendship. Monogamous, rebuilding after 10 year divorce. White, active, 52, fun(ny), handsome gentleman. Call please. (1/12) ☎ 33489

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (1/19) ☎ 33503

LIKE TATTOOS AND HARLEYS. I'm looking for you, good-hearted biker. Must be fit, nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (1/12) ☎ 33465

BORN AGAIN SURFER and budding Van Gough '59. Seeking petite or athletic Asian or Caucasian woman for strolls near my home on Sunset Cliffs. (1/19) ☎ 33527

GREAT CATCH! Down to earth Jewish male, 35, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (1/19) ☎ 33510

PASSIONATE, OPEN MINDED, sense of humor, honest, spiritual, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/gray. Enjoy coffeehouses, stimulating conversation, foreign films, rock music, nature walks. Seeking friendship relationship. (1/12) ☎ 33471

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. (1/19) ☎ 33507

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE MALE, 49, in search of playmate. Seeking a cute, vibrant, single female, 35-45, to enjoy theater, concerts, and fine dining. (1/19) ☎ 33528

OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", humorous, honest, sincere, lovable, seeks life partner to share meaningful conversations, spiritual growth, arts, foreign films, adventurous trips, fun, sunsets. Nonsmoker. (1/19) ☎ 33516

YOUTHFUL 75, SHARING LIFE, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversation with compassionate, nonsmoking, healthy lady. Radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking lady for sharing. (1/12) ☎ 33484

I WOULD LIKE to meet an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (1/19) ☎ 33504

WERE YOU BORN 11/1/24, 4/23/21, or 5/12/28 or close? Then we are soul mates. (1/19) ☎ 33499

DIVORCED, WHITE, 50, 5'10", muscular, kind, health-minded, enjoy travel, conversation, theater, dancing, walking, swimming, quiet times. Seeking female counterpart today for whatever develops. (1/12) ☎ 33470

TALL, FIT, white professional looking for attractive black woman, between 30 and 50 years old for fun, loving, caring relationship. (1/19) ☎ 33522

ARTISTIC BUM, 52, slim, nature lover. Into: quiet, plants, dogs, graphic design, motorcycles, guitars, exercise, singing,

sunsets, etc. Seeking female to complement life with! (1/12) ☎ 33483

RETIRED MAN with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease seeks companion who enjoys sexy hugs, kisses. Good cook, likes quiet times, hot tub. Live downtown. Call. (1/12) ☎ 33473

GREAT LOOKING ITALIAN, 50, looks 40, great shape, secured, easygoing and very affectionate. Seeking fit, secure, easygoing lady, who will be first in my life. (1/19) ☎ 33500

OLD GEEZER, 80s. Seeking chick, 70s-80s, for friendship, companionship, possible long relationship. Love good music, foods, wines, cruises, travel to all enjoyable destinations on earth. (1/19) ☎ 33514

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YOUTHFUL 63, SPANISH Italian man, 5'8", 185lbs., somewhat muscular. Looking for friendship, companionship. I'm caring, attentive, good sense of humor, fun to be with. (1/19) ☎ 33526

SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN, intelligent, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (1/12) ☎ 33487

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well traveled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic. 6'1". Young 59. (1/12) ☎ 33478

EAST COUNTY, TALL, handsome, 50 years, nonsmoker, Caucasian. Loves outdoors, movies, fun, animals. Seeking tall, attractive, nonsmoking, affectionate, 40-50 year old to enjoy life with. (1/12) ☎ 33475

CAUCASIAN, 45, athletic, social, educated, communicative, cultured, traveled. Speaks French, Spanish. Enjoys road trips, hiking, camping, motorcycles, staying fit, music, gardening, sailing, skiing, mountain biking. (1/12) ☎ 33490

WARM HANDS, WARM HEART. Handsome Encinitas businessman/professional, 53, articulate, eclectic, traditional, desires intelligent, open, attractive, sensual, successful professional woman. (1/19) ☎ 33512

HANDSOME, 40, 6'1", 195LBS., confident, with gracious values and witty personality, fit, athletic, with warm heart and golden lifestyle. Seeking slim beauty, 30-40, for relationship. (1/19) ☎ 33513

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 172lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly female. (1/12) ☎ 33472

ROMANCE? Are you the one? Attractive, fit, humorous, honest, easygoing, professional, 52, 5'10", seeks woman, 40-50, for game-free relationship. North County. (1/19) ☎ 33520

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL black goddess. This attractive, fit, white, male professional awaits you with romance and respect! (1/19) ☎ 33511

HOURLASS FIGURE with extra 20 minutes at the bottom. I'm astute, articulate, 48, 5'11", white, decent appearance. Intelligence, humor, more important than looks. Prefer unencumbered. (1/19) ☎ 33517

COLORFUL GREEN/BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 40, 6'1", 215lbs., German/Irish. Seeking attractive, intelligent, unencumbered white female, 24-34, pos-

sessing inner/outer beauty. (1/12) ☎ 33491

EBONY LADY SOUGHT, nonsmoker, caring, in shape, healthy lifestyle, by white, professional, attractive male, fun, loving, kind. 2005 will be a new direction for us! (1/19) ☎ 33508

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. (1/19) ☎ 33501

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Distinguished, dynamic, romantic, European gentleman seeks cultured, intellectual, sincere, economically independent lady, 55-65, for committed relationship, travel, adventure, fun. Invest the future together. (1/19) ☎ 33495

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I would erase Barbara Bush; she's the ugliest chick that I've ever seen in my life. She never should have bred; that's why her son looks like a monkey. [Her son] looks like a winged monkey from *Wizard of Oz*. He really is just a winged monkey that they shaved down, cut his wings off, and gave him an outfit.



M Double-A-L Hale
C.E.O Mackalactick
Music/Loan Officer
San Diego

I would erase certain individuals in the RIAA [Recording Industry Association of America] who institute recording laws; they make it hard for people who produce music to sample old music from back in the day. I'm not just talking about taking a piece of music in its entirety, but small chords that might be looped in order to create a new background track. The only upside [of copyright laws] is the influx of musicians who play instruments creating new tracks. Mostly I would get rid of those who attempt to put a stronghold on the freedom of what musicians can and cannot do. I'm not sure if I have too many individuals who I'd like to erase, but I'd erase racial profiling that allows individuals to be sacrificed and harassed under the subterfuge of protection for the masses.



Malik Hale
C.E.O. Mackalactick/
Promotions Manager
Birdland

I'd erase Cuba Gooding Jr. from existence. I saw him on some morning talk show and the hosts asked him to do some break-dancing and he didn't want to. Sure enough, when the floor was cleared for him, he was singing and dancing away. By acquiescing, he set racial equality for black entertainers back 50 years. That bothered me. In matters of fate and destiny, I feel that what happens does for a reason. Even in terms of war, we're fighting for financial gain. America maintains its world power through business and profiting from war even though people don't want to recognize that.



Denise Jackson
Database Administrator
Birdland

There are definitely people I've met and known who I could've benefited from having never known. It's hard to say who I would eliminate because there are people who've annoyed me but in the grand scheme have played inconsequential roles. Maybe someone I might choose to erase becomes a better person, then I'm negatively affecting lives of people who might need my "erased" person in the future. Okay, I might erase the creator of ESPN's *Sports-center*; I hear that damn theme in my head.



John Holcraft
Student Athlete
Ocean Beach

I'd erase Adolf Hitler from existence; He harmed many with his existence. I don't really hate anybody in entertainment; they're doing their thing. Some entertainers are more arrogant than they should be; flaunting a particular lifestyle isn't cool because it's usually at someone else's expense. Politics is what it is: we really don't have much control over it. That Donald Rumsfeld piece-of-shit bothers me; he's not man enough to put his name on the cards that go out to the families of those who die in battle. He's too busy doing nothing.

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GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. Parking, on-site laundry. Section 8 OK. 3030 Broadway. 858-200-9408.

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GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom apartment. Newly remodeled old Victorian with view. Must see! Available now. \$1200. No pets. 408 21st Street. 619-223-3495.

GOLDEN HILL. 1/2 off first month! \$675-\$700. Furnished studios. Open house: Sunday 9am-3pm. Lovely apartments with city view. Beautiful older building, controlled access entry. Cat OK. Wilshire Apartments. 2004 C Street. 619-232-0903. www.rasnyder.com.

GOLDEN HILL from \$700, studios and 1 bedroom in gated community. Underground parking, laundry, dishwasher, no pets. 3013 C Street. 619-595-7823.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975, 1 bedroom. \$1195, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Newly renovated. New appliances. Dishwasher. Balcony. Downtown views. No pets. Available 1/15. 619-838-1595.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, hardwood floors, tile. Washer/dryer. Patio, parking. Rec room. www.innoreventerprises.com. 619-233-5663.

GOLDEN HILL. \$895. Spacious, upper level 1 bedroom in 1920s building. Beautiful original woodwork and built-ins, hardwood floors. Tall ceilings. Lots of windows. Clawfoot tub, vintage stove. Free hi-speed wireless internet. Nice neighborhood. West of 25th Street. 619-239-2278. www.goldenhillrentals.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Stunning studio with unobstructed city view in historic building on the hill. Brand new kitchen with maple cabinets, tiled floor and countertop. Newly tiled bathroom with clawfoot tub. Refinished hardwood floors, large closet. Corner unit with big windows, tall ceilings. Free hi-speed wireless internet. Quiet, secure building on the edge of downtown. 619-239-2278. www.goldenhillrentals.com.

HILLCREST \$930. Premium 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Fireplace. Balcony. Top floor view. Perfect location. Close to everything. Available soon. 3989 Richmond Street. For appointment, 619-267-9623.

HILLCREST. \$2200. Brand new top floor, view! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, loft, 2-car parking, all appliances. Great location. Near all. No pets. Agent, 619-370-7103.

HILLCREST. Ask about Manager's Special! From \$795. Studios, 1 bedrooms in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated! Controlled access. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated management. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Near bus, shopping, freeways. Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$1675. 1 bedroom pent-house apartment. Sunroom office. Park views. Quiet, charming building. Laundry. Gated. New carpet/paint. Deck. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Jennifer/Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$895. Small 2 bedroom. 550 square feet. Great character. Laundry, dryer included. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$895. Small 2 bedroom. 550 square feet. Great character. Laundry,

Light yellow/white trim. Drive by 3705 6th Avenue. 858-945-5710.

HILLCREST. Artistic 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, secured parking, amazing views, close walk to shops and park. Must see! \$1650. 619-298-6222.

HILLCREST. \$860. 1920s 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Large closets. Clean and quiet. Indoor cat ok. Assigned off-street parking. Third and Washington. 619-226-1021.

HILLCREST. \$1295. 2 bedroom or 1 bedroom/den. Large kitchen, hardwood floors, private yard/patio/storage room; laundry. No pets. 117 W. Walnut Avenue. 619-298-7592.

HILLCREST. Spacious 2 bedrooms starting at \$1225. Berber carpet, fireplace, spa, gym, intercom, elevator. Sorry, no pets. 4134 4th Avenue. See photos at www.WexfordLiving.com. 619-299-0047.

HILLCREST. Like charm, convenience? San Francisco-style 2 bedroom, \$975. 1 bedroom apartments from \$900, studios from \$650. Hardwood floors, high ceilings, views, controlled access, laundry/ community room. Near all. Come home to historic Casa Grande at 1751 University Avenue. Cat accepted. Call 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. \$1050. Comfy 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment. Gated courtyard, laundry, off-street parking. No pets/smoking. 4011 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. 3650 Florida Street. Spacious studios, 1 and 2 bedroom town-homes, \$750, \$925, \$1195 and \$1250. All new carpet, paint, appliances, countertops, cabinets and more. 1/2 off the first month's rent! Call 619-280-0888. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$625. Unfurnished studio, large. Murphy bed, hardwood floors, private kitchen and bath. Laundry. Clean, quiet, secure. No pets. Near bus line. 619-295-5525.

HILLCREST. \$950. 1 bedroom apartment. Downstairs. 1 parking spot. Laundry on site. Walking distance to shops. Cats OK. 3962 First Avenue. Cindy. 619-296-4572. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

HILLCREST. \$975. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath in beautiful community! Courtyard, laundry, barbecue, fully gated and more! Must see! 3953 Centre Street. 619-299-4666. www.msbrowar.com.

HILLCREST. \$1295. Spacious 1 bedroom condo. Newly remodeled. All appliances. Balcony. Mock fireplace. Garage parking. Pool. Gym. Spa. 3980 8th Avenue. Xlarent.com. 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking spaces, all appliances, patio, fireplace, tile and wood floors. Central heat/air, washer/dryer. Water paid. 3635 3rd Avenue #E. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom. \$1000, includes all utilities. Remodeled distinctive historic building. Original hardwood floors. Laundry facilities on every floor. Controlled security access. Quick stroll to Balboa Park. No dogs. Ask about our move-in special! Must see! 619-235-5601.

HILLCREST. Studio, \$775. 2 bedroom, 1 bath #D, \$1025. Pool, view, laundry, in the heart of Hillcrest, near all. Sleepy Hollow Apartments, 4201 6th Avenue. CCPM, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cozy apartment in quiet gated community, stove, refrigerator. No pets. 1224 Pennsylvania Avenue #1. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. \$700 rent, \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. At 3853-1/2 First Avenue. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom plus office, 1 bath apartment. Washer/dryer in unit, hardwood floors, 1920s restored building, no pets. 3421 5th Avenue. Cathy. 619-299-6610.

HILLCREST. \$995 rent, \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 3831 First Avenue #5. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security building, pool, laundry, underground parking. 3450 Second Avenue. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, 2nd story, garage below. New paint, flooring, stove. Laundry. Pets OK. Charming triplex. Quiet canyon street, near UCSD Medical. 4274 Third Avenue. \$1025/month, water included. 619-890-3414.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry. Large unit. Close to all. 3701 Seventh Avenue #4. AMI Property Management, 619-697-6314.

HILLCREST. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming Cape Cod style, upstairs unit, appliances, utilities included, cat OK, year lease. Move-in special. 127 Brookes Street, 92103. 619-698-6913.

HILLCREST. 62+ senior living at its best! Nice 1 bedroom apartment in the Park View Robinson building. New paint, carpet, vinyl. Walk-in closet, air conditioning, activity room and laundry onsite. Gated with intercom. \$825/month, \$400 security deposit. 1/2 off first month's rent with lease. Section 8 and indoor cat OK. 1220 Robinson Avenue. Manager, 619-291-7284.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Nice 2 bedroom, attractive fourplex, spic 'n' span, large kitchen, ample closets, lovely patio. Walk all. Older cats accepted. Available now. 619-670-0624; 619-850-0650.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 1 bedroom. Super large, upstairs unit in fourplex. Very old, rehabbed charming building. Appliances. Wood floors. Formal dining room with built-in buffet. Garage. Cat OK with additional deposit. Available 1/8/05. 1634 Upas. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker. www.delsolpm.com.

HILLCREST. Great move-in specials! Studio, \$825. 1 bedroom, \$995. Elegant apartments! Elevator, clubhouse, gym, pool, sauna, air conditioning, dishwasher. Ceramic tile. Laundry. Microwave. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Covered parking. Locked bicycle storage. No pets. Park East Apartments. 111 West Pennsylvania. ParkEastApts@att.net. www.sdreader.com/rent/1006. 619-298-3225.

HILLCREST. \$1275. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 8th Avenue! Secure building! Gorgeous, spacious. Hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, parking garage, pool, gym! 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

HILLCREST. \$825. Upstairs 1 bedroom. Newly remodeled. Hardwood floors, tile, ceiling fan, newer appliances, laundry. Cat OK. Nonsmoking. Ask about move-in special! 4170 Park Boulevard #11. 619-239-4846.

HILLCREST. \$1550. Uptown! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. First floor. New appliances. Berber carpet. Tiled patio. Washer/dryer. Secured underground parking. 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

HILLCREST. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in the heart of Hillcrest. Just 1/2 block to Balboa Park. Laundry on site. Available now. 3533 Sixth Avenue #8. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in a beautifully landscaped gated property. Beautiful hardwood floors, breakfast nook with built-in bench seats and table. Laundry on site. A must see! Available 1/20/05. 3718 #3730-1/2 Park Boulevard. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage. New carpet and paint. 3959 8th Avenue. Security. 619-220-8317.

HILLCREST. Discounted rents, must qualify with Housing Commission. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1039/month. Dishwasher, Jacuzzi, air conditioning, gym. Underground parking. Gated. Pets OK with approval. 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. \$1240. Premium 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Tandem underground parking. Perfect location. Close to everything. Move-in this weekend! 3989 Richmond Street. For appointment, 619-267-9623.

HILLCREST. \$940. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious kitchen/dining area. Parking. Laundry. Barbecue area. Near Henry's Market. No pets. 4219 Georgia. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-299-1004.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright, immaculate apartment in quiet complex. New carpet, floor tile. Coin laundry. Barbecue patio. No pets. 4225 Georgia. Near Henry's Marketplace. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-299-1004.

HILLCREST. \$820. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Near all! Available 12/3. 3632-C Park Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Walk to shops, 1 parking. Large living room. 3611 3rd Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1050. Bright, high ceilings. Dishwasher. View.

Garage. Garden setting. No pets. 3672 Georgia. 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. North Park boundary. \$720. Comfortable 1 bedroom apartment in neat Victorian building surrounded by trees and large green yard. Newly painted. Always maintained in good condition. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. \$795, studio. \$895, 1 bedroom. Great location. Quiet area. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4166 4th Avenue. 619-298-7868.

HILLCREST. \$695, studio. \$795, junior 1 bedroom. Great area. Quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-692-1004, www.rasnyder.com.

HILLCREST. Studio, \$695. Hardwood floors, skylights, air conditioning, ceiling fans. Controlled access building. On-site laundry. 532 University Avenue. 619-297-1483 x114.

HILLCREST. \$800. 1 bedroom apartment. New paint. Gas appliances. Very clean. Laundry facilities. 3579 1/2 Third Avenue. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

HILLCREST. Studio. \$650, \$600 deposit, electricity included. Kitchenette, refrigerator, underground parking, gated. Nice area. 4155 Georgia Street #102A. 619-297-7662.

HILLCREST. \$1325. Beautiful, large, traditional 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Hardwood floors, new two-tone paint, extra storage, pretty courtyard, off-street parking, laundry. No pets/smoking. 3571 Sixth Avenue. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. \$950. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath inside Victorian, close to all. Privacy, balcony, hardwood floors, unique street. No pets. 3730 8th Street. Available. 619-889-6771.

HILLCREST. \$825. Studio apartment. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Laundry. Gated. Walk-in closet. Newer carpet/paint. 536 Maple. www.palomarapts.com; Mark, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment available, and garage. Parking, laundry, near shopping/freeway. 3960 9th Avenue. Call agent, 619-921-8518.

HILLCREST. 1 bedrooms, \$750-\$895, charming duplexes with large shared yard. Parking with restrictions. Larger unit includes utilities. Sorry, no pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST. \$995. 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups. Private yard, near bus line. Sorry no dogs. Available now. 3308 Reynard. Agent, 619-298-7232.

HILLCREST. Deluxe studio in Park Towers Apartments. \$950/month. Completely remodeled. Brand new kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile countertops, flooring and bath. Crown moldings, designer colors. Pool, off-street parking. Laundry room. Gated access. 3562 Sixth Avenue. Flo, 619-542-0377.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs unit in small complex. Includes water and trash. On-site laundry. 1231 Pennsylvania Avenue. Available February. Call Jennifer at 858-490-2727 x140.

HILLCREST. \$825/\$1195. 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. New carpet, paint. Pool, parking, laundry, gated entrance. No pets. 1810 Cypress. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. \$825. Upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry, walk to all. No pets. 3744 7th Avenue. Agent, 619-295-6005.

HILLCREST. \$1250. 3807 Park Boulevard (behind Numbers). Lovely cottage. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small dining room, gas stove, brand new carpet, all fenced. Available now. Laundry. No pets. Parking. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$800. 3820 Georgia (between Robinson/University). 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, new carpet, assigned parking, laundry. No pets. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Furnished or unfurnished. Quiet complex. Pool, tennis, jacuzzi, sauna. Near hospital. \$1300 furnished; corporate rental with utilities paid, \$1750. Dave, 619-392-2903.

HILLCREST. \$795, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$995, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Pets negotiable with deposit. Remodeled. Off-street parking. View of park, new carpet, new paint. Fee Broker (R-4607-7698,R-4604-8570), 858-751-0194.

HILLCREST. Gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1190-\$1350. Available now. Air conditioning, dishwasher, Jacuzzi, gym. Un-

derground parking. Pets OK with approval. 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$1150-1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, newer carpet, appliances, balcony, laundry, courtyard, subterranean parking. 619-886-3147.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedroom, \$1295/up. Great move-in specials! Great location. Elevator. Pool. Laundry. Lovely courtyard. Gym. Sauna. Barbecue. Off-street parking. No pets. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2066. 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1050. Bright, cheerful 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with brand new paint and carpet. This charming upper apartment features a dining area and large closets. A garage is included. 4392-1/2 Louisiana Street. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY Heights. \$1050. Bright, cheerful, 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with brand new paint and carpet. This charming upper apartment features a dining area and large closets. A garage is included. 4392-1/2 Louisiana Street. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1045. Sunny upper half of Victorian house. New carpet. Cat OK. 858-273-6429.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. Studio, \$750, 1 bedrooms, \$850/up Secluded location beside lush canyon on "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered off-street gated parking, pool-side barbecue, recreation room/television/laundry room. No pets. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. www.sdreader.com/rent/2015. 619-298-6768. ParkViewApts@att.net.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath garden apartment. Quiet park-like setting, street parking. Cat OK. 4566 Maryland. 619-298-4444.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. \$1045. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Cute tiled kitchen and bath, walk-in closet! Laundry, parking on site. Very quiet. Move-in special! 3620 Georgia. Cogan Properties, 619-279-2183.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1295. Large newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Unit laundry. Single garage plus space. 4545 Georgia Street, near Park/Adams. 619-255-7860.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Tiled entry/kitchen, dishwasher, microwave. Screened balcony. Elevator, laundry, sauna, recreation room, pool table. Gated parking. Pet OK. \$1450. Available late January. Message, 619-293-3378.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 2 bedroom town-houses and ground floor units available. Steps to beach! Ocean and mountain views, fireplace, community pool. \$1095-\$1500. Agent. Bill, 619-575-1674.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Oceanfront, 2 upper level condos, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1100. \$1495 for panoramic view. Newly remodeled, new facade, new kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. 676 Seacoast Drive. Call Anna Marie, Prudential CA Realty, 619-840-MOVE (6683).

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$760. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Carpet. Storage. Courtyard. Laundry on-site. Gated. \$600 deposit. 750 11th Street. 619-423-4610.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, secured parking. 823 13th Street. McKee, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1995. Deposit. Beautiful, custom 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. 2400 square feet. Fenced yard. Barbecue. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Garage. Lease. Available 2/4. 858-481-5553.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Apartment homes available for immediate move-in! From \$1195. Low deposits! 2, 3 bedroom town-homes. Low deposits! Patios. Storage. 2 pools. Covered carports, storage. Fitness center. Close to beach! Pets welcome! Near award-winning schools. Sports park nearby. Imperial Beach Gardens, 319 Imperial Beach Boulevard. 866-509-6750. www.sdreader.com/rent/2105.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1189 Ebony Avenue. Available December. Upstairs. Cat OK. Off street parking. Laundry facilities. www.homes4rent.com. Trident Pacific, 6

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Deluxe 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Very nice property with courtyard. Pool. No pets. 1445 Grove Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management. 619-575-0778.

KENSINGTON. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment plus den. All amenities. Security building, laundry, off-street parking. Nice convenient location. No pets. Please call 858-456-2098.

KENSINGTON. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very large, clean, quiet, laundry on site. No pets. \$500 deposit. 4598 39th Street. 619-283-3280.

KENSINGTON. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Very nice! Available now. 4118 Adams Avenue #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$1040. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Nice, newer building. Washer/dryer included, fireplace, carport. No pets. 4452 Highland Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

KENSINGTON. \$725. 1 bedroom. New carpet and paint. Off-street parking. Laundry. 4479 Marlborough. Near Adams Avenue. 858-756-8482 x4.

KENSINGTON. \$1115. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great neighborhood. Quiet complex near Adams Avenue. 5107 Marlborough. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

KENSINGTON. \$750. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, gated courtyard, laundry. No

pets/smoking. 4412 41st Street. 619-251-4355; Agent, 619-685-3960.

KENSINGTON. \$850-\$975. Very nice, quiet 1 and 2 bedroom. Laundry, parking. Near bus. Move-in special! 4377 Marlborough. 619-698-2633.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1275-\$1325. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Prestigious La Costa community with views of golf course. Amenities include washer/dryer. Fireplace and central air conditioning with each apartment. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in beautiful view complex above golf course. Washer/dryer in unit, central air, fireplace. Pool/spa. No pets. 2385 Caringa Way. Office open 7 days. 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA/CARLSBAD. 1/2 off first month! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1300. Quiet community, upstairs unit, vaulted ceilings. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available now. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA COSTA/SAN ELIJO HILLS. \$1650. 2 bedroom, large loft, 2.5 baths. New carpet, washer/dryer, 2-car garage, new appliances, new tile, 4 month old home, must see. 858-597-6100 x321.

LA JOLLA SHORES. \$950, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Includes utilities and cable. Quiet area near UCSD, near beach. Available 1/1/05. \$850, studio available 3/1/05. 858-454-5414.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. UCSD area. Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse, fireplace, 2-car garage, pool, jacuzzi, \$2100 deposit, \$2100/month. Year lease. 858-452-2492.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Great location! 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove/refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Patio. Parking. \$1875. 7347 Fay Avenue. Available 2/1/05. 619-339-8516.

LA JOLLA Village Tennis Club. Must see! Tri-level condo. Near UTC. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New carpet. Hardwood. Fireplace. Laundry. 2-car garage. \$1995. 602-549-2279.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. Great location! 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. Stove/refrigerator. Washer/dryer. Small yard. Parking. Available now. \$1375. 7349 Fay Avenue. 619-339-8516.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. 2 bedroom. \$350 off! Walk to UCSD, shops. Balcony. Garden window. No pets. Available now. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Amazing location 1 block to ocean in heart of Village on Prospect! Kitchen with appliances. Walk-in closet, laundry. \$1095-\$1375, includes utilities. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. Completely remodeled. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances. Gated with pool. 2510 North Torrey Pines Road. Close to UCSD. 619-200-4984; 619-286-1009.

LA JOLLA. \$1900. Close to Windansea Beach. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 311 Nautilus. 619-508-1513.

LA JOLLA. Unique, large condo, near UCSD, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave, no pets/smoking. New floors, \$1900. 858-775-5655.

LA JOLLA. \$2550. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1550-square-foot townhome. Fireplace, balcony, dishwasher, washer/dryer, 2-car parking in garage. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856. www.booneproperties.com.

LA JOLLA. New Year resolution: Save on deals! Studios, 1 and 2 bedroom, 1/2 block from ocean! Laundry, pool, tropical. \$969/up. 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful ocean view 1 bedroom condo in heart of La Jolla. Top floor, pool, all amenities. \$1600/month. Call 858-525-3193.

LA JOLLA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious, 1250 square feet, first-floor unit conveniently located in the village. All appliances furnished including washer/dryer. Secure building with underground parking. Pets considered. Available 2/7/05. Call 760-434-4557.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Studio, charming, minutes from beach, on-site laundry. 396 Kollmar #3. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1575. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs apartment in 5-plex. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave. Parking. Remodeled unit. Cat OK with additional \$300 deposit. Close to Windansea. Available now. 6236 Dowling. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, broker, www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Berber carpet, walk-in closets, breakfast bar. Pool, spa, gym. Covered parking. Villa La Jolla. 858-675-0200, www.twhmc.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath beautiful Coast Boulevard neighborhood, ocean view, walk to beach, quiet street, carport, HBO. No smoking/pets. 441 Rav-

ina Street. Photos: http://home.san.rr.com/emiller. 619-602-4116.

LA JOLLA. Oceanview location. Bright, airy upper 1 bedroom with hardwood floors. Near all, beach, tennis, restaurants. \$1750, add \$100 furnished. Available immediately. 858-551-8893. www.inEdenLaJolla.com.

LA JOLLA. In Village. \$1790. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. Open Saturday 1/8, 10-11am. 7601 Eads. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

LA JOLLA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment in small complex. 2 blocks from the beach in La Jolla. \$1300. 6631-A La Jolla Boulevard. Call Phillip at 619-337-5275, www.rasnyder.com.

LA JOLLA. \$2400. Gorgeous ocean view! Ocean-front 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, covered parking, laundry on site. 6767 Neptune Place. 858-459-5840 or 760-613-1104.

LA JOLLA. Great location! Can be used as office or apartment. \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Tile floors, Berber carpet. 920 Kline Street. For information, call 858-459-5840 or 760-613-1104.

LA JOLLA. \$1900. Huge 1500 square foot 2 bedroom condo. 360 degree view! Garage. Recessed lighting. Laundry, exercise room, tennis. \$500 below market rent! Fee Broker (R-0016), 858-751-0193.

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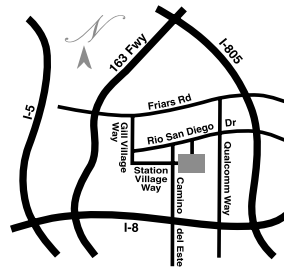
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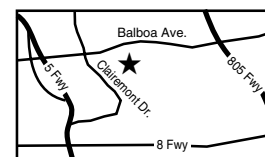
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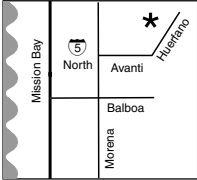


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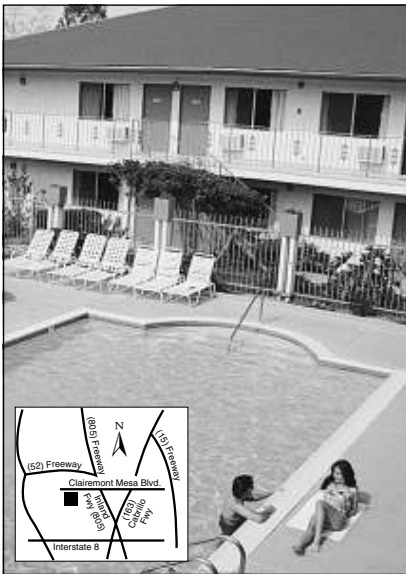
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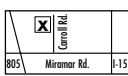
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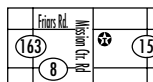
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AUTO THEFT

Location: Fanita & Mission Gorge Road, Santee

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. on 12/16/04

Résumé of Incident: The victim called police on his cell phone to report he was following his stolen work truck [from El Cajon] and needed assistance. The 911 Operator kept him on the line and provided

updated information to responding patrol officers.

The vehicle continued traveling through El Cajon and into the city of Santee. The vehicle pulled into a gas station at Fanita and Mission Gorge. As the suspect driver exited the vehicle, he was contacted and detained. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen and the driver, later identified as Jeffrey D., D.O.B. 12/08/64, was taken into custody.

The vehicle was released to the owner at the scene. Fortunately, most of his work tools were still in the truck.

FORGERY

Location: 5006 El Cajon Boulevard

Time/Date: 4:18 p.m. on 12/13/04

Officer's Investigation: I was dispatched to Check Zone check cashing to investigate a forgery. Upon arrival, I went inside the business and saw a female match-



ing the suspect's description. I made contact with the female, identified by her driver's license as Thaisha M. I asked M., "What's going on?" M. said, "I'm cashing a check. Is there anything wrong?" I asked, "Is it your check?" M. said, "No it's not my check. I found it."

The teller behind the window handed me a paycheck and a Check Zone application card. The paycheck was from "Starwood Hotels & Resort." The check was issued to Whitney H. The Check Zone application card was signed as Whit-

ney H. The back of the check was signed as Whitney H.

I called the phone number on the check and asked if Whitney H. worked at the hotel. A manager answered the phone and said yes. The manager said H. was currently working. I asked to speak to H.

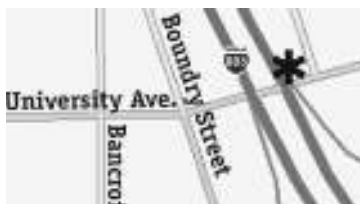
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Location: [3800] 33rd Street, Normal Heights

Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. on 12/1/04



Narrative: The incident involved an arson fire to a 1999 Honda Civic. I was dispatched...to determine the origin and cause of the fire. I arrived at the scene at approximately 3:36 p.m. to find the fire had been extinguished and firefighters securing the scene pending our arrival. The weather was cool and calm.

This fire occurred within [a] 1999 Honda Civic four-door sedan that was black in color. The vehicle was located in a parking space adjacent to the rear of the apartment building where the

registered owner lives with his parents.

Exterior examination of the vehicle revealed the doors were locked and the windows rolled up. The victim indicated the vehicle had been in this condition prior to the fire. Fire damage was observed to the rear spoiler and trunk lid. The passenger side rear window was broken out and the trunk lock was punched in. Fire crews had caused this damage while gaining access to the trunk and passenger compartment.

Based on fire scene examination, evaluation of the indicators observed, and the evidence found, it is my opinion the fire resulted from a person(s) igniting the exterior rear of the vehicle with an open flame ignition source, such as matches or a lighter.

Damage estimate: \$5,000.

BURGLARY

Location: [4500] Cove Drive, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 5:40 a.m. on 12/19/04



Report: Officers were sent to check on a report of subjects looking into vehicles in the underground parking garage. Responding officers observed a vehicle leaving the area with two occupants aboard who matched the suspects' descriptions. The car was stopped. Jarrett P. and a 15 year old female were contacted. Inside the vehicle were several items that appeared to have been recently stolen. Several victims were located at the Cove Dr. complex and the property inside the suspects' car was identified as their respective property.

Both subjects were arrested.

The female was a runaway from Oceanside and was released to her parents. P. was booked into the Vista jail.

HOSTAGE/BARRICADE

Location: [2400] Kelly Avenue, Ramona

Time/Date: 1:45 a.m. on 12/25/04



Incident: Dispatchers received a telephone call on Christmas Day from a woman reporting her husband had threatened her with a handgun. The woman was calling from a pay telephone near her home in Ramona. A Ramona Patrol Deputy met her within four minutes and she told the deputy her husband, Gaylen R., was distraught over his lack of steady employment and their current financial challenges. She said she fled her home after R. threatened her with a handgun. Two deputies went to the residence and unsuccessfully attempted to speak with R.

Patrol Sergeant J.T. Faulkner responded from the Sheriff's Poway station with additional units. Dispatchers from the Sheriff's Communications Center made several unanswered attempts to telephone R. R. remained in his residence with his 6 and 9 year old [daughters]. He did make eye contact with deputies although he refused to speak with them.

Negotiators from the Crisis Negotiation Team established a telephone conversation with R. at 4:30 a.m. R. surrendered without incident at 4:45 a.m.

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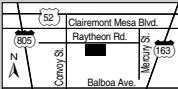


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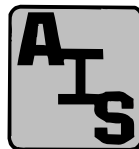
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"It's a nice car, and we try to keep it nice looking and make it look stock even though we keep putting stuff on it. We've done a lot of upgrades to make it faster and make it handle better. It's been to Sears Point a couple of times."

"Sears Point?" I ask.

"A road-racing area just below San Francisco. My brother raced it there. And we've slowly been putting parts on it — suspension, chassis, sub-frame connectors, we welded those in. Sub-frame connectors keep the chassis nice and stiff. We put in Eibach lowering springs. I believe they're manufactured

here in California by a German company. It's got the adjustable pan hard rod, a Global West product; that locates the rear end to the center of the vehicle and keeps the body from wagging over the rear axle. There aren't any rubber bushings to flex or twist or anything. It's rigid now.

"And underneath the front end there's another brace. And we boxed in the control arms ourselves, took them off, replaced bushings, and welded in supports in the rear and the front control arms."

I say, "All this costs plenty, I'll bet."

"I guess so, but you don't dare keep track of that stuff, the money.

"The motor, it's the original, 305 cubic inches. We put the supercharger on. And while the intake manifold was off, I ported that out, made that a little bit bigger and put all new injectors in it. It's probably 340 or 350 horsepower."

"So you're not putting as much emphasis on speed as on handling, right?"

"A combination of speed and handling," Brandon says. "And a car like this, it's never done. But now it handles well, and it's got a little more power than it used to. I've taken it to Carlsbad Raceway and Qualcomm Stadium, for the quarter-mile drag racing at Carlsbad and eighth-mile at the stadium."

"How did you do?"

"The car did what it was supposed to do."

I ask, "And your brother and you do all the work, even the welding?"

"We've done all the work. Originally it had a drum rear end. We put in a disc rear end. So now it has disc brakes all the way around. It's got a new ignition box and a good stereo. It's comfortable. I took it to Vegas not long ago."

I flash back to the days when Nevada had no speed limit and my dad owned a muscle car, a 1959 Oldsmobile. Once we crossed the state line, my dad would punch the gas, my mom would cover her eyes, and I would become Buck Rogers's rocket-



--- **OWNER: BRANDON LUFFE**
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ship copilot.

I imagine Brandon's Trans-Am streaking across the desert, like a jet car on the Great Salt Lake. I ask, "How long did the trip take?"

"Five or six hours," he says.

I shake my head and think Brandon must have supernatural willpower. "So you were just cruising."

He says, "I'm building a new motor. When it's done, I'll go again and see what it can do."

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TOYOTA 4-RUNNER, 1996, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, very clean, new tires, Sunfire red, \$6995. Stk#650, vin#006577. Miramar Trucks, 8650 Miramar Road. 858-408-2277. www.miramartucks.com.

TOYOTA AVALON XLS, 2000, Super clean, black, tan leather interior, dual power seats, premium sound, 6-CD in dash, sunroof, cruise, etc., 57K miles. \$14,900. 858-571-7003.

TOYOTA COROLLA DX, 1996, 4 door, automatic, power locks, windows, etc. White, new brakes, very reliable, runs great. 120K miles. Chula Vista, \$3750. 858-523-3137.

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Living on Steve's couch, come to realize that you can go back to school anytime — Wichita State will always be there. Work as a freelance website designer because you're good with computers and you've built a couple sites. Begin by borrowing a computer but eventually buckle down, start paying rent, and buy some furniture. In the bulletproof haze of coke and pills, talk to Steve about writing for his new TV show. You're funny. Your friends still talk about the night you made a mistletoe belt-buckle to get a laugh at a party. In the guilty shadow of a chattering binge Steve will ask you to work on his script with him.

Because you've got a fresh eye, help with a couple jokes he's been stuck on. Before you know it, you're contributing full-time and that's your new Volkswagen — jet black, if you please.

After three years of writing fresh, innovative comedy for a midweek, mediocre TV show, hit a roadblock. Just to get your script in on time, throw a joke together about fake boobs and egg nog. It's not your best work, but it will do for this week.

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WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

JAG

USA, 6:00 P.M.

Oof, what a stinker. This show could really storm your house and yank you out of your closet while you're clutching a tiny Cuban boy, but it doesn't. Instead of handling Constitutional issues during war, this show handles petty theft and roommate disappearances. It reeks of red-herring plotlines, and even the bitchy femme Marine with nice cans doesn't make it watchable.

DENNIS MILLER

CNBC 43, 6:00 P.M.

In a bid for Universal ambivalence, Dennis Miller moved from HBO to CNBC. What was once a raving lunatic, recalling esoteric minutiae about history and mathematics to uphold his liberal

leanings has now become a centrist bore, droning a monotone of useless information — underwhelming the world one viewer at a time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

CHARGERS FEVER

NBC 7, 6:30 P.M.

When a winning team garners new support, the old guard calls "bandwagon jumping." As if by taping yellow lightning bolts to your early-'90s Bronco for seven years has somehow forged the team from iron ore into the tip of the spear. Your furious yelling at touch-downs, fumbles, and sacks has built a celestial chain mail around the quarterback, and those neophyte whimpers are its chinks. Get the fuck over yourself. Do you actually believe anyone on that team — or anyone else for that matter — gives a fistful of assholes as to

whether or not you've had a "Go Bolts!" flag flying from your front porch since '96?

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

JAILHOUSE ROCK (1957)

TCM 58, 11:00 A.M.

There's a movie to accompany this song? Here all this time I thought it was just the tortured wailings of a gay man confined to the starchy button-down "jailhouse" of 1950s conservatism. I wonder how they handled the "You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see. I sure would be delighted with your company" scene. Not to mention the controversial wooden chair. These must've been big issues in 1957.

UFO FILES

HIST, 6:00 P.M.

Having shown every bit of WWII footage available on Earth back-to-back, the History Channel has drained its well. They are now chasing UFOs in renaissance paintings and Bible passages. The link to anything "historic" is suspect at best, but the parade of idiots is undeniable.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

KENNY LOGGINS ON ICE

NBC 7, 1:00 P.M.

Is this what I think it is? Who could possibly explain the sequence of events starting at the time the first person strapped blades to his leather boots and pushed off onto a frozen body of water that would eventually lead up to the point where lithesome athletes in sequin minidresses would spin and twirl to the clash-clanging of *Footloose*? Jazz hands, indeed. I'm reminded of a Nordic prophesy.

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Kenny Loggins, unwitting horseman to the apocalypse.

LAS VEGAS: SUCKER BETS

TRAV 60, 4:00 P.M.

I'm such a bad gambler that even after watching a show on Vegas I check my wallet and I'm down a couple bucks. I need a trip to Vegas like I need double-jointed nipples, but I'm going anyway. Sometime this year I'll throw good money after bad, cackling like a jackass all the while.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

DUDE ROOM

DSC 35, 3:00 P.M.

Emilio Estevez is having *Dude Room* remodel his place. You'd think he'd hire an actual decorating firm instead of a dog-and-pony act with the hideous title: *Dude Room*. That *Mighty Ducks* 3 money must've run out. Lou Diamond Phillips maybe, but Emilio Estevez? How far have thou fallen, Emilio?

DR. PHIL

CBS 8, 3:00 P.M.

I wonder if Dr. Phil can cure me of the shame I feel for enjoying his show. You'd think I was watching *Buttman's Big Butt Backdoor Babes* 3 by the way I scramble for the remote when my roommate walks in on me watching Dr. Phil. At least I'm not getting Astro Glide all over the coffee table.

CAMPER SHELL, excellent condition, white, fits most small pickups, \$295. 619-465-6812.

NISSAN, station wagon, 1988, 3.0, automatic, 220,000 miles. Needs transmission. New parts, sell for parts or ? Registration expires 1/30/05. \$350. North Park. 619-341-3160.

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AVS Sport, 245/35ZR19, 60%, \$80. 760-604-8888.

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