Investigative Weight

Thanks to Matt Potter for the detailed recap ("What's Going On at City Hall?" January 6). When do the actual investigative reporters weigh in?

> Elizabeth Ziemba Escondido

Overripe Misdeeds

Your cover story "What's Going On at City Hall?" (January 6) mentioned that I accused the Ethics Commission of going easy on money launderers. Absolutely true, and I would like people to know that this accusation stemmed from a December 2001 Union-Tribune interview with Charlie Walker, then executive director of the Ethics Commission. The story said, "Walker said the area he believes is 'ripe for investigation' is the bundling of campaign contributions by employees of local companies.... 'I think that's going on all over the place,' he said."

It is now three years later, but the promised investigation never took place. Probably the most famous case of illegal bundling is the Cheetahs strip club Lewis-Zucchet-Inzunza-Galardi federal indictments. This is where Galardi, the owner of Cheetahs, admits illegally reimbursing numerous people who made campaign contributions to Councilmembers Lewis, Zucchet, and Inzunza.

If the ethics commissioners had allowed the bundling investigation to take place in 2002, it is likely that the federal indictments would have been avoided. But even after this scandal, the Ethics Commission refuses to investigate what its own director said is "ripe for investigation."

Melvin Shapiro Hillcrest

That Was Stupid

Good job! ("What's Going On at City Hall?" January 6) Now you could address the oxymoron of a three-candidate race in a two-candidate runoff of a primary election.

Other observations, none of which I've come across in all the comments I've read and heard:

- The third candidate had not competed in the primary, yet was permitted to compete in a runoff of a primary in which she had not participated and, of course, had received no votes.
- A law passed to facilitate the counting of votes as efficiently as possible (blackened circles to be read by computers), then permitted to be ignored by people when faced with penalties, is no law at all. So why make it?
- Passing a law to keep the cost of elections low, then approving, even considering, ignoring that law, voids the value of law itself.
- The value of an efficient and inexpensive election is greater than that of a particular voter's wish. We all pay for our mistakes, a multitude of times over in our lives.
- The only legal and correct decision would have been, and still is, to rerun the runoff with the two candidates of the primary; the only intelligent decision would have been, and still is, to pragmatically stop the bleeding of money, and trouble, by permitting the mayor to serve the term, and tell all those people who don't like logic to get lost.
- Frye was given the go-ahead to run when she should not have been, and the person who did that should be shot for deciding that she had no chance, so let her collect signatures. That was stupid; she had asked for approval of an obviously illegal act. The person who permitted it should be fined the total cost of the mistake.

I have spoken!

Sal Gritz via e-mail

Agents Disappoint

Every week I pick up the *Reader* for one purpose — to read "Sheep and Goats."

Although the article (January 6) about Christian IRS agents was interesting, I was disappointed.

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Executive suit San Diego Regional Airport Authority board member **Bill Lynch** is getting more than a bit of personal education in the pitfalls of run-



Bill Lyn

ning an aviation-related business. Back in November 2001, according to a recently filed case in San Diego superior court, Lynch's company, Lynch Air LLC, signed a contract to buy a 1979 Dassault Falcon, a two-engine executive jet, for \$1,575,000. Lynch Air then agreed to lease the plane to a charter outfit called

ExecJet, Inc., for 15 years at \$10,937.50 a month. But, the suit alleges, ExecJet, a successor firm called Elite-Jet, and their principal, B. Scott Walker of Del Mar, stopped making the payments on July 1, 2003, and have "failed to pay since." The suit also complains that Walker failed to maintain the plane, forcing Lynch to come up with \$454,521.44 worth of "repairs and maintenance," along with \$11,000 or so in back taxes, as well as other miscellaneous costs. Lynch, the suit says, re-leased the Falcon to an outfit called Object Development Corp., which records show to be a software business in Orange County, in November 2003 for \$6000 a month. According to documents filed in the case, Walker no longer lives in San Diego County and was served at an address in Overland Park, Kansas. Lynch was named to the airport board (which is putting together a proposal for expanding and perhaps moving Lindbergh, to appear on the November 2006 county ballot) by his close friend Sheriff Bill **Kolender** in November 2002. He gets paid \$139,000 a year in that job and has said he contributes the money to his personal foundation.

Crooked shooters The editorial board over at the *Union-Tribune* lost more face last Tuesday with the defeat of **George Stevens**, the old Southeast



George Stev

san Diego pol, minister, and ex-city councilman whom the paper had endorsed over **Tony Young** to succeed the late **Charles Lewis**. "Stevens alone has the breadth of experience to tackle head-on the escalating legal and financial crises that grip San Diego," the paper trumpeted in its lead editorial the day be-

fore the election. "Stevens has the courage to stand up to the politically powerful public employee unions that dominate the council." One person whom the *U-T* hoped Stevens wouldn't stand up to was Chargers owner **Alex Spanos**, who has been seeking a big handout from city taxpayers to build a new stadium. The paper has mounted an all-out drive, complete with custom-ordered news coverage, to convince voters that the existing stadium is "crumbling" and must be replaced. During his decade on the council, Stevens was a sure vote for Chargers and Padres subsidies; donors to his campaign this fall included **Charles Steinberg**, the former Padres bigwig who is now chief public relations honcho for the Boston Red Sox.

Other maximum \$250 contributors included San Diego Unified School District superintendent **Alan Bersin**'s father **Arthur**. Stevens has been a frequent supporter of the superintendent's controversial re-

form moves. Among other donors were Republican assemblywoman **Shirley Horton**, for whom Stevens, a Democrat, has worked; ex-congressman Jim Bates, another former boss; and Mike Madigan, who lost his job as "czar" of the city-subsidized ballpark project when it came to light he'd bought a condo nearby. He was later fined \$1000 by the city ethics commission for failing to disclose his holdings and has now become head of the "East Village Association," currently waging a war against the homeless in the area around the baseball stadium. Stevens spent about \$14,000 of the \$35,000 he collected for the services of attorney Bob Ottilie, who waged a successful court fight to get Stevens on the ballot despite the city's term limits ... Stevens, 72, won't go hungry as a result of his election loss. According to his financial statement, he draws between \$10,000 and \$100,000 a year in city retirement, along with similar amounts from Veterans Administration disability payments, Social Security, and a mutual fund. "Also, I receive [retirement income] from the military and U.S. House of Representatives. All under \$10,000 a year." Stevens added that he'd inherited \$38,500 from his late aunt, Mable Crockett of Los Angeles.

High-income housing Superintendent **Alan Bersin** has finally sold his Point Loma house and moved into a manse down the hill in La Playa overlooking San Diego Bay. The controversial school honcho got \$1,250,000 in September, when he sold the house he bought for \$535,000 ten years ago. He's

moved into a home owned by greengrocer **Ron Cohn**, owner of Henry's market in Chula Vista. Cohn also owns another Point Loma home at 3250 McCall Street designed by renowned 84-year-old La Jolla architect **Robert**



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Mosher. Last February, the San Diego City Council voted 7-2 to approve Cohn's request that they block the 52-year-old house's official historical designation so that Cohn and his wife Guadalupe could tear it down or at least build a second story to take advantage of the view. "We instantly fell in love with the views and large lot," he told reporters before the council vote. Mosher said he was outraged by the mere suggestion of altering his masterpiece. "It didn't occur to me that someone would consider tearing it down," he told the Union-Tribune, "The idea was appalling to me." Reached by phone in his produce department last week, a busy Cohn said that he still hasn't done any work on the \$1.6 million house; historical preservationists have managed to stymie his home-improvement plans by taking their case to the state historic preservation office, he said. Asked about his famous tenant, he hung up

— Matt Potter

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John Moores's Mississippi Nightmare

By Don Bauder

A tsunami originating in the little town of Clinton, Mississippi, could soon whack the larger town of San Diego, California.

Clinton was the home base of WorldCom, an \$11 billion accounting fraud in the telecom industry. On be \$54 million. The difference between \$18 million and \$54 million will be paid by insurers. Ongoing crimi-



John Moores

Wednesday of last week, ten former outside directors of WorldCom agreed to pay \$18 million out of their own pockets to settle a class-action lawsuit brought by victims. The total payment is to nal actions continue in the case of WorldCom, which emerged from bankruptcy in April of last year, shed \$35 billion of debt, and moved from Mississippi to Virginia and changed its name to

MCI, a carrier it had purchased in 1998.

On Friday of last week, former directors of Enron agreed to a similar settlement: they will pay \$13 million of their own money to reimburse victims of that infamous scam

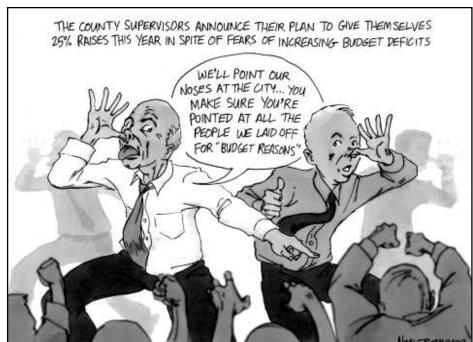
The WorldCom directors' collective mea culpa was the lead story on the front page of the New York Times Thursday, January 6, because it is very seldom that outside directors have to pony up for frauds that take place on their watch. "The era in which huge accounting scandals occur, and the board can just rely on insurance, is over," says San Francisco attorney Sol Cera. "In situations of massive failure, the individuals on the board in this new environment will have to dig into their own pockets at the end of the day to satisfy investor claims." Around the country, legal scholars generally agree with Cera: from now on, boards of directors must take more responsibility for frauds at their companies.

Cera is lead attorney in a lawsuit in federal court here against former board members and officials of Peregrine Systems, a San Diego fraud in which revenues were overstated by \$500 mil-

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Unkind Cut

By Ernie Grimm

onya Jamois, a housewife from San Marcos, leads an international grassroots movement battling the medical establishment.

Dressed in tennies and a raspberry-colored velour track suit, she sits in a purple armchair in the corner of a Starbucks in San Marcos with her legs curled underneath her. She answers questions in a voice that's hard to hear over the din of blenders and milk steamers.

Jamois is a fierce fighter when it comes to cesarean births and promoting the practice of helping women who have had cesareans giving birth to their next child vaginally. This practice, known as VBAC (pronounced VEE-back), an acronym for vaginal birth after cesarean, is falling out of favor with obstetricians and their malpractice insurance carriers.

Jamois is the president of International Cesarean Awareness Network, founded in 1982, she says, "to improve maternal child health by preventing unnecessary cesareans through education, to provide support for cesarean recovery, and to promote VBAC." But she wasn't even aware of the group's existence when her son was born cesarean in 1999. "Starting a week or two before my due date, I started getting pressure to induce, I really didn't understand why, and I resisted it," explains Jamois. "Ten days after my due date, I did go into labor and showed up at the hospital thinking I was really quite far along, and I was only one centimeter. And the hospital offered me an epidural right there, at one centimeter [of cervical dilation]. I wanted to do it naturally, because my mom did it, my grandmom did it; why shouldn't I? But I was completely unprepared, and so at two centimeters, I went ahead and took them up on the offer of the epidural, which put me flat on my back, and I couldn't push him. They tried all they could do to get him with the extractor, the vacuum, and

all of that, but they told me that my pelvis was wide enough but not tall enough for the baby to come out. His heart rate took a few dips, so off we went to the operating room because at that point it was considered an emergency. But it could have been avoided. Had I been thoroughly prepared and had I not had an epidural."

A year later, when she

found out she was expecting her second child, Jamois resolved to have the baby naturally. "I didn't want to have another cesarean," she says, "and looking at my experience, I knew my best chances would be if I wasn't hooked up to monitors and was able to move around and have a little bit more control over the situation. So I went and interviewed another obstetrician who was really kind of hostile when I asked about her cesarean rates and the way she practiced. So then I decided to call the Best Start Birth Center, which is the only freestanding birth center in San Diego. It is down in Hillcrest, and I lived up here in San Marcos, but I thought it was worth it to drive down to Hillcrest. And they told me that because of new guidelines put out by

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anymore. They said they

were really sorry; they had

never had a problem with

VBACs, but their obstetri-

cians wouldn't back them up

the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, they couldn't do VBACs at the Birth Center

guidelines."

The College of Obstetricians' guidelines state that VBACs ought not be per-

formed unless an obstetrician is on hand for the entire labor. Normal practice is for the mother to labor under the care of hospital nurses and the doctor to show up for the final pushing and

Jamois gave birth to a daughter vaginally in 2001, and her life became very busy, not just because of the new baby, but because she became increasingly involved with the International Cesarean Awareness Network "because," she says, "I wanted to help educate other women on the birth issue — not only the politics behind VBAC but also safety, so they could make informed decisions. I started a San Diego chapter of ICAN in 2002 and then was asked to join the board of directors for the national organization shortly thereafter. And now I am the president."

about 40 hours per week doing this work. She's been pressuring the directors of Pomerado Hospital in Poway to reverse a recent policy banning vaginal births for women who have had cesareans. She wrote an editorial, which appeared in the New York Daily News on December 11, 2004. She's been quoted in New York Times stories. And recently, she got up before 4:00 in the morning to make a live satellitelinked appearance on the Today show. The message she's trying to get across is twofold. "There are two divergent trends," she says. "First is the fact that the cesarean birthrate has risen to close to 30 percent, meaning 30 percent of women who go to the hospital to have a baby will get cut. After that, they have to deal with the VBAC issue, and VBACs have gone

Jamois says she spends

from almost 30 percent in the 1990s to less than 11 percent."

Regarding the rising cesarean rate, Jamois acknowledges that part of the increase in cesarean births is attributable to a rise in "elective cesareans," the practice of choosing to have the baby cut out of the uterus in order to avoid the pain and recovery issues associated with natural delivery. "But that only accounts for one to two percent of all of them," she says. "It is a very small number, though it has gotten a lot of attention in the media. But that is not what is driving the high cesarean rate, in my opinion."

The driving force, Jamois says, is "an appalling lack of information given to women about the long-term risks of y a cesarean.... [Cesareans] are linked to infertility, miscar-



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lion from 1999 to 2001. During the same period, losses were understated by \$2.5 billion. It is the board's job to

supervise inside accountants and outside auditors. "When sales figures are inflated, the board holds ultimate responsibility," says Marianne Jennings, J.D., professor of legal and ethical studies in the college of business at Arizona State University.

Several civil suits are pending against former Peregrine directors, both in state and federal court, along with ongoing federal criminal and civil investigations. Critical differences make the

Peregrine directors appear more vulnerable than the WorldCom directors. For one, the WorldCom directors, for the most part, appear to have been actual outside directors, who have already admitted their sins.

"Many of these World-Com outside directors were not even located in the same state as WorldCom. Apparently, they were truly outside overseers who have acknowledged their own responsibility for the financial

wrongdoing," says Pat Meyer, a San Diego attorney who represents a group of Texas investors who lost money in Peregrine. By contrast, "Many of the Peregrine directors were working side by side in the same office location and were involved in day-to-day activities of Peregrine."

Meyer continues, "Some of the outside directors in Peregrine were involved in forming the company and bringing it public and, until just prior to the financial disclosures of the problems, were major shareholders."

In fact, San Diego-based Peregrine was dominated by San Diego board members. When Peregrine went public in April of 1997, the prospectus acknowledged that the company subleased 13,310 square feet of office space to JMI Services, controlled by then-Peregrine chairman John Moores. Charles F. Noell III, a longtime associate of Moores, was president of JMI Services, a board member of Peregrine, and a member of both the audit and compensation committees. According to civil suits, Moores spent parts of his working days at Peregrine, dealing with executives and board members. Says Cera's federal suit, a combination of filings by several law firms, Moores "had control of Peregrine through his control and domination of the board." The lawsuit describes in detail how "almost every board member had ties to Moores."

There is another critical difference between the former WorldCom directors and the former Peregrine directors. The former World-Com directors "lost about \$250 million on their World-Com shares," according to the Wall Street Journal. By contrast, the Peregrine directors — particularly Moores — raked in hundreds of millions before the company's problems were publicly aired.

According to a suit filed by the bankruptcy court-appointed Peregrine Litigation Trust, during the period of the fraud, board members dumped \$540 million worth of stock. "Over \$487 million of that amount is attributable to Mr. Moores alone," says the suit. After the

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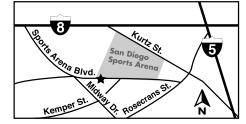
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company went public in 1997, he sold \$650 million worth of stock, almost all he controlled. At the time of the stock sales, board members "were aware of material nonpublic information related to the financial condition and business prospects of the company," says the suit.

The former Enron directors had dumped stock during a period in which false information was sending it up. Significantly, those ex-directors agreed to cough up 10 percent of their pretax profits from this stock trading.

Both the Peregrine Litigation Trust suit and the Cera suit outline how the company's chief executive told the board members prior to board meetings that things were not going well, the outside accounting firm was nervous, regulators were cracking down on shabby accounting practices, and other software firms concocting the same tricks as Peregrine had been pounced on by government regulators. "The insiders knew of adverse developments not known to the investing public," says the Peregrine Litigation Trust suit, citing advance knowledge of distorted accounting, poor sales, and an acquisition that they knew would depress the price of the stock. (The insiders were prescient: Peregrine's stock plunged from \$58 to \$36.75 on the day of the acquisition announcement and within several weeks had hit \$18. Moores had voted for the purchase, but only after he had jettisoned \$177 million of stock, according to the suit.)

The former WorldCom outside directors were probably afraid that the lawsuit would have exposed more have been disclosed in the course of lember "wrongdoing that could and they would be forced to pay more than \$18 million, according to the New York Times.

The WorldCom settlement "sends a message to folks who are serving as folks who are serving as members of boards that they 2 really need to perform an

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oversight role in a careful and prudent way," says San Francisco-based attorney Richard Heimann, who is suing former Peregrine directors on behalf of shareholders of a company that Peregrine purchased. "The whole case in Peregrine revolves around egregious accounting and financial practices by the company some of the most outrageous that I have ever seen, and I have been practicing 25 years."

Like other civil suit attorneys, he does not view Moores as an outside director. "His ownership of stock, connection with senior management and other members of the board, and his physical location — it's very difficult to understand how he could not be aware of the situation," says Heimann. "We have documents that tend to establish even more knowledge on his part; those documents were produced in discovery, and I can't talk about them in specific detail."

The civil lawsuits help to make the case. For example, Noell and other close Moores associates were on the audit committee. Although the company's by-



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laws required that minutes be kept of each meeting, investigators could find no minutes, "no resolutions reflecting its decisions, and no agendas," says the Peregrine Litigation Trust lawsuit. "Other than illegible scrib-

blings" and a few special presentations by the outside auditor, "there is scant evidence the committee even existed.

CITY LIGHTS

The Cera suit agrees that the audit committee's failures "permitted the pervasive accounting fraud to go forward." However, at one of the special outside auditor meetings, the auditing firm (the now-defunct Arthur Andersen) stressed that Peregrine was improperly recognizing revenue and "not

truthfully" disclosing this in filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission. But no change was made. In October of 2001, Andersen told the audit committee that "Peregrine was intentionally and repeatedly violating generally accepted accounting principles." The suit says Noell told Moores about the meeting right afterward.

This information is all available to government investigators. "The U.S. attorney's office brought criminal charges against a number of people," says Heimann. "As is typical, they first go after folks lower down and then move up the organization as far as the evidence takes them. I would not be surprised if others are indicted."

Moores has proclaimed all along that he did not know of the shenanigans. So have other board members. His attorney did not return calls asking about what the WorldCom settlement means to the Peregrine

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riage, ectopic pregnancy, and placenta abnormalities such as placenta accreta, which is when the placenta embeds into the scar tissue in the uterus [from a prior cesarean] and even grows through it. The [pre-surgery] informed-consent documents that women get at the hospital usually pertain to the risks that day of surgery blood loss, infection, that sort of thing — but they don't go into long-term effects. It is not an optimal thing; it is much better not to have one. [Cesarean birth] is definitely life-saving in the right circumstances; it is just overused. The World Health Organization says there is no reason for any region of the world to have a rate higher than 10 to 15 percent. Right now we are pushing 30 percent; some states are well over 30 percent. In California, we are slightly above the national average; we are at 27.9 percent. The national average is at 27.6 percent."

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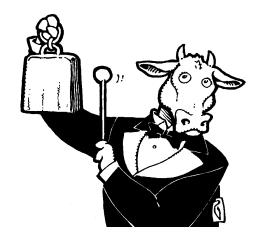


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



MATTHEW ALICE

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I was recently doing some deep thinking on the origin of the cowbell (as a musical instrument). I can't figure out if it's the chicken or the egg. Did we put the bell on the cow, or did we steal

First time man hit thing with stick to make a musical sound: way, way, way long time ago. First things made from metal that might be hit with a stick to make a sound: 10,000 years ago. Cows, goats, sheep, horses domesticated: 5, maybe 6000 years ago. Metal noisemakers, including bells, stuck on Egyptian and Asian domesticated animals to ward off evil: 3000 years ago. Multiple tuned bells stuck on grazing goats by Greeks: 2500 years ago. Cowbell removed from cow, added to percussion armamentarium in Cuban dance bands: 70, 75 years ago. Cuban dance bands take New York by storm: 55 years ago. War records "Low Rider": 30 years ago.

Hevmatt:

If my best friend or uncle entered the federal Witness Protection Program, would I even know it? I mean, would he and his family just disappear? What explanations are given, if any, to friends and family members when someone has to change their identity?

— Baffled in Clairemont

The law says no one connected with anything or anyone even remotely related to the WITSEC (Witness Security) program can say a word to anyone or anything about anyone or anything involved in the WITSEC program. That's the law, anyway. But you gotta know that with, say, 7000 witnesses and their 20,000 protected spouses and kids, somebody's going to say something to somebody somewhere along the line. But most of these protected witnesses are criminals themselves; so if your crook uncle disappears, you'll probably figure it's witness protection, not aliens. That's enough of theory, here's some reality. Yours truly knows of a protected witness. I don't actually know him; I just know somebody who knows him. And that somebody told me his friend was a protected witness. The witness's mom spilled the beans to my friend. I think she considered it her son's greatest life accomplishment. So if I know, then you've gotta figure a whole lot of other people know too. But it's not supposed to work that way.

Why do people have those firefighter stickers on the back of their cars? I figure the driver must work for the fire department. But why are they advertising it? Is it in case there's a fire on the freeway, and the call goes out, "Is there firefighter on the freeway?" Then someone can reply, "That driver is a firefighter!" That's my best guess.

Hmmm — an emergency communication system one step up from smoke signals and log drums. In fact a yellow-helmet sticker with red letters signifies a dues-paying member of the California State Firefighters Association. A voluntary professional organization. Red-helmet stickers are given out by certain fire districts (e.g., City of San Diego, CDF, etc.) to all firefighters in their employ. Not all districts do this. If you tailgate 'em, you can probably read what district they're from.

Articles have been written regarding the uncertainty of the future of the Social Security system. The system is nearly 70 years old, and they probably add thousands of people each day. My question is, will they run out of numbers in 10 to 15 years?

— Dave from Arkansas

As you say, the SSA is loaded with numbers, though few have dollar signs in front of them. At the rate we're adding bodies to the U.S. population (net gain of 12 per second, according to the Census Bureau), we will run out of Social Security numbers on maybe a Wednesday afternoon the second week of January of 2122. Numbers are assigned in three groups of three digits, four digits, and four digits. If all digits were available to be assigned, we'd have a pool of 1 billion. But since no group can consist of all zeroes, we're down to 988,911,099. If we subtract the current U.S. population from that (on the faulty assumption that everyone in the U.S. has a Social Security number), it will take a little over 117 years to use up the rest, perhaps outliving the system itself. Much more interesting, though, according to the SSA, is the fact that the first person to apply for a Social Security number back in 1936 died before he was eligible for benefits. An omen.

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Chargers Wrap-up

here's a reason why Marty is 5-12 in playoff games. Defense, an excellent quarterback, and a good front line can get you into the postseason, but once in, you need to take risks; be assured, the other team will.

So, when the Chargers had the ball on the Jets' 22-yard line, 1st down, game tied, in overtime, I absolutely knew Marty was going to call three running plays in a row. So did the Jets, the fans at Qualcomm, and the great world of men in undershorts watching the game on TV.

This time of year all the teams are good — or at least capable of being good. Normally, every coach is trying to win. Match him with a coach who's trying not to lose, and more often than not, the coach who's trying to win, wins. Marty has never figured that out.

Then again, perhaps I'm being too harsh on the coach of the year. When I want to tune up my assumptions, I invariably look to accordions; in this instance, Ferino's Music Repair & Tuning on Robinson Avenue. An older man with a thick Italian accent answers the phone. I ask, "Did you watch Saturday's game?'

We watched in Las Vegas. We just come last night back. My son, my son, he goes over there. He watches all the time. My son is very, very...he likes the

"When did you realize the Chargers might lose

"I don't believe they losing."

I will take that as definitive. "How long have you been in the company of accordions?" The question is meant to move our conversation gracefully to its end.

"My father make accordion. I work in that and repair and tune piano. Every day.

Now, I'm interested. "Are there a lot of people who play accordion in San Diego?'

'Yes, we have accordion club here in San Diego. Maybe two, three hundred peoples.'

I have got to attend an accordion-club meeting. "That's a lot of people."

"Yeah, a lot. It's nice. We have, every year, a convention in Las Vegas also. Next June, July we have other conventions. People come from Italy, from Canada, from anyplace. Maybe five, six hundred

I can't stop myself. "What instruments do you

"I play accordion, but I play piano, saxophone, clarinet — all the instruments I repairing. Also inventor. You know, inventor?"

No turning back. "What did you invent?"

"I invent the hybrid car. Electric and gas. I make, myself, car by hand. I have patents with that. Thirtytwo years ago I started making hybrids. Japanese just making now.'

I'll need to know where he was born, his early years, how he got to San Diego, recreational activities, family, dreams, and hopes, but first..."You've got the patent; can't you make money out of that?'

"No. You have 17 years' control with your patent. Now, no more. Everybody can make. I just watch."

"I saw it, and it was completely disappointing," says Jeremy of California Police Equipment on El Cajon Boulevard.

"At what point did you begin to think the Chargers were going to lose?'

"Halftime. They weren't playing their A game. It was very obvious. We didn't play them like we were playing for a serious win."

"Did anybody in your shop watch the game?" Marilyn, of On Comic Ground, "Mainstream, Alternative & Underground Comics," doing business on University Avenue, replies; actually, she's talking to someone in the store. I figure he's an employee. I hear Marilyn ask, "Hey, Patrick, did you watch the game?"

Can't make out his reply. Marilyn, continuing her conversation with Patrick, says, "Okay, I heard we lost too, but I didn't watch it."

I break in, "Does anybody have an opinion about the Chargers?"

"Gee, I don't know." Marilyn moves away from the phone, asks Patrick, "Do you have an opinion about the Chargers?"

Silence. Silence. And more silence. Then a soft, scraping noise. Marilyn says, "He thinks they're doing pretty good this year.

And you, do you think they're doing good?"

"Yeah, I would say the same thing. I mean, sure, they lost in overtime because of a kick, but you can't take away the rest of the season. I mean, how many other teams did they beat to get to where they were?"

"That's true."

"But, I'm afraid for next year. Usually when you do good one year you don't do good the next.'

Time for that graceful exit. "How long have you been at On Comic Ground?"

"Ten years."

"What's your best-seller?"

"Oh, gosh, probably Astonishing X-Men right

"Do best-sellers come and go?"

"Yeah, it depends on the writers. If they get a better opportunity, they'll move on to something else. They usually sign for a year. So, most of them will do at least 12 issues. Sometimes, especially if the writer is really good, he can double the amount of readers you

Sounds like coaching in the NFL.

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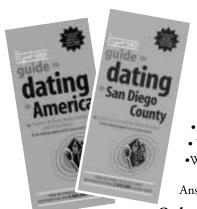
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SHEEP AND GOATS

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Denomination: nondenominational Address: 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, 619-987-6200 Founded locally: July 2003 Senior pastor: Pastor Art Murillo Congregation size: 250–300 Staff size: 1 Sunday school enrollment: 45 **Annual budget:** didn't have information Weekly giving: didn't have information Singles program: no Dress: casual Diversity: Hispanic, white Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. **Length of reviewed service:** 2 hours Website: www.thewaycc.com

"More than nine out of ten people go to counseling because they do not have a close meaningful relationship in church. Many people will go their entire life and struggle to find a good friend. It is hard to find people who get to know our ugly side and still accept us and love us," Pastor Art Murillo said in his sermon entitled, "The Blessing of Friendship."

Murillo's sermon continued a five-week series — "Enjoying God's Blessings."

"The Bible has a lot to say about blessings," remarked Murillo. "We see God's blessing in creation, his priestly blessing, a blessing on the congregation, and the blessing of friendship."

Pastor Murillo's sermon examined Jonathan and David's relationship in the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel. The sermon offered suggestions such as: to be a friend requires a personal investment; a friend speaks well of their friend; a friend is willing to risk. Murillo encouraged his congregation to "learn the value of developing deep friendships. If you cannot trust a friend, you are flying solo. It will be a matter of time before you fail."

The Way Christian Church is located at Southwestern College

in Chula Vista. A dozen illustrated sandwich boards guide visitors to find parking and the church building. The church meets in half of the cafeteria, split by a sliding partition wall. The older children meet in nearby classrooms, and the infants play in an adjoining room.

In the cafeteria/sanctuary, walls are beige, the carpets of utility quality, and the seating, interlocked steel-frame chairs. On the front stage, a Plexiglas pulpit was backed by a curtain that hid the wall behind. On stage were faux trees, speakers, and musical instruments.

Max greeted me as I entered the building. Max and several people serving as greeters wore shirts and ties. Most of the congregation wore jeans and casual attire. As I entered farther into the building, several congregants welcomed me to their church. One greeter, Brett Burner, filled out a nametag for me to wear. Prior to service, people socialized as a worship CD played on a nearby CD player. Several worshippers sat with their heads bowed, reading

Service started with worship. Pastor Murillo

led worship on keyboard, accompanied by drums, electric guitar, bass, and background vocals sung by two women. We sang "Your Love Is Amazing," "Better Is One Day," and "This Is My Desire." No lyrics were provided on paper to the songs. Instead, Pastor Murillo spoke the verse prior to singing it or repeated the verse several times. As I looked around the room, everyone seemed to know the lyrics already. The congregation clapped their hands, and some raised their hands as they sang. Max bent down on his knees, hands outstretched and his head bowed. After 45 minutes, Pastor Murillo ended the singing with a prayer.

Pastor Art Murillo leads worship and preaches each Sunday. "I like being in the music ministry. I am not just the shepherd in teaching the Bible but also lead worship." Murillo characterizes the worship as "lively, upbeat, and contemporary. We like to turn it up, get funky, and have fun."

Prior to starting The Way Christian Church, Murillo served for seven years as worship pastor at Mission Valley Christian Fellowship

(MVCF). "I came aboard when MVCF was one-and-a-half years old. After I joined, we saw substantial growth in numbers." I asked Murillo why he left MVCF. "It wasn't my decision to leave. God put a thought in my mind and I waited until it was the right time."

After service, people gathered around coffee and donuts. The donuts cost 50 cents. I asked Brett Burner why he was attracted to this church. "Art can preach to the most seasoned Christian as well as the newcomer. The trend I've seen in San Diego is a watered-down message." Burner and his family followed Pastor Murillo from MVCF. Burner estimated that over 100 people from the congregation came from MVCF. "A lot of people come from MVCF to look and see what we are doing. Many stay at The Way



The Way Christian Church

many stay at The Way but some end up returning to MVCF."

Murillo spoke to me about The Way's distinctiveness. "We have an emphasis on doing less church activity. I know for a fact, working with other ministries, there is a tremendous emphasis on people being at church seven days a week. This often adds up to being busier, and people become fatigued. Being busy is not necessarily healthy." Pastor Murillo said his desire was for the church to go out and live the Christian life rather than attend Bible studies each night. Murillo decided that small groups should meet once a month. "Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when we announced this," said Murillo. "We want people to invite others over for dinner, to meet for coffee, and be the church during the week."

I asked Murillo the question I ask every week. What happens to someone after they die? "After we die, we all give an account for our lives. If we've received forgiveness through Jesus Christ, we enter into glory with our Lord. For those who have not believed in Jesus, they will go into judgment [Hell]."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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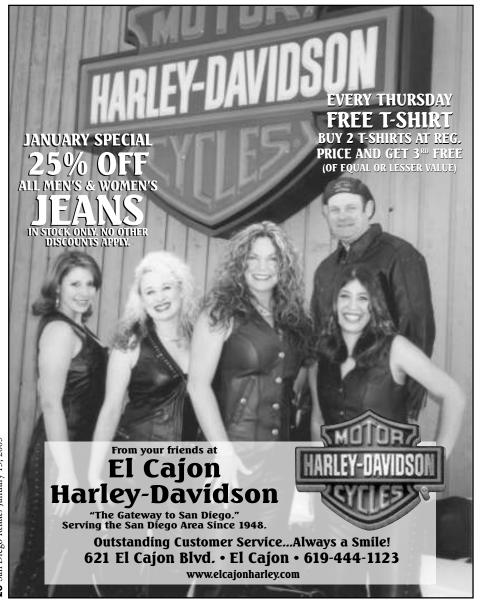
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Dear Saffron,

I was up late one night last week working at the computer. My neighbor phoned and said, "I saw your light on, otherwise I wouldn't call you at midnight. Just thought you might like to know that when I was walking my dog past your house five minutes ago I saw two kids toilet-papering your front yard." I ran outside in my pajamas and, sure enough, I saw a couple of boys in the act of TPing the premises. Though it was dark, I thought I recognized them as brothers friends of my 11-year-old son. Let's call these brothers Isaac and Jacob. They're 10 and 12. I yelled at them to stop. They sprinted across the street and jumped into a silver SUV, which looked suspiciously like their dad's car, and were driven away at high speed. I trudged back inside the house. Next morning, my yard was a mess. The sprinklers had gone on during the night and so there was wet toilet paper glued to trees, the lawn, my son's basketball hoop, my wife's herb garden, and the mailbox. My son said, "I bet Isaac and Jacob did this. They said they were going to." I called the brothers' house and told their mother the story. She promised to look into it and call me back. When she did, she admitted that Isaac and Jacob did indeed TP our house, and her husband helped them plan it and drove them to the scene. She acted unsurprised and casual about it. "We thought you'd think it was funny," she said. She didn't apologize. Then she said, "I guess the best thing to do is for you to retaliate." I'm not sure what she meant by this. I'm supposed to drive my son over and toiletpaper her house? Fat chance. I told her it took me over an hour to clean up the yard and I didn't think it was the least bit funny. I also expressed surprise that her husband participated in this escapade and said I was mad at him. My wife and I are friends, or so we thought, with Isaac and Jacob's parents. The dad is a psychotherapist, if you can believe that. The next day I got a phone message from Isaac's dad, reiterating what his wife had said — that he thought my wife and I would find having our house toilet-papered "amusing." He didn't apologize, either. My wife and I are furious at this couple for allowing their kids to do this, and for acting like we should regard having our yard turned into a chaos of mushy wet paper as a delightful joke. Why can't these parents think of something more constructive for their sons to do at night if they're bored? Can't they just play chess or something? I can't be too mad at Isaac and Jacob because their folks sanctioned this spree. But my wife and I are

appalled. We don't feel so good about the parents, our so-called friends, anymore. Am I an old-fashioned fuddy-duddy or is there something wrong here? Do all the hip and cool dads these days drive their kids around so they can trash neighbors' yards?

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I've crash-landed into the post-holiday wasteland. The parties and planning are over. Where needed, gifts have been returned or exchanged. The Christmas tree has kept its date with the wood chipper, and the holiday decorations are packed away. Kisses at midnight

on New Year's Eve eased me into 2005, but now I'm sad. Time to curl up by the fire with husband Patrick and a big bowl of coffee ice cream, my preferred low-effort pick-me-up. It satisfies my sweet tooth and gives the swaddling comfort of cream, but the hint of bitter coffee gives it just a touch of sophistication.

The Christmas account actually had a few pennies left over this year, so I decided to treat myself. I bought all the high-end grocery store brands and then hit three local boutiques: MooTime Creamery in Coronado, MaggieMoo's in Mission Valley, and Cold Stone Creamery in Grossmont Center in search of the crème de la crème of coffee ice cream. Three gal pals joined Patrick and me for a round of taste testing.

We started by scooping into the Breyers [\$5.99 for 1.75 quarts at Vons]. All agreed that it had a light coffee flavor and a slight caramel finish. Said Lynn, "If you didn't really like coffee, this would be a good coffee ice cream — it's so creamy and mild." Everybody agreed that Ben & Jerry's [\$3.99 for one pint at Vons] was mild to a fault, and more icy than creamy in texture.

For Elisa and Shawn, texture was the sticking point when it came to the Häagen-Dazs [\$4.19 for one pint at Vons]. "It's sticky in my mouth, like peanut butter," complained Shawn. "That's because you didn't let it soften a bit first," rejoined Elisa. "Once it sits, the texture becomes very smooth, with hints of nutty flavor. I like the way it has a sudden strong coffee flavor that dissi-

pates after I swallow. It doesn't leave a bitter aftertaste." Shawn thought better of the Starbucks Classic [\$5.89 for one quart at Vons]. "Yum. A vivid coffee flavor, balanced by cream.' Lynn added, "It tastes like a Frappuccino.

We rounded out the grocery store samplings with Double Rainbow [\$3.29 for one quart at Trader Joe's]. The intensity of the coffee flavor perked me right up. I rolled the melting mouthful over my tongue and let the flecks of espresso bean tickle my taste buds. It reminded me of how I like my morning coffee — very strong, but lots of cream and milk and a touch of sugar. Lynn thought it came on too strong in the coffee department, and was also "too rich, like a double fudge torte." Elisa joined me in admiring the intensity, but was turned off

"To make the ice cream, I drain it off and strain the paste through the cream."

by the espresso flecks. "It's gritty in my throat when I swallow.

Among the boutique brands, both Patrick and I gave the nod to MooTime [\$2.95-\$3.95 for a single serving plus an add-in]. "It's got that coffee bitterness, balanced by an acidity I might find in well-brewed espresso," marveled Patrick. "And

the texture is practically like gelato.' Everybody agreed that Cold Stone's coffee [\$3.19-\$3.99 for a single serving plus an add-in] reminded them of butter, so fat was the sensation on the tongue. The coffee flavor was detectable, but sweet cream was the overwhelming force on the palate. MaggieMoo's [\$3.79-\$4.49 for a single serving, an add-in, and a plain waffle cone] sported a fresh, clean texture, but an odd minty flavor distracted us from the alreadyminimal coffee taste.

The next day, I called David Spatafore, MooTime's owner, to get the scoop on his ice cream. "The coffee is my

favorite," he explained, "so I make it strong and bold. I make a heavy coffee paste, using coffee grounds, vanilla, cocoa, and very hot

water. To make ice cream, I drain it off and strain the paste through the cream; it has an intense flavor profile. From there, the character of the ice cream depends partly on

the fat content you want. I use heavy cream, buttermilk, and egg yolks, which makes it more dense and gives it a custardy flavor. Our ice cream is 16 percent butterfat." When I said that MooTime's ice cream reminded me of gelato, he replied, "It does, a bit. I like gelato, too, but most people in America don't care for real Italian gelato, because the fat content is down around three percent butterfat.'

The other thing that determines character is "how much air you put into it when you whip it and freeze it," said Spatafore. You have to have some air, otherwise, you couldn't scoop through it. It would be a big block of frozen milk. Most commer-

cial companies put in over 100 percent air. That means, if they put in a gallon of ice cream mix, they get two gallons of ice cream. We put in more like 30 to 40 percent air.

Spatafore gave a brief rundown of the process. "You've got to turn it and freeze it at the same time. It's made with a continuous freezer, which is like a big washing machine that's frozen. We can put up to 80 gallons of mix into our freezer barrel. We run the mix through tubes, and it spins around in the tubes and freezes. When it comes out, it looks like soft serve. From there, it goes into a deep freezer overnight at negative 40 degrees. The freezer is called a hardening cabinet; the ice cream gets rock hard. The cabinet freezes it fast enough that it doesn't collapse. It holds the air in. Then it goes to an ice cream shop, where we bring it up to 0 to 10 degrees. That way, it can

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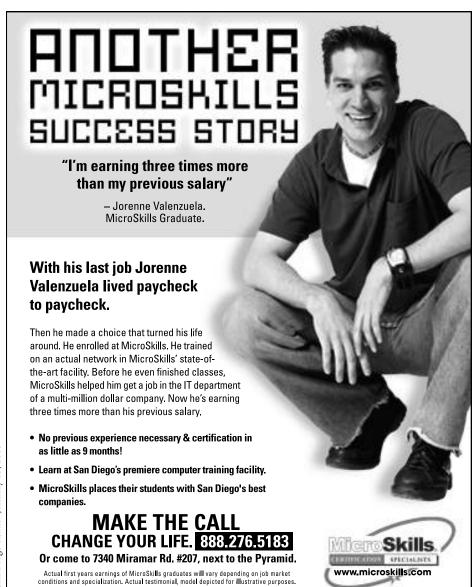
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Thirty Years Ago

THIS EERIE MALE, having sauntered past the century mark with plumbing intact and functioning, would like an eerie female around the house. Special inducement, spring trip to Lake Erie.

— CLASSIFIEDS: "PERSONALS," January 16, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

People like [Jonathan] Saville can get so involved in being negative that they lose sight of the important things in life like sincerity and wholesomeness. What we need in this country today is more entertainment like *Annie*, entertainment to which anyone would be proud to take their children.

— LETTERS: "BELITTLED ORPHAN ANNIE," Delia West, January 17, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

If I got invited to President Reagan's inaugural ball, I would really make a night of it. To begin with, I'd look slick. I would spring for the best tux money could rent, and go with the red velvet bow tie, even if it cost extra. I'd give one of those old black guys downtown five bucks to spitshine my dress shoes. As far as accessories, some light finger jewelry — and a pair of shades, just in case.

I'd cop a full gram of butt-kicking blow, so I could duck into the john now and then for a quick toot. I'd definitely go stag, because you never know who you might hook up with at the White House. I don't know if big-time reporters get to go to these things, but I certainly wouldn't mind a little midnight romp in the Rose Garden with Connie Chung, Diane Sawyer, or even Barbara Walters, if I was drunk enough.

— EVENTS: "AN INVITATION TO THE BALL,"

Bill Owens, January 17, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

The Time: Last Saturday night. The Place: Sheraton Harbor Island's CHAMPAGNE BALLROOM. The Event: March of Dimes' FETE X FIVE, a *trés gourmet* 69th BIRTH-DAY CELEBRATION for superchef, superauthor, *New York Times* food supercritic, television (*Cuisine Rapide*) superstar PIERRE FRANEY!!!

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San Diego Reader, January 17,1985

Tarte Fine Chaude au Saumon Fumé, Shrimp in Spiced Carrot Juice, and Saddle of Lamb with Stuffing, for starters.

— "ON THE TOWN," Liz Lang, January 19, 1990

Ten Years Ago

To clean up Rebecca's toys at the end of the day, I have to crawl around the living room floor on my hands and knees because I can't bend down far enough to pick up the little pieces to her puzzles or the little utensils for her kitchen....With all these immediate discomforts and inconveniences, I forget sometimes that there's an actual person inside me. My husband Jack reminds me. He comes home from work at the end of the day and smiles at my astonishingly large belly. Putting his mouth very close to my pokedout belly button, he intones, "Hello in there. This is your father speaking. Come out soon. We want to meet you."

— KID STUFF: **"COME OUT SOON. WE WANT TO MEET YOU,"** Anne Albright, January 12, 1995

Five Years Ago

Say "millennium" real fast as many times as you can before you puke. For me, I can't get past the first pronunciation of the word.

At Patricks II, a real bar if there was such a thing, a survivor from the night before is nursing a cup of coffee; he prefers to remain nameless. "Yeah, we had the Zydeco Rockers in here last night. It was a good scene. It doesn't look too messy now, but it took seven hours to clean up." Great. "So it was a real mess?"

"No, not really. It was mostly confetti and stuff."

On Fifth Avenue a city cleanup detachment has pretty well done its job. "We've been at this since 6:00," says John Tulley. "Fourth Avenue was pretty hammered, littered. We needed push brooms, shovels, leaf blowers." My pride in San Diego was returning.

— CITY LIGHTS: "PICKING UP THE SHARDS," John Brizzolara, January 13, 2000

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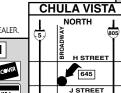






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soup. The guy at the door welcomed the crasher in with open
arms. And then...

A few people asked me what the deal was with my red bow tie. A few others asked what exactly I was writing about.

I noticed this beautiful threestory house had a black piano and a lot of cheeses, chips, and snacks on a table near it. The counter had lots of bottles. As I made my way to the kitchen, after being there a total of 12 minutes, I saw a guy talking to two women. He was clearly drunk, his body swaying as he talked loudly. I put my hand on his shoulder and said to the gals, "It looks like he's had too much to drink." He grabbed my hand and said, "What are you saying? Are you that damn reporter? You're leaving this party now!" He then grabbed my arms and was pushing me toward the door. The women pleaded with him to calm down. He looked back, saying, "This guy is going to write all this dirt about us. Fuck that! I'm getting rid of him." Since I wasn't moving and he was trying to move me, he said, "Don't make this any



harder, man. I can casually walk you out, or we can do this the hard way."

I started looking for the guy who'd welcomed me. I saw him in the other room talking to someone, but I couldn't remember his name (I found out later it was Kris). I told this drunk guy, "That guy over there said he was cool with me being here." The drunk kept pushing me, and finally Kris saw what

They argued a bit more, and I was allowed to stay. I scurried out to the back patio with the smokers until things cooled down.

There was a man and woman

"Why are you fighting it, dude? Kick back and enjoy it."

was happening and came over. He said, "No. He's cool, he can stay." The drunk responded, "No, he can't. He's out of here! Who are you?"

"I live here," Kris said. "And I don't know you. Who are you?"

"I'm friends with Susie." It was Susie's 27th birthday party, and she was renting a room here. each playing a guitar and singing. Sometimes they played along to the songs coming from the house, Bob Marley and Sublime. Breann Petree was the gal's name. She asked, "Are you going to make me famous by writing about me?"

She told me she was in a band in L.A. called Johanna and the Stir,

and they played at the Viper Room, the club that Johnny Depp owns, where River Phoenix died. When somebody said something about blondes not being smart, Breann said, "I just got into Mensa yesterday." She ran upstairs — she was also renting a room here — and brought down a letter showing she had passed the admittance test. She told me she was going to school, and I asked what she wanted to do when she finished. She thought about it for a minute and said, "I'd like to be a housewife."

When we went inside, she sat at the piano and played a number of songs, a lot of classical pieces. The more she drank, the more we'd

hear her hit wrong notes. If anyone mentioned a composer, she'd start playing something by that composer.

After Breann finished, a guy sat at the piano. He sang "Piano Man," and ten others joined in, yelling along. At some point, the piano bench broke, so they wheeled out a chair. As another guy tried to play, Breann sat on his lap.

The more she drank, the more people she jumped on. There was a tall guy who rents a room here. He's from Massachusetts, and at one point, she jumped on his back for a piggyback ride. When he tried playing the piano (he's a beginner), she kept correcting him.

When I sat down at the piano to play one of the five songs I know, Breann started pretending to do a striptease. I asked someone if they had any dollar bills, and Breann jumped on my lap. She was facing me as she gave me a lap dance. I looked over at Kris and he said, "Why are you fighting it, dude? Kick back and enjoy it."

Soon after that, the Massachusetts roommate carried her upstairs to her room. He came back down and was cleaning the place up. He was a really nice guy, with lots of interesting stories on a variety of topics.

I got to this party after midnight, just as many of the guests were leaving. One guy was shout-







ing into a cell phone around 1:30 a.m., giving directions to this party. One guy showed up with a bottle he handed to Susie, saving, "I stole this at another party to bring to you."

Susie, the birthday girl, was a cute, petite Vietnamese. Her boyfriend was a tall, goodlooking white guy who looked like Matt Dillon. They were going to Longboards, and some of the crowd went with them. I wasn't sure why people would go out for a beer when there was plenty of booze here, and lots of their friends.

I was looking at the photos on the wall from various countries that Susie had been to. She had taken all these photos.

Susie and her boyfriend returned 45 minutes later, and she told me about her travels. I also found out she was a surfer. Her boyfriend told me he got kicked out of Longboards. "My friend got drunk and he was being obnoxious. They told me to get him out of there. I did, but this new bouncer over there that I don't like had to make some comments as we were leaving. So, we go back, and it became this big deal. They told me I could never come back there. I've spent thousands of dollars there, and now I'm 86'd. I even called and apologized, but they said I'm not welcome there. Can vou write about that?

I asked him why he hangs out with a guy who gets drunk and obnoxious. I happened to visit Longboards a week later and brought up the story with a manager. He was nice and said he thought they handled the situation properly.

The guy from Massachusetts (who reminded me of that character Bull from Night Court) had cleaned up most of the mess, and I asked him what he did for a living. He said, "I clone things," He then joked about a few other jobs he'd had. When I mentioned his attempts at piano, he said, "I'm just learning. Breann is teaching me how to play. I used to play trumpet."

I said, "The trumpet isn't an instrument you can just play at a party, the way you can a guitar or piano. It's not like you can start whipping out some Miles Davis tune."

He said, "Yeah. If somebody died, I could always play 'Taps.' You can't just go into a Miles Davis solo, though."

He told me a funny story about some women who'd moved in across the street. "We wanted to welcome them to the neighborhood, the way people used to do with neighbors. So we made them a cake. We made it from scratch, and we were going to bring it to them, but they weren't home. Finally we saw them backing up. Susie ran out there and stopped them, and we brought them the cake."

I told him it's nice to hear about neighbors doing stuff like that, especially since I kept hearing about neighbors fighting over Christmas lights this year. He said, "Yeah, well, they were all really hot. That's probably why we did it."

He then went to bed.

I told Kris and Susie it must be great having a roommate who cleans everything up. They couldn't stop talking about how great he was. I asked Kris if he gets nervous throwing parties, when they have such nice stuff in their house that could get ruined or stolen. He said, "I had a laptop stolen at a party once. We usually know the people here, and we trust our friends."

It was now 3:30 in the morning, and I realized that the other parties going on in Pacific Beach were probably over. There were only a few of us left, and I started talking sports with a guy named Darius Allen. I had seen him earlier at the party but hadn't spoken with him.

We talked about sports for half an hour. When the subject came to sports movies, I told him I liked the films Ron Shelton has written (Bull Durham, White Men Can't Jump, and The Best of Times). I couldn't believe he had actually seen all three, and he told me about some screenplays he had written. I told him about one I wrote. We ended up talking about movies for hours. The Massachusetts guy came down and told us we were welcome to crash there for the night.

When I noticed it was almost six in the morning, I told Darius I was taking off. He then took off a giant metal leg brace. He said it was from a knee injury. When he told me his last name was Allen, I asked, "Like Marcus?" He said, "Yeah, he's my brother."



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Well, now I had to stay and talk to him for another half an hour. Marcus Allen, the NFL Hall of Famer, is arguably the best football player to ever come out of San Diego. Since Marcus had his wedding at 0.J. Simpson's house, I asked Darius if he was there. He said, "Of course. I was his best man. There are pictures of me, when I was young, sitting on 0.J.'s lap." I said, "I sure hope you don't think Simpson is innocent." He smiled and said, "There are white people in the South that have killed blacks and gotten away with it." I told him, "Well, I'd hate them, too. I don't care about what race someone is. If they murdered, I'd like to see them go to jail." He responded, "This is the system that the white people created, and he got off. Lots of white people have gotten off with crimes against blacks." He brought up the famous case in which a black guy was killed by white men for whistling at a white

When Darius said, "Would this story have been as big if O.J. killed a black woman?" I said. "Of course! If a famous person kills somebody, it's news. Like Phil Spector and now Robert Blake."

As comedian Norm McDonald recently said, "To get race relations back to the way they were before, maybe we should let Robert Blake off and call it

It was enjoyable to debate the issue with somebody who not only knew 0.J. personally but was smart enough to bring a lot of different things to the

The sun was rising and the fog was burning off. As I left this party, I thought of my cousin Bob. He always asks me why I talk to more men at these parties than women. When he finds out I spent three hours talking to a man, he's going to go crazy. It's strange, because my female friends ask why I always talk to the "cute" girls, and why I feel the need to describe their looks.

I can't win either way. If only Darius could've been an ugly woman who I spent that much time talking to, everyone would be happy. ■

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— Alice Walker

ou know how I can tell this is an elegant place?" I waited for her to enlighten me. "It's because everything is round. You see this silver dish that holds the sugar packets? Round. In Denny's, it's square." Setting down the silver container, my mother looked around the restaurant, pausing to stare over my shoulder at the fountain in the courtyard behind me. She smiled and then, looking worried, said, "You really shouldn't have taken me here. We could have gone someplace cheaper."

I wrote poetry
about how much
my mother's
words hurt me,
and for a short
time, I hated
her.

"Haven't you been to a nice restaurant before?" I asked. She told me of the time she had dined at the Hotel del Coronado for a district fundraiser. Mom had only gone because, as the assistant to the superintendent of the school district, she was given a free meal ticket.

Coincidentally, our chef today would be the same chef from the Del — Jesse Frost, brother to my sister Jane's husband Simon. When the new Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa opened four months ago, Jesse was taken on as executive chef; he left the Coronado landmark to create his own Spanishinfluenced menu.

I'd tasted some of it

already; two weeks before, I had organized a dinner party for 18 in the library — a private dining room — for David's birthday. Complete with a chef's tasting menu, endless wine (my credit card is still writhing in agony), good friends, and three servers, the night was a success, and I vowed to return. So for Christmas, my mother received a card informing her that she was to be my guest for a day of pampering at the spa, preceded by lunch at the hotel's restaurant.

My choice of gift was not entirely selfless — fabulous facial aside, I wanted to spend time with my mom, and I knew she would never go to the spa alone.

In the last few years, Mom and I have seen each other only at family gatherings, where she tends to be preoccupied with my sisters' kids.

The two of us have had what one might call a rocky relationship. Of her four daughters, I was the one most likely to be harped on, for whatever reason. I never thought she could be proud of me, so I did everything in my power to manifest this perception — tattoos, piercings, drugs, and more. As a depressed teen, I wrote poetry about how much her words hurt me, and for a short time, I hated her. But after our fights, her words spoken and mine written, we came to a sort of understanding: we would get along better if we saw each other less.

After years of self-analysis, which included the dissection of my family's behavior, I came to understand her better. Mom is a giving person, used to putting everyone else before herself, and she has never let her daughters down. Being hard on me, wishing more for me by demanding I "make something of myself," was her way of ensuring I would not fall into a downward spiral of self-loathing — something she has been trying to overcome all her life. Only in the last few years has she come close to loving herself as much as we love her.

Still, I never felt as if we were friends. That was until today, when we planted the first seeds of a healthy mother/daughter relationship. I forgot how funny Mom could be. Sitting in the restaurant, she met my eyes in a serious way and

said, "My pinky hurts."

"Why?" I inquired, thinking maybe she'd bumped it on something.

"Because I have to hold it up when I sip my coffee in a place like this," she said with a laugh.

After thoroughly offending the chef (I imagine) by demanding extra ketchup on our well-done Angus beef burgers, we headed over to the spa. The woman on the phone had suggested we arrive 30 minutes early, but when we did, Mom and I ended up waiting half an hour. Sure, we could have enjoyed the "eucalyptus sauna," but we aren't strip-down-to-sit-in-a-room-and-sweat type of women, and we'd sooner have our armpits tweezed than hang out in the buff with strangers. I halfheartedly tried to convince Mom to skinny-dip with me in the mostly private outdoor Jacuzzi, but she wouldn't have it.

With every nook and cranny of the locker room, showers, toilet stalls, and sauna examined, we decided to check out the Relaxation Room. "Let's wait in there," I said. "It's all part of the experience." We sat in the quiet chamber, chairs at opposite walls, with two other women relaxing properly — one sprawled out on a chaise with a magazine, the other working a crossword puzzle. The silence was as oppressive as the steam that fogged my glasses during our fully clothed step into the sauna. Mom began to tap her hand rhythmically against her leg as I shifted uncomfortably in my chair. Finally, I motioned to her by wiggling my fingers and, with a nod of my head, pointed my thumb emphatically at the



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Back in the locker room, we laughed, and I said, "We obviously don't know how to relax."

"I'm really nervous," Mom said.

"You don't have to be," I reassured.

"If I have a lot of blackheads will they charge us more?

"No, Mom." I searched her face to see if she thought this might be a real possibility.

So, I did what any loving, responsible, doting daughter would do - I decided to mess with her. "You have nothing to worry about," I said, and then continued, "it's all part of the process. You might experience a little pain, but you'll feel all the better for it later. When you bleed, they'll have ways to clean it up, and I promise you won't regret it when you see the results."

With that last sentence, Mom dropped her head in her hands and spoke in a muffled voice, "I can't do this. I can't!" I told her I was kidding about the whole "bleeding" thing but that some discomfort is possible with a deep-cleaning facial. She told me I was a horrible person but said it with a smile that let me know she was kidding. She began to giggle nervously. Then it was time.

We were led into separate rooms to experience an extensive facial. Mom looked frightened, and her last words to me were, "If I call your name out, can we leave right

"You can wait for me in the Relaxation Room," I said. "I want to get my full treatment."

Almost two hours later, after overwhelming mixtures of natural herbs such as rose hips, apricot, and cucumber;

after hot wax, hot towels, cool masks, and soft hands (and a sparkling conversation with my aesthetician Andrea), I stood up, nearly falling from lightheadedness, put my shirt back on, and made my way to the Relaxation Room. My mother had arrived before me. I found her with her head back, eves closed, and a dreamy smile on her face. Spread out as she was (wearing the robe she had objected to earlier), she looked as though she had been dropped from a tall building onto the soft chair.

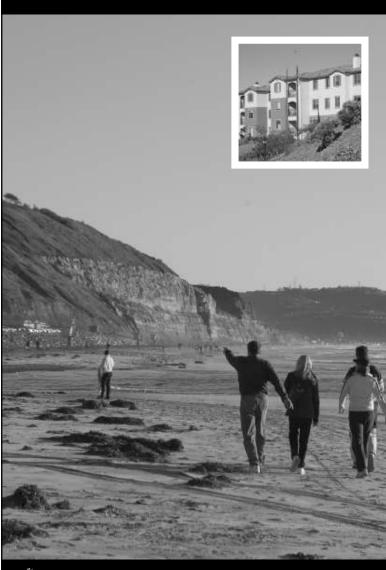
"What did you think?" I asked her.

"Oh, my God, it was amazing. It was wonderful, I could really get used to this," she said. She sounded as dreamy as she looked. Breathing deeply, she added, "The smells! Just when I thought I couldn't smell something new, another fruit or flower, one after another, they just kept coming and coming!" I knew what we needed, and it wasn't a cigarette — only chocolate could deliver the fix we

I took Mom to Extraordinary Desserts, another first for her. As she sipped her vanilla-nut decaf and I made my way through a slice of Viking cake, we talked about things — really talked about things. Mom asked me if I was happy. I told her, "Yes. Very." And this seemed to brighten her already glowing post-facial visage.

I asked her if she was happy. Looking down at her cup, she said, "I'm starting to be." This honest, insightful answer grabbed my heart and held it tight. "You know," I said, "I'm really looking forward to our next facial." ■





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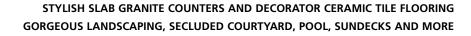
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Less Sudden Mountains



Rocks are for climbing, collecting, throwing, building. They're also full of information, if you can read a rock. Scientists who become fluent in rock — geologists — peruse these old, hard texts and interpret them. Rocks chronicle what lived and when, how long things've been around, what it all looked like millions of years ago, what creation is made of, how we got to be where we are: rocks are magnificent writers.

The rocks in and around San Diego have composed amazing, fiery stories for a very long time. An ancient ocean once covered this county; volcanoes used to spew here; and more or less sudden mountains rose and fell in San Diego more than once. This area is currently the most geologically active and diverse in the country. Our rocks are still writing away, every single day. Which makes these rocks of San Diego a good substratum for human writers as well.

When specialists write or talk about rocks, they use weird words like gneiss, schist, plutonic, igneous, and zeolite. They could be carrying on about lizards or gods or cacti for all most of us know. Personally, I have trouble with the words that specialists use to refer to rocks; but since I'm writing an article about rocks, I'll have to work to keep the information tight and together.

The earth, in essence, is one big rock. Talk about heavy subject matter. Our mother rock's so massive she's on fire in her center, molten from her own intense pressure. This is a potential that exists inside every rock.

What I really need, to help in the translation of so much colossal material, and ultimately to pore back over the ancient natural history of San Diego County, is an honest-to-goodness, reallife geologist.

In San Diego, we've got lots of geologists. Most of the ones here work for the geology department at San Diego State University. The program at State's been around for over 70 years. Today, their laboratories boast cutting-edge facilities like ion chro-



matographs, mag separators, gravity tables, and jaw crushers. Their website shows composites, bios, and e-mail contacts for over 25 highly trained, advanceddegree-holding geologists. Surely, if anyone ever required rockrelated aid, then San Diego State'd be the locale to go to.

I want to mention, as an aside, from the pictures on the SDSU website, that geologists don't particularly look like geologists. Not that I can tell you exactly what I think a geologist is supposed to look like. It's just that geologists don't seem to share a single discernible physical "type." That is, each one of them looks more or less completely different. I don't know why this would surprise me — the fact that geologists can be jolly and dour, young and old, men and women, long-haired and short-, from here and from elsewhere - except that I thought a life with rocks would, I don't know, kind of turn a person into stone a little, maybe harden an individual's demeanor, the way old married couples finally tend to look alike.

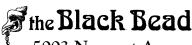
Geologists do share some similarities, of course. For one thing, they appear reluctant to respond to mass e-mails from the media. Within the body of the personalad-like e-letter I sent them and sent them and

sent them, I wrote that I would need "access to an articulate and engaging geologist, for interviews and a long drive or two on a network of roads." Then I went on to indicate that I would want the geologist "to comment on what he or she sees as we drive and to stop me when we see something interesting, to get out of the car, hammer on rocks, describe them, and explain exactly what these rocks tell us re SD paleohistory."

I received exactly two responses. One geologist sent back word that he was "looking into it." And the other provided me with a nomination. David Kimbrough emailed back that I should be talking to the folks at the San Diego Natural History Museum. "Tom



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Deméré is the person to start with," Kimbrough wrote to me. And so I sent a copy of my eager mass electronic mailing to this man at the museum, this recommended geologist.

Tom Deméré, Ph.D.,

replied immediately. Only he didn't just email, he called me. And his reaction was enthusiastic. When we talked about a driving trip, he said, "It sounds exciting."

Exciting? Why not, I thought. Our San Diego County landscape has made me want to pull over and break into spontaneous applause now and again. And if this Deméré fellow could find it "exciting" to drive and look at rocks all over creation for the better

part of a hot April day, then he was definitely my Rock Man.

Our region has a natural history that extends back millions of years and encompasses many past physical "stages" and biological "players." Even the

slightest glimpse into this dynamic past leaves me with a profound sense of wonder. That's a quote from Deméré, the quote he chose for his page that links to the San Diego State University Geology Department's website. The university lists Deméré as an adjunct professor, which means

that SDSU doesn't pay him but it does extend to him unlimited lifetime access to its facilities, collections, and libraries.

As curator of paleontology, Dr. Deméré has occupied the Joshua L. Bailey Jr. Chair of Paleontology at the Museum since 1994. (Now I'm reading from the San









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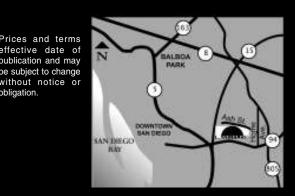
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Diego Natural History Museum's website.) Before that he served as collection manager in the department. Tom's research focuses on the evolutionary history and paleobiology of pinnipeds and cetaceans. ("Pinniped" and "cetacean" are the scientific words for seal and sea lion, porpoise and whale.) [Deméré] is also keenly interested in the geology and paleontology of southern California and Baja California and has published numerous scientific and popular articles on these subjects.

Deméré's credentials were impeccable, and he was into the idea, so we scheduled a real-life rock-reading field trip. We would meet at 8:00 a.m. in Balboa Park, in the parking lot of the museum, and then head out to study the roadside rocks of San Diego County.

As a kid, I always loved field trips. They



were like days off from school, but you still got credit for going. And when I look back at my life's field trips, I realize they always managed to teach me something, no matter how much I goofed off.

That said, the prospect of my first official rock-reading field trip did daunt me a bit. To drive into the desert and pick over stones, what does one need? What do first-time geolo-

gists wear? Should I pack a lunch? Would I be overburdened, or underprepared?

The morning of our trip, Deméré emerged from the museum decked out in flannel and denim. He was all good mornings and smiles. Lean and wiry, Deméré appeared at once distinguished and tough, a curious combination. He has a quiet, stately air underlying what I took to be concentrated intensity, very

much like the museum in which he works.

Deméré packed boots, sunglasses, binoculars, a camera, rope, lunch, and the defining tool of his trade: a pick. A pick is a dangerous-looking weapon. Deméré's pick weighs about seven pounds; it's three feet long. And not only does he chip away rock with it, but he uses it as a walking stick and also a comfortable seat in the field. A few hours into our trip,

Deméré also produced a hat exactly like the hat of Indiana Jones. He grimaced at the association, but it tied together my impression of Dr. Tom Deméré.

Before we could leave the parking lot, Deméré wanted to show me around his workplace. We went in one of the back doors of the Natural History Museum, up some metal staircases, and entered the offices and private collections area somewhere far away from the main exhibits. Deméré had laid out maps across a broad table: he wanted to give me a sense of what we would be seeing that day.

Deméré illustrated how San Diego County is divided into three distinct geomorphic sections: the Coastal Plain region, the Peninsular Ranges, and the Salton Trough. He pointed out numerous fault lines that riddle our city and the areas around it. He started to tell me about the landscape and about the kinds of rocks inside the landscape, and then, as he tried to wrestle his giant maps back into tidy rectangles (note: geologists don't seem to be any better at map folding than the rest of us), Deméré explained that we would have to "look through the topography and try to see the geology." This interesting theme would resurface often over the course of our trip.

After the overview, we took in a short tour of the museum's impressive fossil exhibits. You should go to the museum yourself to see them; they're fascinating and informative. And, unlike in any natural history museum anywhere else that I've ever been, the fossils in San Diego's museum are local

During the museum tour, Deméré tried to engage me in all sorts of

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technical rock-related conversation. But I could hardly keep pace. We hadn't even seen a single wild rock yet, and already my head was juggling more new phrases and concepts than I could comprehend.

One thing I started to think about, as Deméré and I piled into my car, was the concept of time. In Real Time, it was 8:27 a.m., the 22nd of April, 21 minutes since we'd met, etc. But the thing I know about Real Time is that it isn't real at all; it's just a useful, simple, invented, human concept. This thought, combined with what I'd

heard Deméré expound about epochs and eras, got me to considering other philosophical notions of time. Specifically, I started to contemplate the kinds of time that our respective jobs (writing and geology) represented to my rocking mind.

In Writing Time, we are roughly 1659 words into this article. It has probably taken you somewhere between 6 and 11 minutes of Real Time to read your way here. (Unless you're like me, and you prefer to go through written works in more than one sitting, in which case it may have

taken you many days to read this.) Regardless, it took me several weeks of Real Time to write my way here.

But true Literary Time has less to do with reading and writing than it does with the time of the human imagination. This is to say that Literary Time is, in the end, largely a product of a writer's style. For example, I may alternately choose to embellish or leave out whole portions of our trip. One writer's moment may linger pages on a single description, while another's digresses sentence by sentence over multiple ideas

and events.

But Geologic Time... Geologic Time is Real Time taken to stupendous limits. I find the only way to understand the scale of Geologic Time is to employ an analogy. Think about it like this: human beings live, on average, 75 years of Real Time. The average rock has been around for somewhere between 4 million and 400 million Real Years, depending on the rock. That means a single second in Geologic Time lasts more Real Years than a person lives. Start now. Now. Now.

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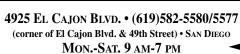
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Mississippi. One onethousand. What can you say or get done? Well, that's how much the average rock does while we're toddling in diapers, learning to brush our teeth, finishing school, conquering adulthood difficulties, raising families, and aging gracefully. No wonder rocks don't seem to accomplish much of anything.

Such has been the gist of my musing, which, in this article's convoluted version of Literary Time, brings my writing and your reading neatly back to the beginning, to the Real Time commencement of our geological field trip.

Tom Deméré and I piled into my beat-up old Ford Explorer. The plan was to drive around locally for a bit, in the canyons around the museum, and then to head out through Mission Valley, up into Mission Trails Regional Park, and then to take the 8 to Ocotillo, exit into the Coyote Mountains, and finally loop back through Anza-Borrego, Shelter Valley, and Julian, and come home.

As we started out, Deméré spoke about being careful not to be "distracted by the landscape." He used delicious



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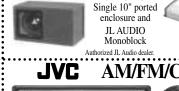
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expressions like "botanical overburden." He lamented the covering presence of asphalt and lawns and houses. Deméré also spoke of rocks as being "tenacious," and he seemed pleased to note that for all the botany and landscaping and housing, eventually the rocks would prevail. At one point we noticed a plant ("green-finger dudleya," I observed) growing through cracks in some rocks ("plutonic igneous," said Deméré) beside the road. Deméré made a defiant noise in his throat, "Hah!" And

then told me, "The rock's winning!"

We were setting out to read rocks, and Deméré was showing me the best places to read through the most rocks: "road cuts." In fact, it seems the majority of modern geology and paleontology (the study of fossils) is done in construction sites and road cuts. These are the locations where geologists and paleontologists can find the largest samples of fresh rock.

Modern contractors and their massive yellow machines slice indiscriminately through broad swatches of earth, and no little rocks, no softer units, are allowed to hide. Without the samples of fresh rock that these major undertakings provide, all geologists and paleontologists could do is drill a hole or find natural stream cuts, which are few and far between. Modern geologists are fortunate to live in a time of road building and expansive construction.

geology isn't as reliable a source of information as it once was because the newer road cuts are landscaped as fast as they're made. The reason for the

But, sadly, road-cut

hasty reshaping is fear of erosion. At one point, Deméré told me, "Quote me on this: 'Our recent obsessional fear with erosion is threatening roadcut geology with extinction." The problem is that, for the past 15 or 20 years, road cuts have been quickly covered with flowers, grass, and trees. One of Deméré's loudest laments centers on hydroseeding. I'd seen the stuff before, but I'd never heard the term "hydroseeding" until Deméré employed it.

According to one website, hydroseeding "looks like fuzzy green

paint along the side of a road or surrounding a new building. Hydroseed machines mix together seed, water, fertilizer, tackifier (glue), and green wood fiber mulch to create a slurry. The slurry is sprayed on the ground with a high-pressure hose which helps it to reach all kinds of terrain, like slopes, that may be difficult to reach. When the slurry dries, it creates a crust over the ground, protecting the area from erosion. The crust protects the seeds from being washed away in the rain or eaten by birds." This green gluey crust also

renders any rock in the area unreadable.

Looking at the first of many instances of San Diego hydroseeding, across from Costco and Ikea along Friars Road, Deméré declared, "I don't mean to dis botany completely. I can appreciate plants." But more often along our trip he would indicate that roadside landscaping was, to a geologist, a kind of proliferating evil.

Friars Road scores an interesting geological swath. The core rock along the canyonsides is called Friars Formation. And the distinctive com-

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bination of overlying cobbles and pebbles and boulders is labeled Stadium Conglomerate. These rock units were designated officially in 1971. Geologists will name certain stone combos for the places where they're first found, which is to say that someday someone might come across a cliff of Friars Formation or Stadium Conglomerate in Antarctica. You never know. Deméré pointed out that strata of the Friars Formation (mostly gray sandstone with some green claystone layers in it) had been exposed and was quickly being covered, by the construction sites along Friars Road.

There's a rock quarry off Friars, at the end of Qualcomm Way, where they mine Stadium Conglomerate. It's one of just a few quarries in San Diego. At the quarry in Mission Valley, they're digging up stones brought into this area by an ancient river that essentially made a huge cobble delta 38 to 50 million years ago. Now the remnants of that delta are being used as aggregate in roadbeds and asphalt.

Eventually, Friars Road merges with Mission Gorge Road, which winds its way up through some magnificent escarpments, until finally you can turn off into Mission Trails Regional Park. Here, the San Diego River Valley narrows due to the hardness of the rocks. On the east, dark red to black volcanic rock rises majestically, and on the west slant of the valley, light-colored plutonic igneous rock slopes and looms. This plutonic stuff is riddled by lines: faults and joints.

To describe how this rock formed, Deméré used the metaphor of an ice tray. "You know how there are these compartments in an ice tray between the individual cubes. Well, the pressures exerted on this rock from all sides have shattered it

vertically and horizontally until you get this patchwork pattern of divided blocks of plutonic igneous rock." To me, the stuff looked like it had been piled there, huge heaps. But that's not it at all. Deméré

explained that this rock had formed far beneath the surface of the earth, where the cracking took place, and only recently had the rocks become exposed above ground. "The joint planes are caused by a release of

pressure during a long period of crustal uplift and erosion. We call this action 'unroofing of the batholith.' That whole formation there was once a solid mass of granitic rock." He was pointing at a natural hilltop sculpture of perhaps a hundred different stones.

Somewhere in Mission Trails — a low red cliff uprising close by on the right and a brushy hillside falling gently to a valley on the left — we got out of the car.

Deméré pointed to the red cliff and what he called "the toe of these slopes," and he said, "that apron of debris... See it? That's called 'talus.' Talus is like this chaotic accumulation of angular assorted stones. It's what

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Deméré has these imaginative ways to describe how rocks look and how they formed. He talked often about the history of various rocks. "With this rock here," he said, pointing to yet some more plutonic igneous formations, "you can imagine that we're standing ten kilometers underground, swimming in magma. And then it all begins to cool slowly into crystals." Then he said, "Think of a Lava Lamp. Plutons, or spumes of less dense molten material, rise through material

of higher density. We call this action 'pluton implacement.'

As we drove farther, onto I-8, and started to head out into the heat, Deméré spoke dreamily about plate tectonics and how rock forms in and around these giant shifting pieces of earth. "Plate tectonics is to geology what the general theory of relativity is to physics: it's a unifying theory for the earth sciences. Basically, it's proposing that the earth's surface is divided up into a series of plates. The use of the term 'plates' gives us a sense of the large lateral

extent of these formations relative to their thickness."

He went on. "These crustal plates — the crust is the surface of the earth — are mobile. They're moving around relative to one another so that they contact each other on three different kinds of boundaries. Along a collision boundary, which also has another name, 'subduction,' the plates crash into each other, and in some cases one slides beneath the other, which is what's going on along the northwest coast of North America. Sometimes

when plates collide, they create mountains, like the Himalayas. But when one of the plates slides under the other one, that's subduction, and the subducting plate begins to melt. That's when you get plutons and volcanoes." (That's also when crustal uplift and erosion can cause batholiths to get unroofed, by the way.)

"Plates also slide past one another," Deméré continued. "And that's a transform boundary. The San Andreas Fault is an example of that, although most such boundaries occur on the ocean floor. And plates also spread and move away from one another, and that's where new crust is being generated, typically in the mid-Atlantic and the mid-Pacific, and those are called 'spreading boundaries.'

"Plate tectonics explains why volcanoes are where they are and why earthquakes occur where they do."

As Deméré talked, I started to imagine geologic events — big ones like earthquakes and rock slides, yes, but also small ones like river-lifted pebbles or windblown sands or Geoff-thrown stones — as being

breathless celebrations, incredible expenditures of energy in the "life" of a simple rock. It occurred to me that a rock is never so discontented as to rush around under its own animation. Rocks are patient enough to wait for what moves them.

We stopped once along the 8, near Alpine, halfway up an extended steady climb, all green hills and sun, and Deméré bent down by the side of the road. "This is where our beaches come from," he said, sifting tiny particles through his hands. "Hard rock,









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Later, looking around at the whitish mountains near Ocotillo, Deméré told me a little of his own history. "My first experiences with geology came from my interest in surfing," he said. "I used to surf a lot. On bad surf days, I'd check out the terrific exposure on the sea cliffs." Then he added, "Actually, I got interested in geology when I started looking around at the hills out here and realized there was a history there, that we're all part of an incredibly long history. Some people say that this makes them feel insignificant, but for me it makes me feel a part of something, like I'm part of some bigger significance."

As the miles fell behind us, I asked Deméré to distill geology down into an idiot course for me. Here are a few paragraphs paraphrasing what he said.

By definition, a rock is a solid inorganic mass or compound consisting of an aggregation of at least two minerals (although there are some exceptions, when a rock may consist entirely of one mineral). To classify a rock, three things must be considered: (1) origin, (2) composition, and (3) texture. The first step to identify a rock is to try to categorize the rock into one of the three main types, or groups, of rocks. These include igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic types. The only rocks that do not fall into one of these categories are meteorites. Igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rock types are distinguished by the processes that form them. Igneous rocks form by crystallization from magma. Crystallization can occur at significant

depths below the earth's surface (forming plutonic igneous rocks) or at or near the earth's surface (making the rocks volcanic igneous).

Sedimentary rocks form by the accumulation of small or large grains or fragments of preexisting rocks (like sandstone) or by the precipitation of mineral matter from a body of water, such as an ocean, lake, or stream (like limestone).

And metamorphic rocks form from preexisting igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic rocks. Heat and/or pressure and/or migrating fluids cause the original mineral assemblage of the rock to change to a new assemblage of minerals.

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many millions of years in age. Units of geologic time include the "era" (longest), "period," and "epoch" (shortest). All of geologic time (about 4.5 billion years) has been divided into four main eras, called (from oldest to youngest) the Precambrian, the Paleozoic, the Mesozoic, and the Cenozoic.

The earth has slowly changed throughout its history and continues to do so. As a result, certain

time periods during the earth's history had conditions more conducive to formation of specific types of mineral deposits.

One hundred miles outside of downtown San Diego, our heads practically coagulating with rock lingo, we arrived in Ocotillo, near the Coyote Mountains. Out there, the sun's roasted the whole area to one whitish-yellow, sandy expanse. Even the trees, such as they are, share

this wan color. Apparently, geologists go out to Ocotillo often. The limited plant cover makes this a valuable place for geologists. They call the most geologically fruitful part of the mountains there Fossil Canyon.

After a stop for snacks and water, in 90degree heat, we offroaded past the Lazy Lizard saloon into an area Deméré described as "a puzzle thrown into a box." He pointed out

fault lines running the length of the mountains, explaining how sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous rocks are all present there, butted up against each other. "We come out here to repiece the puzzle," he said, pick in hand.

In ten minutes of walking through the hotness of Fossil Canyon, we found dozens of fossils (mostly shells of clams and snails), as well as boulders of various limestones, sandstones, marbles, schist, gneiss, quartz, phyllite, and gypsum, all just lying around in haphazard arrangements that Deméré dubbed "hummocks." He used his pick to dislodge a fossil or two (he has a special permit that allows him to remove what he finds there) and gently quizzed me about rock types. I did my best to guess and pay attention. Gypsum kind of glows a little, like satin. The surface of gneiss (pronounced *nice*) is usually riddled with alternating lines and patterns. And phyllite

appears distinctly wavy. As we headed out of Fossil Canyon, driving along the line of the Elsinore Fault, Deméré summarized the crisscrossing paths of fault lines that slowly and surely draw the land mass of our county every which way.

"Onshore, we have the way down to Otay

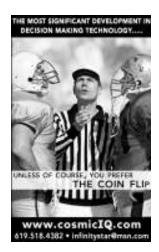
have the Elsinore Fault, that runs roughly northnorthwest, and farther east we have the San Jacinto Fault, which runs roughly parallel to the Elsinore Fault. And then farther east still is, of course, the San Andreas Fault, out beyond the Salton Sea in Imperial County."

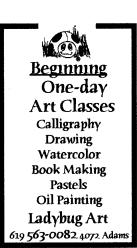
When he mentioned the Elsinore Fault, Deméré pointed out the window, across the sandy fields of Anza-Borrego, to the gray mountains in the distance, and he said, "You can just about see the line of the Elsinore Fault right there. You can see how the two sides of it are different, where the two crustal blocks are moving slowly past each other." I think I knew what he was pointing to, but then, I couldn't be sure. It's like when my amateur astronomer friends would show me certain lesser-known

constellations: in the end, I could nod, yes, that I could see the swan's neck or the hero's sword, but all I was sure I was seeing was a suggestive gathering of stars.

For our last stop, before home, Deméré wanted to show me "samples of some of the oldest rock in the county." It's called Julian Schist, and it's continental material that has been metamorphosed. Deméré told me that this ancient sedimentary rock existed before just about any other solid thing. He said that geologists estimate the stuff to be perhaps as much as 400 million years old.

Along Route 78, up Banner Grade, at an elusive, almost nondescript (to me) spot, Deméré found what he was looking for. As a deer dashed off into the trees to our right, Deméré made us stop to see the Julian













two primary fault zones in the city of San Diego," he said. "The Rose Canyon Fault Zone comes onshore at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and then swings around the east side of Mount Soledad, which has been uplifted along the fault, and then down Rose Canyon and along the east side of Mission Bay, along I-5, and then underneath the whole downtown area. To the east of that is the La Nacion Fault Zone, which runs parallel roughly to 54th Street, all

"Extending east, we



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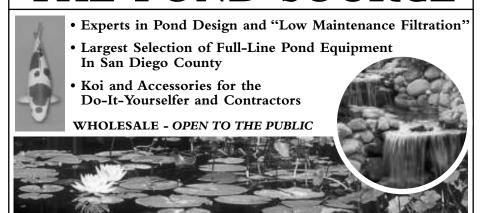


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Schist that had shed its mantle of plants. Schist is pretty weathered stuff: very brittle, breakable by hand. And according to Deméré, we do know how schist happens: this rock was part of preexisting "roof pendants," hanging over the magma chambers deep inside the earth. Eventually, the magma intruded into this country rock, recrystallizing old shales and mudstones with intense heat and pressure. And near Julian, some outcroppings of the old schist remain in view.

It was lunchtime.
Our field trip had
brought us here, up the
back side of the Peninsular Ranges, at an outcropping of ancient rock by
the side of the road, and
Deméré was explaining
the big picture, telling me
how San Diego County
came to look the way it
does.

"Going back in time," he said, "we see different plate boundaries here in western North America. During the Jurassic, we had a subduction plate boundary, when the rocks formed in Spring Valley and on Black Mountain. Black Mountain, Dictionary Hill, San Miguel Mountain, and the San Ysidro Mountains are remnants of a series of volcanic islands that occurred in this region 140 million years ago. They were fed by the melting edge of a subducting plate. A modern analog would be the Japanese islands. So it appears that, 140 million years ago, we had a geography that looked more like Japan than California.

"Then, 100 million years ago, subduction continued, but we had stopped at a continental margin that looked more like the coast of western South America. So we had more of an Andeanstyle geography, just as an analog. Big mountains right on the shore. It appears that the sea

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between our Japanesestyle volcanic islands and the North American mainland to the east ended up telescoping on itself because of the plate boundary where the plates were colliding. So the margins between these plates just essentially swallowed up that inland sea and sutured the volcanic-island arc to the mainland of North America.

"Then we had a period of major erosion, which essentially flattened these Andean-style mountains. This period of erosion lasted for perhaps 30 million years. And by that point we were exposing the roots of these mountains. Essentially, erosion stripped off the mountaintops. So by that point, 50 million years ago, we had a geography that was more like the Texas coast, with large rivers moving across the land and bringing all those cobbles and pebbles and boulders that we mine in Mission Valley.

"Next, we had long periods of lowered sea level, when Antarctica began to experience glaciation, about 30 million years ago, coupled with all the erosion, and so we don't really have a local record of what happened then. We have what's called an 'unconformity, a gap in our geologic record. For the most part, we have a big gap in the record from about 30 million years ago until about 5 million years ago. There were just long periods of erosion or nondeposition, where the rocks were either stripped away or they never accumulated.

"In the last 5 million

years, the modern transform boundary has begun to form, with plates sliding past each other, and the Gulf of California has opened up, with the Baja Peninsula tearing away from the mainland of Mexico and bringing us along with it. Our Peninsular Ranges have probably only been uplifted within the last million years. That's somewhat controversial, but what little evidence we have seems to

"And finally, in the past 2 million years, the world has been enduring dramatic geological changes correlated to periods of global warming and global cooling and related periods of

point in that direction.

rising and falling sea levels."

Deméré was chatting dreamily, laying it all out, making the vast pathway of natural history seem humanly passable, perfectly negotiable.

And as we took our lunches there, by the side of State Route 78, up Banner Grade, with the earth changing slowly beneath us and Deméré talking and sitting halfcomfortably on the jagged ancient schist and me leaning there scribbling these hasty notes, feeling somehow unified with these slow events and my newly expounded surroundings, I realized: it's only just a matter of time. ■

— Geoff Bouvier

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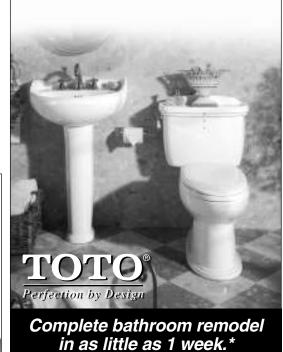
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Then I was two or three I had a favorite jacket that I called Cow Cow Boogie. This jacket was a present from my parents' friends when they came to visit San Diego. It must be the most unique thing I have ever worn. Cow Cow Boogie was a bright pink canvas jacket adorned with adult and baby cows that wore blue bows around their necks.

On the inside, red pinstripes and stamped images of cows and globes glittered with gold. It was a reversible jacket. I loved it because I felt cool in it. I wore it until it didn't fit. Cow Cow Boogie is still hanging in my closet because it is one of those childhood memories you don't want to throw or give away.

My fascination with pink cow things didn't stop there. I got some cowboy boots from my best friend for my sixth birthday. I never wanted to take them off. I remember there was a boot fad when I started wearing them. My boots were light pink with fringe and sequins. I wore them with dresses, pants, or pajamas. The pink pair was sturdy and I loved them even when the color turned dull from dirt and wear. I got a bright pink suede dress with fringe that matched the boots and while wearing this get-up, I liked to put my hair in braids. I remember clomping around my house in this outfit with a hobby horse.

— Honora Swanson Bober, Point Loma H.S.

Then I was about four or five, my cousins, Jessica and Ashley, and I had matching butterfly shirts. It was a plain white T-shirt with an iron-on image, which was popular back then. I yearned to wear the shirt almost every day.

I was wearing the butterfly shirt when I caught my first fish. It was at Santee Lakes when I was around four years old. I had fished all day long — which still surprises me — and near the end of the

day, I reeled a fish in and posed for a photograph with the fish in hand.

I would wear the shirt in each of the four seasons; winter was tough because I wanted to flaunt it even when it was cold outside. My mom would scold me and say that I had all kinds of nice clothes to wear. I would tell her that I really wanted to wear the shirt, she would overpower me with her superior adult intellect, and then I'd change my shirt. She would allow me to wear it once a week — twice a week, if I was persistent enough.

My trusty shirt remained with me for two years; it started out long and baggy and ended up a little too short and a little too small. It became stained with grape juice and dirt, and the fabric had become thin and almost see-through. Though I stopped wearing it, the butterfly shirt became a keepsake throughout my childhood. It was eventually donated to a thrift store, despite my protests and tears.

— Christina Chovan, Mission Bay H.S.

then I was about six years old and living in Charleston, South Carolina, my dad worked as a late-night deejay for a local radio station called WEZL (pronounced "weasel"). This was the "ultimate-cool" job for any parent to have. I had to find a way to brag about my dad's profession at school, so I planned to wear the radio station's T-shirt that depicted a huge, colorful dancing weasel on the front. When asked about the shirt, I would gloat and paint such a pretty picture about my dad that my peers would have to like me! Mua-ha-ha!

My plan worked beautifully; I was soon the talk of the school. "Hey, do you know that kid Patrick? His dad's a radio deejay!" "What?! Cool!" I sometimes wore the shirt two or three times a week. I didn't love its colors, design, or perfect fit, but I loved the attention it garnered. In the later stages of my plan to become the most popular kid at elementary school, students were listening to my dad's broadcast and



Honora Swanson Bober

sharing their excitement with me the following day.

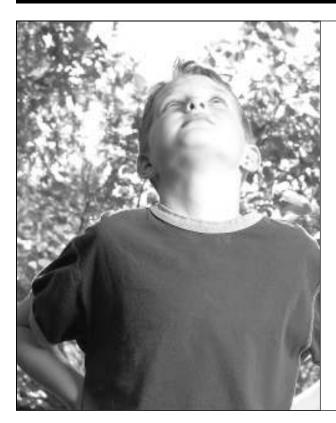
However, my rise to the top was cut short. The ordeal lasted barely five months. Besides free T-shirts, radio deejays are notorious for losing their jobs. With the disappearance of my dad's late-night broadcast, my favorite shirt held no sway over my fellow students. The shirt's significance withered away over the next few months until, if I recall correctly, it became a dishrag.

— Patrick Cole, Eastlake H.S.

sported a flowing pioneer dress for a good portion of my youth. I was about six years old when the dress was given to me for either Christmas or my birthday. At first, I wasn't too excited about what seemed like just another dress. Then I tried it on.

Fringed with lace, the sleeves stretched to the ends of my arms, barely allowing my hands to stretch out and take hold of the skirt portion of the costume. With skirt in hand, I'd reach above my head and make myself look like a turkey with my plumage fanned for all to see. Perhaps I was

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overzealous, though, because after spending hours imitating turkeys, flamenco dancers, and whatever else I could imagine, my dress became worn and torn along its delicate seams. Despite numerous attempted repairs, there came a time when I had to say adieu to that great apparel and move on.

Years have passed, and my dress probably hangs on a dirty rack in the back of a thrift store in some unknown section of California. If ever I come upon it again, I'll buy it. In the meantime, I am forced to resort to wearing whatever the retail stores have to offer.

> Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S.

dorned with intricate pink flowers to suggest my femininity, my fuzzy flannel pajamas lasted four years. The passing of my favorite Christmas present traumatized me when I was nine. Despite my mother's desire for me to wear pajamas printed with monkeys, I refused to wear anything but my pink pajamas; I preferred to stick with what I liked. Resentment arose when my parents introduced me to those new pajamas.

Throughout the course of four years, neither sand nor mud could stop me from wearing my pajamas. Fortunately, my stature barely increased during that time period; I continued to fit in my pajamas and wore them every day (besides laundry day). Then they began to rip. On a wintry day in December, my mother decided to take action. With her bare hands, she tore my pajamas (in the gentlest way possible). I stapled the holes together. Sure, it got nippy at night, but I managed (with layers of blankets) for a few more days

In the end, I parted with my beloved pajamas at the age of 13, but not without tears. The experience taught me the meaning of letting go and trying something new. That monkey-print pair of pajamas wasn't so bad after all.

– Vivian Pham, Mt. Carmel H.S. ■

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met Pauline in 1986 in a club on a Navy base in Coronado. We hung out that evening together and had a great time. We realized we had much in common. She was a manager of a women's clothing store, and I was about to get out of the Navy. She was 23 and I was 19.

We decided to spend Saturday in Tijuana. I picked her up and we went to Mexico. We drank, ate hot dogs with bacon, took pictures, and flirted with cute guys.

From then on, Pauline and I were friends. We double-dated, hung out at the beach, and danced in nightclubs from the Red Onion to Maxi's.

Then in April 1990, my younger brother Robert had flown from the Midwest to spend the summer with me. A month later, my roommate moved, leav-

ing me stranded with bills. So I found a roommate named Chris. He turned out to be a flake and moved out, leaving me and my brother with no money. I called Pauline (who was in the process of looking for a new job and a roommate to help her with bills). Robert and I decided to move in with Pauline.

I'd been wanting to show my brother a good time in California, but Pauline insisted on going everywhere we went. June 1990, I was laid off from my job. It went downhill from there. It

was a constant struggle to pay rent and bills and feed my brother and myself. Pauline still hadn't found work and had no money. Robert and I spent days walking downtown going from highrise to high-rise handing out my résumé. I was fresh out of paralegal school and was not getting any calls to interview. Then, my brother flew home in August. I found a job in October as secretary for an executive suite firm. Knowing I had a paycheck coming in two weeks put me on top of the world.

Then, on Monday, October 8, Pauline did not come

something had happened to her. He asked, "When was the last time you saw Pauline?" How long had I lived with Pauline? How long had I known Pauline? I answered his questions and then asked what had happened. He said, "Were you aware Pauline was arrested for grand theft of \$80,000 yesterday?" I was in shock and then hung up the phone.

I regained composure, then called the Las Colinas jail to see when I could visit. They did not have a "Pauline Patterson" in the computer. I explained about the phone call from the police.

found that Pauline had 'men parts.'

I said there must be some horrible mistake; we must be talking about different Paulines. I said I was Pauline's roommate and friend for four years. She said, "No, I'm afraid there is no mistake. Paul Jarvis Patterson was arrested yesterday in a bank in Poway for grand larceny." She told me she was sorry to break the news to me. She said Pauline was in the "transvestites/homosexuals" cell downtown in the men's jail.

I ran home that night and packed my stuff. While pack-

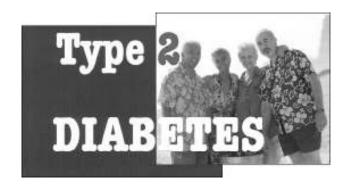
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home. I was worried. Pauline never stayed out all night. Next morning, I left a note for Pauline asking her to call me. About 9:30 a.m. I got a phone call from a police officer asking if I was Pauline's roommate. I was scared

After a while on the phone, she said, "I see what has happened. Pauline is in the men's jail downtown." I said, "Why?" She said, "When Pauline was arrested, she was brought here first. We did the normal procedures and

ing, I found several of Pauline's private documents and photos of her when she was a child. In one photo, Pauline was a little boy on a swing set. Then in another photo, Pauline is smiling and playing in the Florida

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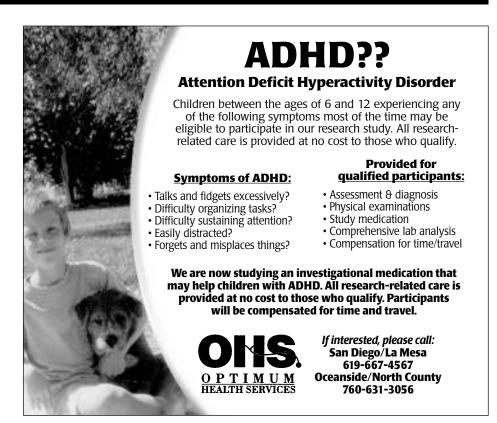


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sand with little girls.

In a notebook on the kitchen table, Pauline had written out exactly what she was going to do with every bit of the stolen \$80,000. She'd written down a Cutlass Supreme (her dream car), pay our rent and bills, and then she wrote my name and in parentheses had written, "Divide all money left with my best friend." I cried. Then I found some documents from a doctor with whom Pauline had begun processing paperwork for a sex-change operation. Some of the money was going to pay for this. I found her birth papers. Come to find out, she was only 19 when I had met her. Also, she had told everyone we had ever met that she had gone to college in Italy. Pauline could talk with anyone and carry on a conversation that would convince you she must have a Ph.D. I can remember at least a dozen times when people we met would say, "Pauline is so worldly and smart. She can talk about any subject and know what she is talking about"

At first I was scared, then shocked, then mad, then hurt. Then I felt these feelings again, several times. The few times that I have told this story, the response is the same. Everyone always says, "You mean you couldn't tell she was a man? Didn't you ever see her naked since you were roommates?"

I do not know what happened to Pauline or where she is. The bank dropped the charges and she's not in jail. Possibly she went back to Florida, where

her family was from. I hope Pauline has found her true identity and is able to live as she wants to live, without having to hide it from the ones around her.

— Anonymous

LONE STAR RULES

I've been a renter since I left Texas. My name is on the lease wherever I live. My name is Frank Stans, and you could look it up. All the Stans people like a lot of room, and I'm no different. So I get a big place — big by these damned California standards — and of course I've got to have roommates. I've had five of 'em in three years. Not a damned one knew how to behave. Not one from five knew his ass from some other... Well, I don't want to be bitter. As soon as I can, I'm leaving this wimped-out town.

My first roommate had a genuine hang-up about the kitchen. You could probably write a story about his mother, a story full of B.S. based on Freud. I'm a primate — I eat when I'm hungry, and so did all my ancestors. If they didn't, they died. No wimp is gonna make me dead. Nobody can tell me not to eat this or that, just 'cause I didn't deliver it. Hell, if he ate my refritos, I wouldn't squawk. The sonof-a-bitch pitched a fit nearly every week. If we aren't here to keep each other alive, then we shouldn't be here. Well, he sure ain't here anymore. Good thing he moved out or I'd have eaten his picayune ass and spit it out.

Next, I was treated to a cotenant (that's what the bookworm dipshit said we

were - imagine that!) who must have had something wrong with his ears. He couldn't stand anything but silence. Homo sapiens, I say, ain't bred for silence. We're a noisy lot, but I guess there will always be some freaks. Ted from Encinitas was a freak. Ted, if you read this, kill yourself. This jerk screamed when I listened to talk radio. He whined when I turned on Letterman, and he pouted when I put on KSON. Like I said, I need a lot of room, so there was no point in playing the stuff soft — I needed to hear it no matter what room I was in. Ted from Encinitas likes quiet. Where I hope he is now, maybe he's got it. If you see him, tell him to shut up. That's his favorite

In a lot of ways, he was

phrase.

like the next jerk. Where do I find these guys? I thought, him bein' from Idaho, and white, and born in this country and all, he would speak English. But he must not have liked the sound of it, 'cause he never had anything to say. Look, folks, am I so strange? When I got somethin' on my mind, I share it. Y'all must understand, you're readin' this literary rag, right? My dipshit roommate, Norman the Mormon (though he wasn't; who could tell?), never had nothin' to say. And, he said, he moved out — after only six weeks, can you believe it? — because I talk too much. Look, if you've got somethin' to say, say it. Now. That's the way inspiration works; it don't wait around. If you don't want to talk to me, you can suck eggs, you

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can drop dead. Do you catch my meaning? Norman, who paid his rent, never knew what I was talkin' about. What a shithead.

The next guy — Jesus, why does this happen to me? — the next guy had the soul of a clerk, for sure. Schedules, and calendars, and due dates, and time, and toe the line; that's the kind of stuff he liked to worry about. If my rent is late, the world ain't gonna stop. Landlords ain't the Mafia, are they? I was in a hole; money was tight. So one month, he paid the whole thing. Who asked him to? A lot of you folks are carryin' around too much guilt or too much damned-fool fear. Don't be afraid of the property owners. They're not better armed than we are. That's what I told this

dude — I showed him my granddaddy's rifle. It's a Sharps 50, a pain in the neck to use, but it looks fine.

After the next month, when I figured since we were paid up to date, I didn't need to sweat the small shit, he went ballistic. "Where's your rent? Where's last month's?" I don't need that. He paid again, and I threw his ass out. Nobody yells at me about money. I'm a standup guy, and I nearly knocked him down. But instead, he left. Some folks never learn to carry their own weight.

Back in Texas, we learn to sit in our own shit. Now, that may sound gross. But this is what it means. If it's your fault, you gotta pay for it. Makes sense, right? My last roommate never got the concept. When he moved in, he brought a bunch of delicate crap with him. Lamps, crystals, pansy-assed glasses with long skinny stems, even a table with a glass top. He brought it in. Its presence, if you don't mind, was his fault. I ain't gonna change my patterns for some bunch of fancy furnishings. Can you believe it? That's what he called the stuff in the lawsuit: "furnishings." To hell with him, and his lawyer, if he really has one. I doubt it. The stuff that broke was not worth havin', and I'm sure this great country of ours won't support his damned-fool claims. I did not, repeat not, intend any damage. And I never will again share my home with such an ass.

— Barret F. Green ■

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As Richard Nixon once said, I love these clothes. (He also said, "The style is the man!") If I could do it, 80 percent of my wardrobe would be purchased at the Pimp Store. If at any time it appears I am making fun of these "...latest trends in cut, style, color, and fabric" (as it reads in the brochure that came with my Falcone suit), it's because, dammit, they put the fun back in funky.



"Pimp Daddy" Brizzolara

Pure Httitude

Eventually I'll have my usual T-shirts and jeans, of course, and then at least one Falcone, Don Mart, or Damiani suit for every day of the week, a dozen or so shirts those Mandarin-collar jobs in beige, concord grape, and black, connected at the throat with a fake gold chain — and at least two brightly colored bowler hats...say, red and puce.

It isn't out of the question. One can get suits on sale for as low as \$69.99, but even when they're not marked down, they're still under \$200. I could have my seven suits, dozen shirts (at about \$30 to \$40 each), and two hats (at

\$35 each) for under \$2000, including sales tax! And we're talking nonwrinkleable material here. But that's not all....

Alterations right there on the premises. Speaking with owner/ entrepreneur Mr. Hyo Kim on a recent Saturday afternoon, he tells me they'll take in the pants I bought earlier this year. A major renovation from a way wide leg - hip, in, now, today, Daddy-o - to a stove pipe — retro '60s, out, out, out, sad, man. This is a bold fashion move for me, but Mr. Kim is in my corner; he's backing me up all the way. It is a fashion move so bold as to be subversive. If it catches on (and I expect it to), imagine what it will do to the now-tired, de rigueur pimp's or drug dealer's ankle holster. (Notice I bypassed the obvious bell-bottom option — I'm not a sentimentalist.) I expect law enforcement to endorse this street style immediately. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Yes, I've already started my collection of Lee's menswear with a suit I bought in February for \$179.99. Here is how that came about. The big gig was coming up at 4th & B. We were opening for a band full of Neil Diamond impersonators called Super Diamond. God knows what these cultural obscurantists would be wearing onstage. Whatever it was, our usual Hawaiian shirts, Levi's, and Cub Scout uniforms were likely to be blown away by the headliner. It was our lead singer who led by example.

So as not to be too blatantly promotional, I shall refer to our singer as "The Hose." He arrived at rehearsal one night in what appeared to be a shimmering suit of armor. He stood in the doorway of the old tuna cannery (where we practice into the night), the

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industrial lighting of the loading dock behind him, limned in a supernatural glow that was quite Biblical. We all fell silent for a moment. The instruments hummed, feedback trailed off. The hush remained over the room for what felt like a full minute. Finally the Hose broke the silence. He stepped forward into the room lighting, lifted his sports bottle of malt liquor, and said, "I think the Benzedrine is kicking in."

We could see now what he was wearing: a silver double-breasted jacket of burnished metallic Lurex and Rayon, which descended to just above the knee, and beneath that, matching pants above his platform disco boots and a frilly pirate shirt. He was, as always, showing the rest of us the way.

"My God," someone said. "Where did you get

that?"

"The Pimp Store," he said simply.

The Pimp Store? What could he mean? Did such a place exist? If so, why hadn't I heard of it? Did they advertise? If so, what would their ads be like?

Yo, trip! 'Sup? Gots to pimp yo ho? No dope threads? You axe me, you gotsta busta move over to Lee's Menswear on Fifth Avenue downtown, know I'm sayin'? They gots fly shit be da bomb. Get jiggy wit dis shit aw kinda ways. Word. Know I'm sayin'?

Writing the ad copy for "The Pimp Store," Lee's Menswear, would be a potentially gratifying challenge. I hope Mr. Kim will keep me in mind for this job if he wants to reach out to the marketplace via radio or television.

For example, a 30-sec-

ond TV spot might go something like this:

EXT. NIGHT. Limousine pulls up to curb in front of pawn shop on El Cajon Blvd.

CLOSE-UP on magenta platform boot emerging from passenger door as chauffeur in a crushed-velvet polyester double-breasted black uniform and white porkpie Panama hat holds car door.

PAN UP: Length of cream-colored trouser leg with blue pinstripes to 3/4-length matching suitcoat open to reveal violet fishnet shirt and gold medallions over a buff chest. THE MAN stands at curbside, lifts a hand with enormous pinky ring, drags on long cigar. He is wearing a lavender bowler hat. He exhales a plume of cigar smoke and smiles.

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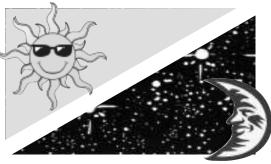
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boots, and teased hair surround THE MAN and drape themselves on his shoulders, running hands over his chest and jacket.

IN UNISON: All three women face the camera. (In a breathy voice) "Lee's Menswear."

VOICEOVER: "Lee's Menswear, when yo' bitch ain't no ho'...936 Fifth Avenue in San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter." MUSIC UP and FADE.

Meanwhile, on that night months ago at the old cannery (where our drummer lives amidst his collection of mounting evidence in the JFK assassination conspiracy), we could only stare.

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that we each pictured ourselves in the kind of finery we beheld that night and knew that no one among us could carry it off quite as well as the Hose. Still, I studied the cut and length of the jacket and thought to myself, Ray Davies, the Kinks, 1965. Edwardian. I could wear something like it — not quite as flashy, of course with a plain white tab-collar shirt, maybe an ascot. "How much?" I had asked.

"None of your business," he said inscrutably, and I knew he would say no more. Luckily, he had left the price tag on the sleeve with the address of the store. I was astonished at how reasonable it was and that such clothing was available right here in San Diego.

In the weeks that followed, I saved enough for a deposit. When I walked into the store, my eyes were drawn upward to the dozens of styles and colors of suits hanging overhead on three high walls. Crimson and sienna, mauve and salmon, coral and sapphire, lime green, snakeskin, and cream. Lapels and lapel-less, threebutton, two-button, six-button, pinstripe and solid, mock velour, crushed velvet, faux satin sheen the color of wine and pumpkin and tea. I saw my 48 regular from across the room. I approached slowly, pointing. "Can I try that on?"

The attractive Korean woman reached for a hooked pole and brought it down. She smiled, seeming to approve.

Black with white pinstripes. Eight buttons, double-breasted. One hundred percent polyester with a permanent crease in the wideshovel pantlegs. I put my money down and left instructions to remove the cuffs on the pants. On the afternoon of the gig, I picked up the suit. It was like wearing pure attitude. Light and comfortable, although hot under the stage lights, my Falcone suit, union made in America, suffused me with

confidence, dynamism, and virility.

Since that night, I have worn the full suit at a funeral and at a production at the Lyceum Theater of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. This is the only drawback I can

think of to being in the forefront of fashion innovation. A limited number of occasions present themselves for these fine-quality designs, which are so easily mistaken by the unimaginative for tasteless. I intend to see *Jane* Eyre at the La Jolla Playhouse in my pimp suit, and I expect raised eyebrows but only in the most approving sense. Also at the upcoming gig at Java Joe's, where I will wear the jacket with Levi's and sneakers, saying to the

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audience, in effect, "I respect you. I am here to entertain, and I take it seriously." At the same time, the pants and shoes state, "I am down with you people. I'm a beatnik too. I can groove with the youngest of you, I am jiggy with Beck and Oasis — I'm not old, honest."

At parties over the holidays, nothing could be more perfect. My suit evokes Dickens and Victoriana as well as Edwardian mod and Southeast San Diego street savvy. I just need to add a few items.

At Lee's Menswear, I am moving among the customers through the narrow rows between racks. A blind

man with a cane is actually buying clothes here. He shuns the helpful Korean woman, saying, "You're wishy-washy, get away from me. This man knows what I like." And he seeks out the young African-American clerk who guides him to a wall with hanging hockey jerseys emblazoned with the word FUBU. The man feels the material, a silklike rayon, and smiles. "Yes," he says, "you know what I like. Indeed."

Two guys, each of them nearly the size of one of those drive-through Fotomats, are fingering long-sleeved pinstriped vests. I am certain these guys are athletes. If I were a sports fan I would undoubtedly recognize them. One of them is smiling at the other as he lifts the vest away from the rack. "Trip, man," he says. "It be Hammer time."

Many local rap artists buy their stage clothes here, according to the young clerk, Rami, who, while he has only worked at Lee's for a short time, exhibits a thorough knowledge of the store and its clientele.

"Also, dancers," Rami says. "These are dance clothes."

"You get any actual pimps?" I ask him.

Rami frowns, looks around. "No, man. This place

is pretty cool. We get kids from, like, Mesa College who have pimp parties. You know, 'Pimp Yo Ho Night.'"

"You must get a lot of drug dealers, huh? I bet you get drug lords, right?" Rami just looks at me as if I had a gunshot wound in my forehead, with genuine concern and pity. "Here," he says, "let me show you something cool." He takes me to a rack of suits. One on the very end is a chocolatebrown crushed velvet so lush it is almost a fake fur. It is double-breasted, made from 100 percent polyester, and has matching pants. It is marvelously cheap. "Wow," I say because there is nothing else to say.

It is time to look around for some shirts, something for both the stage and holiday festivities. Here is a silver sparkle number that has an effect like dazzling chain mail in the fluorescent lighting of the store. If you get tired of wearing it, you could use it to clean barnacles off of submarines. Another is the color of bright blood shot through with platinum threads of Lurex. The collar is wide — what in high school we used to call a 'bazoo collar."

"I wonder where Mr. Kim gets all this stuff," I say out loud.

"Ask him," Rami suggests.

Mr. Kim is overseeing the arrival of a shipment from Chicago. He is a dignified, statesmanlike gentleman whose English is heavily accented by Korean. One could never deduce by looking at him that this sober, dignified merchant was the wildman's fashion king of San Diego haberdashery.

"Yes, Chicago," he says. "And Philipsburg, Pennsylvania. Also, I go to magic shows in Las Vegas."

"Genius!" I commend him. "Good idea. See what the magicians are wearing. Right."

I get the same look Rami gave me. "I also go to shows in Los Angeles and

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New York and buy there." He takes down a poster from Falcone that is taped to the wall and hands it to me. It contains information about the origins of Damiani, Don Mart, Falcone, and Berkeley Square Sportswear fashions, which are liberally represented at Lee's. Apparently a man named Navasky

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I've got my eye on an Italian-made "Virgola" shirt, contoured and stitched with jet-black and luminous gold thread. It says on the price tag, "Virgola, easy elegance and refined designing, \$35." Here is a pair of iridescent green polyester swim trunks that you would want to be wearing for maximum visibility if you get caught in a rip current on a cloudy day. Ties, scarves, belts...

I mentally recalibrate my \$2000 budget, to be spent over the course of two years, to \$3000 over three years. That it is a worthwhile investment is beyond question. I only have to think of the money I spent on Earth shoes alone in the 1970s. Where are they now, I ask you?

I intend to be buried in my pimp suit. And should you dig me up 100 years from now, I may look awful, but that suit is still going to look boss.

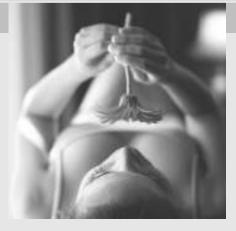
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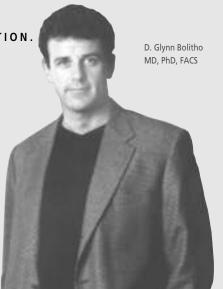
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A former Wahrenbrock's employee, Joe Herweg, says, "The buy that got Vernon Wahrenbrock in the book business was from some fellow out in Point Loma. This fellow, so the story goes, was at the end of a threeday party. Vernon went out there, and the guy asked, 'What will you give me for my

books?' And Vernon said, 'Everything I've got in my pockets.' The guy said, 'Well, how much is that?' Vernon said, 'Sixteen dollars.' The guy took the \$16. Perhaps because he was in a weakened or inebriated state.

"So Vernon started loading up the books and bringing them back to the store. First thing he did was unpack a set of encyclopedias and fix them up in the windows. He put a sign up that read 'For Sale! Take me home. \$22.50.' By the time Vernon got back with the second load, his wife had sold the encyclopedias, they had got their \$16 back, plus some profit, and they were in the usedbook business."

Fifty-four years later, Wahrenbrock's Book House (now at 726 Broadway) is San Diego's oldest bookshop. Vernon Wahrenbrock, in his mid-70s, semi-retired, and living in Escondido, sold the store in 1965. In that same year, Chuck Valverde became the store's manager and is now its owner.

A weekday afternoon. Four people are working — Chuck Valverde, his son Chuck, Jr., Jan Tonnesen, and Richard Allen. The cash register drawer clangs shut. Chuck, Jr., slips four used paperback Westerns into a sack, hands the sack to an elderly man. "GRUMPY OLD FART" is printed on the man's billed cap, but he's grinning as he tells Chuck, Jr., about the four Westerns, "Them's to be my weekend."

A woman who could not have been more than ten when Elvis Preslev nodded off to his final sleep buys The Day Elvis Died.



Chuck Valverde, Jan Tonnesen, Chuck Valverde, Jr.

Chuck, Sr., asks, "Do you have Elvis the Soldier?" She does, she says loudly, to be heard over buses roaring down Broadway. The woman doesn't have, and wants, All Shook *Up: Elvis Day-by-Day.* Chuck, Sr., — whose six-foot height, broad shoulders, and eyeglasses lend him an appearance half lumberjack, half professor — says he hasn't seen a copy come through recently and offers to order one.

The telephone rings (the 11th call in

30 minutes). Chuck, Sr., answers. "The Blacksmith's Source Book? Give me a moment, I'll check." He heads down through the shop; threads between shelves that rise from floor to eight-foot ceilings; zips past sections set aside for films, psychology, prenatal care, hobbies, rivers, deserts, caves and caving; steps over a box out of which books spill; edges past a customer who has open in his hands The Shooter's Bible. He disappears into a book-lined alcove at the back of the store,

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A rangy 19-year-old, taller than his father and dark complexioned, with black curls loosed on his neck, Chuck, Jr., can remember being in the bookshop from the time he learned to

walk. But he still finds intimidating the sheer number of books here, some quarter of a million volumes.

"People who've never been in here before," he tells me, "will stand at the counter and look around and say something like, 'I'm overwhelmed!' And then you say to them, 'Have you seen

the second floor? The third?"

From the back of the store, a woman carrying Bird, Charlie Parker's biography, approaches the counter and asks Chuck, Jr., if he has Art Pepper's Straight *Life.* He suggests she speak to "our jazz and blues expert, Jan, the man with the green beard standing in the art books." Jan Tonnesen (whose long beard is a pale auburn) is fitting new volumes onto the oversize art bookshelf.

"Over here," calls Tonnesen. He is lifting a stack of art monographs. "Every one of these things," he says, "must weigh four pounds."

Emerging from the banks of shelves, Chuck, Sr.,

says, "Hi there, Bob! Be with you in a minute," to a suited gentleman studying the titles of books stacked spine-up on the 50-percent-off table. Chuck, Sr., pushes a shock of graying hair off his forehead and picks up the telephone. "We don't have The Blacksmith's Sourcebook. What we do have is The

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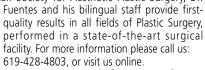
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Complete Guide to Blacksmithing and Practical Blacksmithing. Okay, I'll leave them here at the counter for you."

Blacksmithing books rubber-banded together, Chuck, Sr., joins Bob. Bob collects materials about Baja California and wishes to add to his collection. Ten years ago, he's saying, he bought a first edition of Steinbeck's Sea of Cortez for \$100. Noting that Sea of Cortez now can't be purchased for less than \$200, Chuck, Sr., says, "A book I liked about Baja was Forgotten Winters: Adventures in the Gulf of California. Have you seen that?"

Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha gripped in both hands, a scrawny teenager asks Tonnesen if he can help him find something to read in philosophy. "Nietzsche and Sartre," he asks, "are those guys pretty good?"

Tonnesen groans."Nietzsche is so depressing. Steer clear of Kierkegaard too. He's even *more* depressing than Nietzsche. Sartre is an existentialist. And existentialism to me is just an excuse to sleep late. I don't know where to tell you to start. Read Will Durant's The Story of Philosophy, which will give you a good overview of Western philosophy, or Bertrand Russell's Wisdom of the West, which is perhaps better.

'I warn you though. Those Germans and Danes, their winters are long, they got too much time to think."

"Hesse," the teenager says, "he didn't bother you, did he?"

"Hesse," Tonnesen laughs, "no, he didn't bother me. He's loads of fun."

Chuck Valverde, Sr., was 28, working for the University of California, helping set up university bookstores, when the opportunity came to go into the private bookshop business. Now 55, he's spent half his life here. He approaches a middle-aged woman who, for several minutes, has been walking back and forth between dogs and art history. "You have that wandering look in your eye, lady." She's lost, she says. Several minutes later, Valverde returns to the counter, the woman —



beaming now - with him, and rings up her purchase, Irving Stone's Lust for Life.

"Our organization of books here may look completely baffling, but there's rhyme and reason to it," he says, adding that he thinks

a long time before he alters the store's arrangement."A customer in a bookstore is possessive. Say the customer is interested in philosophy. They come in. They may say hello or good morning. But basically, a regular customer who's interested in philosophy walks straight to the philosophy section. That's his section. If we move that section on him — we could move it to a shelf two feet over — we've got one upset customer. Because we've destroyed a routine. He may not come back for a month."

Books rise up on either side along the marble stairs that lead to the second floor. Twelve volumes of The Writings of George Washington. Eleven volumes of John Fiske's Historical Writings. Two more steps up, there is James Truslow Adams's March of Democracy in 7 volumes, The Great Events by Famous Historians in 20 volumes. Another step up is Documents of German Foreign Policy, 1918-1945 in 6 fat dusty volumes. At the top of the stairs is a Thackery set, bound in green cloth, spines stamped with gold flowers.

The second-floor window looks out over Broadway. Under that window are three shelves packed with books by and about Winston Churchill. From the cover of The Gathering Storm, his dear old bulldog face looks up. Nearby, a brown bookcase holds four shelves about the Kennedys — from PT-109 to The Warren Commission Report on the Assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Along the second floor's east wall, bookcases are seven shelves high. Top shelves hold books about Chicago. Beneath Chicago are books about New York. To the right of New York and beneath titles about Canada are books about the Arctic. Even the titles make me cold: The Polar Regions, Arctic Doctor, Northern Exposure, Peter Freuchen's Book of the Eskimo, Barry Lopez's Arctic Dreams.

Chuck, Jr., joins me in the horror section. We examine Crabs on the Rampage and Revenge of the Crabs, on whose glossy covers crabs extend giant claws that drip blood. On the cover of an H.P. Lovecraft collection, a ghoulish male holds open his cloak, revealing rotted flesh. "Probably one of our best sellers," Chuck, Jr., says. "All

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kinds of people — long hair, short hair — like horror."

We walk through the second floor's back half. "Fiction is the hardest section to conquer. We've got 'em shelved double deep, but still we never find enough room."

Tidying shelves as we walk past poetry — Auden, Berryman, Chaucer, Cicero, Coleridge, Dante, De La Mare, Dickinson, Donne — Chuck, Jr., smiles, asks, "Do you know how many pressed flowers we find in books?"

Does he imagine following in his father's footsteps? He doesn't know. "At 19," he says, "how can you know?" For now he is enrolled at City College and works here part-time. He likes the store and customers, but there's so much, he says, that one has to learn. He stoops to gather up off the floor two volumes of Leon Edel on Henry James and places the books back onto the shelf. "I guess you could say, though, that it's a strong possibility that I might do this."

Thirty to 40 percent of Wahrenbrock's used stock comes from other book dealers and through bids on libraries offered by auction houses. The rest is bought from private sources. As often as four times a week, in response to calls offering personal libraries for sale, Jan Tonnesen, Chuck

Valverde, Sr., or Richard Allen buys books. Tonnesen has invited me to go with him to make a buy. Driving down 805 in the shop's Dodge van, Tonnesen, 38, says that he's lived in San Diego since he was 9, that he went to high school in La Mesa, then attended college for several years. He has worked for five years at Waldenbooks and for the past ten at Wahrenbrock's.

Typically, he says, each member of a bookstore staff will have areas of special interest. "You really don't become an expert in more than a few topics, but after a while, you get to know a little about everything. You pick up a lot by osmosis."

At Wahrenbrock's, Chuck, Sr., specializes in history and Western Americana. "And Chuck's really the guy who started the rarebook department in the store. There was nothing like that there before." Richard Allen, a painter, is the shop's poetry expert.

Tonnesen's interests include general fiction, science fiction, and mysteries. He collects books on tattoos and tattooing, on beers and brewing. A musician, Tonnesen collects books on the blues and blues musicians. "And I love vintage paperbacks—leggy dames, juvenile delinquents, the more salacious the better."

Would Tonnesen char-

acterize Wahrenbrock's customers? "Everyone from three-piece-suited GOP lawyers to street people and all points in between, including the illiterate, because even they stop in at times. Some of our customers do all their shopping by telephone, and some of these byphone shoppers, as far as anyone knows, have never been in the store.

"We also cater to private collectors, particular collectors of war histories and Western Americana. Buyers for other bookshops visit us. We're aggressive buyers, and they know they can come here and always find something new."

As we near the Claire-

mont address, Tonnesen explains how buys from private sources are made. "The way we work it is, I look at the books and make a judgment as to what's a quick sale and what's going to sit forever. Then, generally, we pay about a third of what we're going to sell the books for and then make allowances either for those books that aren't going to move or aren't going to move for a long time

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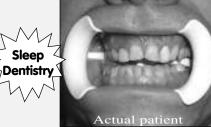
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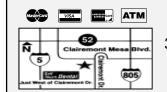
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door opened only a few inches. Books blocked the door. We squeezed our way in. On every surface, books were stacked. On the floors of every room. In closets. On furniture. Even on the bed. The wife slept in a chair in the living room. The husband had been a poet. He collected poetry. The whole time we boxed it up, the woman cried."

Today's bookseller, a white-haired woman -Mrs. B.—let us in the front door. She has come from the Midwest to supervise the sale of her brother's house and the disposal of his belongings. Until a month ago, the brother had been at home, cared for by a livein companion, a middleaged woman who emerges from the kitchen and greets us. Her brother, Mrs. B. tells us, is in a rest home.

"We had no idea who to call or where to call," Mrs. B. says. "So I called your public library, and a lady down there told me to call your bookstore."

The companion adds, "Wahrenbrock's is the only bookstore I can remember always being here. I'm 53 now, and it was there, downtown, when I was in grade school. I remember catching the bus on Broadway, and I remember seeing Wahrenbrock's."

Mrs. B. directs us through the hall, shows us the rooms in which books are shelved, then leaves us. Tonnesen pushes back the bill of his navy blue cap, his eyes narrow. A humming, almost a purr, starts in his throat, his fingertips brush books' spines. "A nice uniform set of Conrad here, which he didn't complete. It may have been a book club edition. No great shakes. We sell them in the store for two dollars apiece. An old edition of Tocqueville, 1851. A cloth binding, embossed boards, dusty, in terrible shape. An old Jane Eyre, a Modern Library edition of Marco Polo. A book about the refurbishing of the Truman White House, with photographs. A collection of Milton. Not much asked for anymore, old Milton. He's no Charles Bukowski.

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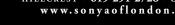
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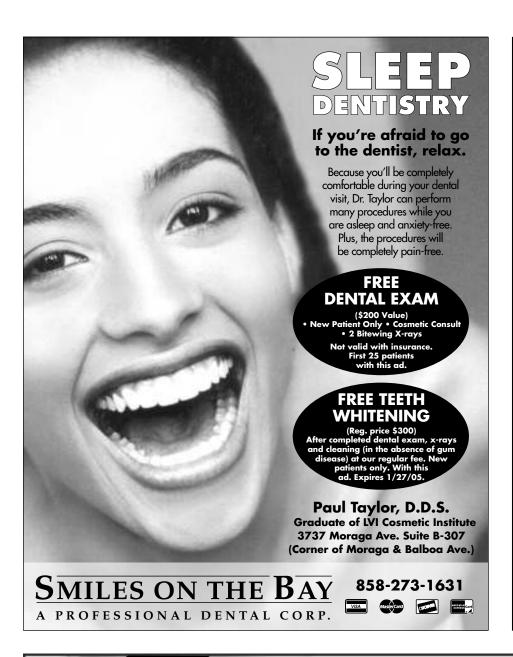
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"His tastes were rather broad, which is nice. Bea Lillie's autobiography. Gertrude Lawrence's *Mrs. A.* I wonder if this fellow wasn't involved in theater.

"And here's an *Americana* encyclopedia, 1956. Virtually useless. Too old to be useful, too young to be collectible.

"Looking at people's books, it's kind of being a voyeur, and I don't like that aspect of it; but I think, 'I'm here, why not find out?'

"Looks like he read modern Greek. *Modern Greek*, *the Easy Method*. Six Greek dictionaries. Italian/English dictionary. Books in French and books about French, probably he was something of a linguist.

"I'd guess he was an engineer. He has a lot of older engineering texts. Here's a *Handbook of Physics*. Seems he was also a sailor. Here's

Sailing and Small Craft Down through the Ages."

We walk down a carpeted hall to a small bedroom. Physics, engineering, math textbooks are on shelves on one wall. "School textbooks are nothing special to us, unfortunately."

Next to the textbooks is a set of small books, *Masterpieces of the World's Best Literature*. "This," Tonnesen explains, "is what was considered to be, in 1910, the world's great literature and which now, 80 years later, is not. It's a set that shows

up with some frequency. It may have been offered in a book club or as a little gift edition. Grandma wants to give the grandson a collection of literature for \$5.00, and here it all is, jammed into one. Quaint and charming, and that's all the value is."

In the Modern Library edition of Yeats's *Irish Fairy and Folk Tales*, Tonnesen shows me that \$2.25 has been penciled in lightly on the upper-right-hand corner of the first free endpaper. "This is Joe Herweg's hand. I've seen several of Chuck's hand already in some of the books in the other room."

How did he recognize that Herweg priced the book? "All booksellers seem to have a little quirk of their own. I can look at almost any book sold here in town and tell you where the book was sold. I've bought and resold books which I've sold several times."

We have progressed to the shelves in the living room. On one set of shelves sit 13 volumes of the *Oxford English Dictionary*. From another shelf Tonnesen pulls *A Book of Kelts*, published in 1927 with 24 color plates. Tongue tip pressed on his bottom lip, Tonnesen leafs rapidly through the book. "I count 24! Good!"

Mrs. B, from the sofa, addressed Tonnesen. "May I ask you a personal question? Is your beard awfully hot in summer?"

"I've had it since 1972, so I'm pretty used to it by now."

"Is your hair red, too?" Tonnesen takes off his cap. "What hair?"

"The good news and the bad news...is this," Tonnesen tells Mrs. B. "There are a lot of books here, a lot of good books here, many. The older encyclopedias I wish I didn't have to take. They are almost worthless to us, too old to be useful, too new to be collectible. And, there are a lot of books here that are going to be duplicates for us. The most important set, as you well know, is the *Oxford English Dictionary*. I'd love to say, 'I'll pay for that, and let me suggest on the others,' but I think you are more interested in selling everything in one fell swoop." Mrs. B. nods agreement.

"I had already discussed with Chuck the value of the *OED*, on which the offer is \$250. What I would offer you for the rest of the books, including the encyclopedias, would be another \$250, which would be \$500 altogether."

"Sold."

"You're too easy. You're supposed to dicker with me."

While Tonnesen boxes up the books and takes them to the van, Mrs. B. talks. Her brother, indeed, was an engineer and, she says, "an avid

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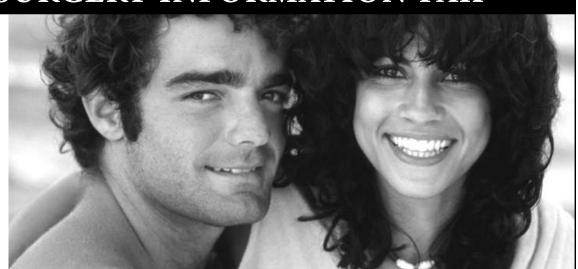
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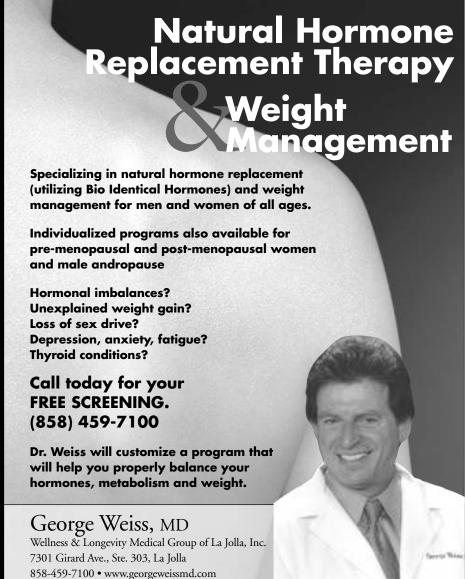
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reader. He had wanted that Oxford English Dictionary for many, many years, and his wife one day said, 'Just get them.' He could sit all day and read and still be reading late into the night. And now, the poor guy, he's almost like a vegetable."

At the shop the next day, Tonnesen is on his knees before the boxes of books bought in Clairemont, "Sorting. Figuring out what we are going to do with them. Some are badly worn. So I'll just take good old white glue and big rubber bands, fix them up so that people can read them.

"There were a few nice surprises in there. A 1905 title — Football for the Player and Spectator. The Omoo did turn out to be a first edition. But it will need a lot of work and repair. We'll have to send it out to our bindery. It will take two, maybe even three hundred bucks to fix

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Question answered, Valverde turns to Tonnesen. "Jan, what if I clean out the front window for that Oxford English Dictionary you bought?" Tonnesen nods a yes; but no sooner does Valverde turn to begin than a buyer from a Los Angeles bookshop announces himself. He's come to pick up a signed copy of Langston Hughes's Weary Blues.

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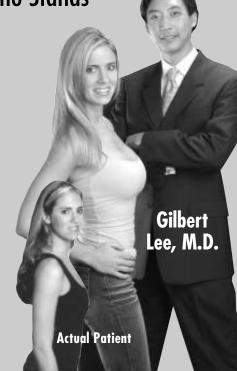
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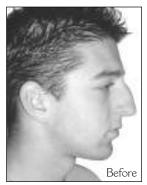
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the purchaser of World War II books is a man with a silver flattop haircut. In his carefully manicured hand, he grips *The Opium War*. Addressing no one in particular, he says, "Myself, I like the small, odd colonial war."

A man in slacks and sport shirt stands over Tonnesen. "You remember those Thin Man stories? We were having a little argument over them next door at Joseph's Deli. Who wrote 'em?"

"Dashiell Hammett."

The man smiles.

"Thank you." "Did you win?"

"No."

"Too bad," says Tonnesen, standing up to place Modern Greek, the Easy Method next to Wahrenbrock's collection of Greek

dictionaries. "Too bad."

On the third floor, Wahrenbrock's keeps the shop's better books, modern first editions, and antiquarian materials. There one afternoon, former Wahrenbrock's employees Joe Herweg and Bill Tollefson reminisce about their days in the shop.

Joe Herweg, in his 70s now, moved to San Diego in 1947. Herweg, who had had a bookshop in Honolulu before the war, soon found Wahrenbrock's. "I walked in and said to Vernon, 'This was a bad day for you that I found this shop, because I am going to have to give you some competition.'

"Vernon had never had

any competition. Over on E Street were all these dinky little shops. There was a little bookshop there. An elderly lady — a gallant little old lady—was running it. Her husband had run it, and he'd died on the job. Her sons weren't interested. One day she called me and asked if I'd like to buy the stock."

So Herweg went again to see Wahrenbrock. "We went out to lunch, and I said to Vernon, 'If I were you, I'd hire me before I open a bookshop.'Vernon said, 'Well, let me talk it over with my wife. He hired me that night."

Bill Tollefson, now in his mid-50s, joined Wahrenbrock's in 1962. "Truth be known, I will confess I needed a job. My wife found

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Tollefson: "All the old fiction — titles from the 1880s, 1890s, and turn of the century - were kept downstairs, against the back wall. I read James D. Hart's *The* Popular Book: A History of America's Literary Taste and every title in there, except for the very rare ones Vernon had on those shelves. You could touch them; you could read them. It was a fabulous education.

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Herweg: "Vernon Wahrenbrock was a very bright — very bright — welleducated man and very, very good businessman, but not a bookman. But me, I'm a lousy businessman, but I'm a bookman. I love books. So it worked out perfectly for us."

Tollefson: "Vernon was interested In Western Americana. But he wasn't a big reader. He got so involved in the *business* of business that I don't know that he found enough time to read. But he was fascinated with certain aspects of San Diego and San Diego's history."

Herweg: "The whole Vernon Wahrenbrock family went back quite a few ways."

Tollefson: "Vernon's father was a postman here at the turn of the century. He was a very spry man, big and strong. At 85 he was out reroofing his house! He came in the store often and always gave me his political opinions - which didn't happen to be mine."

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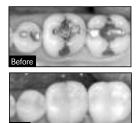
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about Wahrenbrock, Tollefson relates, "Vernon was able to garner a copy of Winston Churchill's River Wars two volumes. A section was missing from the first volume, so Vernon noted 'frontispiece missing' and asked \$80 for the two volumes. A fellow from the Abbey Bookshop in L.A. came down and bought the two volumes, just gobbled them

"Years later I was talk-

ing to that guy. He said to me, 'How stupid that guy [Vernon] was. To sell me that Churchill for \$80. I turned around and sold it for \$400.' I said to him, 'Well, yeah, but the frontispiece was missing.' To which he replied, 'That was the original first edition. That was the way it came out. That stupe in San Diego didn't know that. I go down there all the time and buy books.'

"But Vernon always

said, 'Let'em find a sleeper. It keeps 'em coming back. We're here to turn the merchandise. We are businessmen. We don't *have* a topdollar market. Let these guys come in.'

'He was a supreme businessman first, a bookman second. He could have been good at rags, in shoes. He was honest, he believed in giving good service, he was very fair, and there were countless numbers of little old ladies who loved him. Because these ladies will call a bookshop in midafternoon and need a book. 'You know, the one with the red cover. I don't remember the writer's name but the story was about....'With that you would have to go find a book. Generally, Joe Herweg or Vernon Wahrenbrock would

dig that book out. They handled those books every day. They knew them as friends."

Herweg: "I loved giving books away. A fellow would buy a book, and I'd say, 'Hey, wait a minute. I got another book here.' And

sneaky."

"In the '50s, you and Vernon had access to some great libraries. The expanded Shakespeare. The 11th Britannica, leather-bound, and with its own traveling case so you could take it on a

"He knew about the hollow earth. 'The poles are not really the poles, they are entrances to the inside of the Earth.'"

I'd give it to him. I'd say, 'This is a gift. If you don't like it, pass it on to a friend or bring it back to me.' Any jackass can sell a book, but to give a book away and still stay in business. Ah!"

Tollefson: "That's

steamer with you. Just a wonderful collection of everyday books that were easy to sell and were in great condition. The bulk of the books ended up in the James Copley library.

"Dick Riley, then, was buying lots of books for Jim Copley. Copley had said, 'I've got to build a library. There are certain things I know I need. What do you think I should do?' So Dick Riley, poor man, had this wonderful job to go and buy books. Riley would come down and spend hours at Wahrenbrock's, buying books, and Mr. Jim Copley would pay the bill. You had the best of all worlds there!"

Tollefson continues, recalling that in 1965, when Chuck Valverde, Sr., had become the shop's manager, and "Vernon was on his way out of the business but still there, Chuck and I made a tremendous buy together. We spent \$25 for a Civil War diary. I was the instigator. Chuck was still very cautious, trying to see how things worked. The book's seller sold me on the book. I sold Chuck. And then we sold each other. And we bought this wonderful \$25 Civil War diary that we knew, we knew, the moment we had this book our names would go up in lights in the antiquarian book seller circles; why, people would be battering down the door for this wonderful piece. As things turned out, it took us about a year

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the corner on Third Street. Donald Freeman, the TV critic who was fascinated with the books of A.J. Liebling — he thought Liebling was the greatest writer of all time — he was in all the time. Nelson Fisher, who was the great Del Mar handicapper, would come in. Hans Conried and Red Skelton came in.

"Dr. Szekley, the husband of the founder of the Golden Door, visited us often. 'Dr. Zeke,' Vernon Wahrenbrock used to call him. A jovial guy, Dr. Zeke. He was probably 5'9", 5'10", but a real Mister Five-by-Five, quite heavyset. Around that time, Ford had just come out with their Econoline vans with double doors. Dr. Zeke bought one. The double doors would open, and there Dr. Zeke'd be in a great huge armchair, sitting in the back of that van, out in front of the bookshop. Someone once said to Dr. Zeke, 'You starve those people who come to the Golden Door, and look at you.' Dr. Zeke was supposed to have patted his belly and said, 'This is not fat, this is very good living.'

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In 1966 Bill Tollefson left Wahrenbrock's and went to work for Barnes & Noble as a salesman. "I never found a bookstore the caliber of this one, that had the depth and breadth of titles. There were lots of specialists, but no one could compare to the volume and quality of books this store had and still has. There are titles here that I handled, and they are still here. Someday the right person for the right book will come along, and it will be here." ■

— Judith Moore

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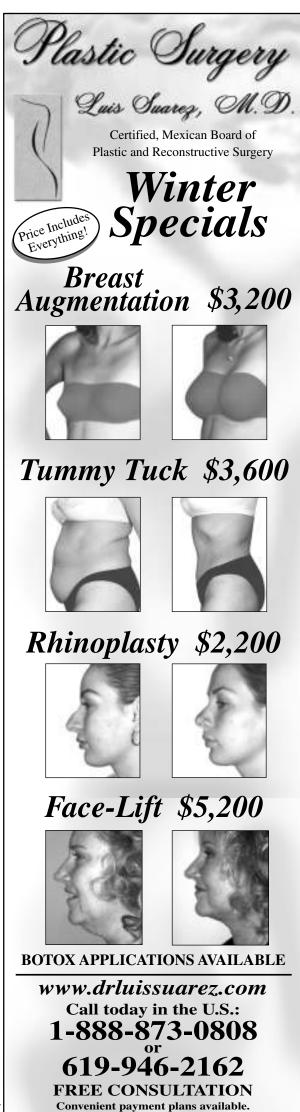
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The subtitle under the heading "Sheep and Goats" reads "Places of Worship Reviewed."

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought that "places of worship" pertains to public churches, synagogues, temples, etc., not (private) IRS offices.

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Comics Deviate

Re the January 6 letter "Ridiculous Spelling," concerning hyphenation in "Overheard in San Diego." Comic strips traditionally deviate from strict grammatical structure. The space restrictions inherent in fitting dialogue into oval-shaped balloons, around artwork, require a little creative fiddling when it comes to things like breaking up words with hyphens. If comics were held to the same grammatical — and journalistic standards as the newspapers in which they appear, then we'd be all the poorer for the loss of Krazy Kat, Li'l Abner, Popeye, Zippy the Pinhead, et al.

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> Pat Korn via e-mail

Duncan Kidnapped?

This letter is regarding Duncan Shepherd's year in review ("Cream of the Cream," Movie Review, January 6). It doesn't surprise me that I didn't even notice *Spartan*: I don't even remember when that was released. I knew whatever his favorite film of the year would be would be something that I didn't know anything about. But it sounds pretty good. That's not my problem.

My problem with this is, I'm thinking that maybe Duncan Shepherd got kidnapped and you just put in, like, maybe an intern to take over for this week, because Duncan Shepherd doesn't seem to me like a guy who would be so stupid as to talk about Michael Moore's film



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Fahrenheit 9/11 and use the word "art" in the same sentence. "Its contribution to the art form exceeds its contribution to the Kerry campaign." Art form? Michael Moore's film? His clackhanded propaganda film? Art? Sorry, Duncan, or whoever you are now.

And then I've got another real problem here two more serious omissions in this year-in-review thing. Number one is, he doesn't even mention Riding Giants, probably the greatest surf film ever made. I guess that's

not a real film, though, huh? But Fahrenheit 9/11 is. That's the difference, let me tell you — Riding Giants: documentary; Fahrenheit 9/11: propaganda film.

And then the other big, glaring omission is to mention Jamie Foxx in that ridiculous knickknack, Collateral, and completely ignore *Ray*, the greatest movie of the year. I can only conclude that this is not Duncan Shepherd, or Duncan Shepherd doesn't know anything about music. I mean, this is a really well-done musical biography about the most important figure in American popular music, period. So, Duncan, where are you? Come back, or come to your senses.

> Dr. Joey La Jolla

Shocker

I write in response to your December 30 article "At Home in San Diego." Your cover photo shows a man with numerous tattoos sitting outside a business. The tattoo on his leg caught my eye, and what a shocker. . That was the most disgusting tattoo I have ever seen. I don't know if you knew the tattoo was there and chose to show it anyways or you did not know it was there. In any event, the man has a disgusting and degrading tattoo, and for you to not only print it but to put it on your cover is unreal. You should be more observant and more considerate. If you think that that's freedom of speech, you can keep your speech and put it where the sun don't shine. Name Withheld

Major-League Vile

I know y'all took a lot of flak for that "stripper" cover a couple months back. I'm sure you're already getting more over the last issue, December 30. The tat on that guy's right leg is majorleague vile. To quote Robin Williams, "You'll be smokin' a turd in purgatory for that one!"

> Jim Gabrisch Tierrasanta

XXX-Rated

On the cover of the December 30 issue was an eyecatching photo of a tattooed man sitting in a chair in front of a tattoo shop. Hence, I started looking at his tattoos. Did somebody miss the horrible XXX-rated

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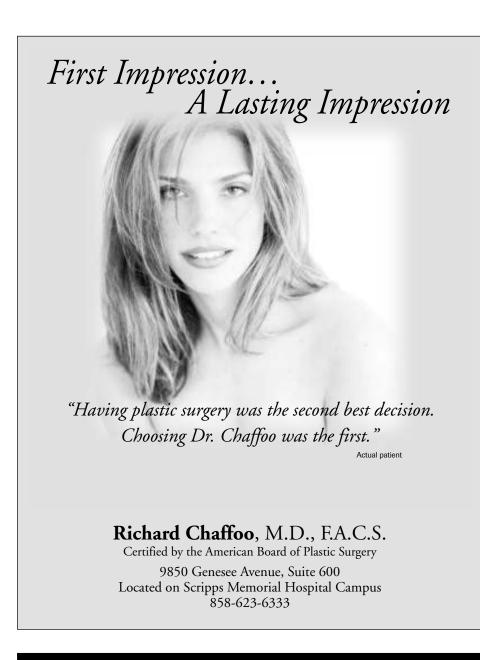
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picture of a naked woman in bondage tattooed on his leg before okaying it for print?!?!?! The picture is obscene, dirty, and extremely offensive.

I'm not criticizing the man for having the tattoo; that is his prerogative. What I am vehemently complaining about is that his tattoo was printed on the front page of the *Reader* for all to see, including children. Poorly done!

Name Withheld via e-mail

Inaction Road

Re "University City" from December 30 edition ("At Home in San Diego").

The reasons that Debby Knight gave for being against the bridge on Regents Road are interesting.

She mentions losing the habitat of hawks and owls. Also the loss of a native-plant restoration project, loss of field trips and paths for joggers, bikers, and hikers.

First, let us remember that all of these things exist to this day despite the fact that a train track was built and trains several times a day come barreling down through the canyon. Also that a major four-lane road has been built (with a bridge of its own) just a little way to the east from the Regents Road area. Not to mention a high school next to this four-lane road.

Second, why would the animals have to die? What about relocation to a different part of the canyon or to nearby San Clemente Canyon?

Third, why would a bridge stop kids from taking field trips? The trains don't do this, and neither does nearby Genesee Avenue.

And would a bridge on Regents suddenly put a stop to all joggers, bikers, and hikers? Of course not. Maybe a little inconvenience and some more noise, sure. But hardly the total loss of the canyon.

Most interesting of all is that Mrs. Knight does not favor the bridge plan nor changing Genesee in some way. Not to single her out alone, there are plenty of people who choose the road of inaction. Sadly, it has been years and years of inaction that has led to the traffic mess University City is in now.

Chris Hearn via e-mail

Great Information

In reference to the article "We're Not Coming to Get Her" ("City Lights," December 23) by Ernie Grimm, there is some really great information about the history and need for senior transportation and some incorrect information.

Jewish Family Service of San Diego does operate a senior transportation program. However, the information noted about the program in the article is incorrect. Jewish Family Service's programs are open to the general public — services are not just for the Jewish population. There is no financial qualifier. The only qualifying factor for the senior transportation program is that the individual belong to the College Avenue Senior Center, located near SDSU. An annual membership to the senior center starts at \$25 per year for an individual.

The senior transportation program currently operates at 30 hours per week, 9:00 to 3:00, Monday through Friday. Ride cost begins at \$4 each way and goes up, depending on mileage. Two years ago, the program was nearly cut in half after the government funding was made unavailable. The rides for seniors are heavily subsidized by the United Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Foundation, and Jewish Family Service of San Diego. Unfortunately, due to limited funding, the senior transportation program is very limited in the amount of rides provided. Additional funding is required to increase the service to meet the demand of seniors in desperate need of transportation to medical appointments, banking, and shopping — all life necessities.

It appears that the community is beginning to realize that there are very limited transportation options for seniors unable to use public transportation. Most of the specialized transportation services relied on grants and funding from the government that since have been terminated, as noted in your article.

Thank you for continually educating the community about needs and services provided. Please feel free to direct individuals to 619-563-

5232 for information about transportation and other senior programs of Jewish Family Service.

> Brenda Bothel Director College Avenue Senior Service Programs

Pricey Disability

I can relate to the story "We're Not Coming to Get Her" ("City Lights") in the December 23 issue. My 69-year-old mother is totally disabled, and there is no wheelchair transport service for her to go to her doctor's appointments. I've called over 50 numbers, and they either do not do residential pickups and/or do not accept Medi-Cal or Medicare. She uses USA Cab with a wheelchair lift. It costs her a lot of money. Any suggestions would help us.

> Nancy North Park

Grow Up

I am amazed that in today's society there are still many ignorant people out there. I have been a fan of Roxy's for a long time and have never considered her race or ethnicity a reason not to listen to her ("Blurt," December 23). She is very good at her job and enjoys hip-hop along with other music styles. It is unfair and uncalled for that another station would stoop to such a low level just to boost ratings. I am Hispanic, and I like all kinds of music. Am I supposed to only like hip-hop and is she only supposed to like rock? Grow up and move into the 21st Century. Nobody has the right to tell somebody they shouldn't be doing what they are doing because of their color or race or gender or anything else. I implore any other listeners to stand up and do what is right. Show them that racism will not be stood for on the San Diego airwayes

> Ruben Lopez via e-mail

Silliest Drivel

The story "Meat in the Belly; Meat on the Mind; Meat in the Cages" (December 16) by Judith Moore was the silliest piece of drivel I've ever seen appear in your newspaper. I think the author was attempting to be avantgarde. She just came off as retarded.

Name Withheld

January 13-19

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PLAYS BY YOUNG WRITERS, 15- to 18-year-old writers' works read and performed at the Globe, tonight through January 23. See IN PERSON, page 94

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LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO, all-male comic ballet, dance their toes off at

California Center for the Arts, Escondido. See **DANCE**, page 88

COMEDIAN CARLOS

MENCIA at the Spreckels makes us laugh; David Cale's new show, **"A LIKELY STORY,"** at Sushi



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TAKE ME OUT: Tony Award winner bats a six-week run at the Globe, while **OKLAHOMA** graces the Spreckels stage through Sunday, and Lanford Wilson's **BURN THIS** at Cygnet (closes February 15). See **THEATER**, page 104

"TURNTABLE TACTICS,"

local deejays put their spin on the turntable at the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad.



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MARIA FULL OF GRACE, a

Colombian girl swallows heroin and heads for the U.S. In Spanish



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JAY FARRAR packs the Belly Up on Wednesday. See **CLUBS**, page 127



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THE SWEATSHOP BAND, a

six-piece group from Moscow, Idaho, at Winstons in Ocean Beach on Tuesday. See **CLUBS**, page 130

"FIRE, POLITICS, MONEY,

and emotions are threatening San Diego's forests with extinction." Kurt Schasker speaks at the

California
Native Plant
Society's next
meeting on
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TANIA LIBERTAD carries a tune in a basket at Mandeville Auditorium. See **IN PERSON**, page 95

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Banner Year

Artist Showcase and Auction

s recently as eight or ten years ago, 'when things were gritty in the Gaslamp Quarter," says downtown's Golden Pacific Art owner Catherine Wall, artists could rent small work spaces for \$60 per month. "A building near where Petco Park is now was full of them," she says. Today rents for the work spaces range from \$150 to \$500 per month.

Prices that high make Daniel Ochoa dubious of recent Gaslamp Quarter Association attempts to portray San Diego's downtown as a burgeoning artist's colony. Ochoa teaches for the Art Institute of

LOCAL **EVENTS**

California in Mission Valley. Since artists usually struggle to pay the bills, he says, they look for the lowest

rents they can find.

Local artist Cecelia Linayao disagrees. She exhibits her paintings in the Brokers Building Gallery at Fourth Avenue and Market Street and works in a studio above it. Approximately thirty other artists rent space in the same building.

"Of course, artists would benefit from low rents," says Linayao, "but if you can be close to a center of art, then you are going to do what it takes — work a part-time job or put out more art — to be where the action is. There is so much stimulation and camaraderie from interacting with the other artists. But everybody here works hard to exhibit. This is no freebie."

In November and December, under the sponsorship of the Art Institute of California San Diego, the Gaslamp Quarter Association displayed art banners painted

by Ochoa, Linayao, and 57 other artists. The banners were hung from the gas-lamp poles downtown. "It's a venue for local artists to display original art on the street," says gallery owner Wall, who has been an Association board member for five years.

On January 19, the Association will auction off the banners at the San Diego Gaslamp Marriott. It will use a silent auction to sell 39 of the banners and a live auction for the remaining 20. Artists will share the proceeds equally with the Gaslamp Quarter Association. The banners may be viewed online at www.gaslamp.org/artbanner.php.

The retail committee of the Gaslamp Quarter Association opted two years ago to display local artists' banners during the holidays instead of the Christmas banners that have traditionally been put up. As sponsor, the Art Institute of California encouraged its students to submit art to the exhibit. The Gaslamp Association selected 14 banners from their faculty and students to hang in the late-fall display.

Artists painted the banners on two-byfour-foot canvases. "When we took them down on January 3," says the Association's senior marketing manager Dan Flores, "two of them were missing. I doubt they were stolen, because we attached them very securely to the gas-lamp poles. Probably city crews removed them. I'm hopeful we'll find them.'

A wide variety of media and painting styles appear on the banners, says Ochoa, who cites abstract work, "quintessential California impressionism," and photorealism. He describes his style as "contemporary expressive. I use a lot of







Banners from 2004

brush strokes in my work. The things that I paint are there in front of me, so you could also consider my work representational. My piece portrays the Gaslamp Movie Theater. I change colors to create an exaggerated view of the theater that shows its historical context in the Gaslamp district and the vibrancy that it currently has."

Cecelia Linayao's painting style is impressionistic, and her banner is "bright and bold. My subject," she says, "is four faces surrounding two flowers, the sunflower, for San Diego, and the poppy, which is the California state flower. The four faces draw from different ethnic mixes. I wanted to relate the different kinds of beauty in flowers to people."

Several banners by other artists in this year's exhibit stand out for Linayao. "Sean Spoto did the garibaldi fish that are found in our coastal waters," she says, "and someone else [Roni Sumer] did the seals you see in La Jolla. Then you contrast those with an abstract painting called Zen Diego

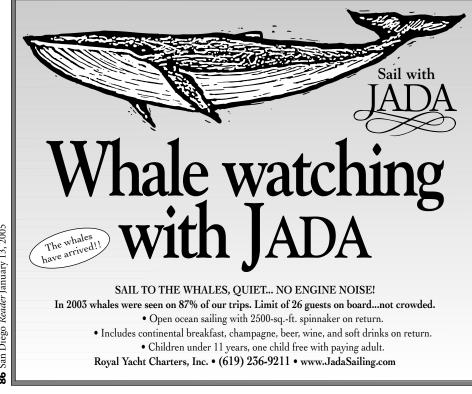
[by El Cajon artist Jim Singer].'

But the one that fascinates Linayao the most is Gaslamp Tapa by Alyson Gillellian. It uses tapa cloth, which is "made out of the bark of trees," says Linayao. "You pound it so that it resembles something between paper and cloth and you put ink on it made from fruits and berries. You see that in a lot of Islander cultures."

The Gaslamp Quarter Association's Flores likes to tout a banner portraying a blue parrot painted in acrylics by Gretchen Kasler. Kasler studies art at the Bonita School of Art. She is 16.

— Joe Deegan

Gaslamp Quarter's Second Annual Artist Showcase and Auction Wednesday, January 19 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. San Diego Marriott Gaslamp 660 K Street, downtown Cost: \$10 Info: www.gaslamp.org/artbanner.php





Events that are underlined occur after January 20.

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The Family Comedy El Tenorico Comico is presented on Tuesday, January 18, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Recent Chilly Days and Nights confirm that San Diego's lowest temperatures (according to more than a century of weather records) tend to occur during the month of January's mean temperature at Lindbergh Field is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. (July's mean is a balmy 70 degrees.) To experience much colder temperatures, journey to the Cuvamacas: -1 and -4 degree

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The Fabled "Green Flash" at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset,

and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

Saturn lies at opposition to the sun on Thursday, January 13. Look

for this creamy white planet over the east horizon as evening twilight gathers. On the date of opposition, Saturn remains in the sky all night and sets at sunrise. The ringed planet will remain a good telescopic target for observers during the evening hours for the next three or four months. Even a small telescope will reveal Saturn's rings, which are currently tilted in a highly inclined position, nearly as "open" as they ever get.

Gather Around Sunset on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing with telescopes, Friday, January 14. Equipment remains set up until

around 10 p.m. Meet in Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

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"Geology of Paso Picacho State Recreation Area" explored during program offered by Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, January 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Coronado Islands Marine Mammals outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants board 88-foot *Pacific Queen* to journey to islands, eight miles off coast of northern Baja to look for gray whales, elephant and harbor seals, seal lions, pelagic birds. Minimum age: 12. Slide show and orientation: Thursday, January 13, at mu-



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seum; \$78. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK, CORONADO)

In Search of Migrating Shorebirds and Ducks, Friends of Famosa Slough lead an outing on Saturday, January 15. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

"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)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, January 15, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Daley Ranch's Treasures, a diverse plant population and expansive views are waiting to be enjoyed when naturalist Rick Paul leads "occasionally strenuous four-mile hike" in Daley Ranch on Sunday, January 16. The hike starts at 9 a.m. at the Cougar Pass entrance (I-15 to El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, drive north four miles to Cougar Pass; turn right, drive one mile to parking lot on left). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Consider Cardiff during scenic seven-mile hike with Walkabout explorers on Sunday, January 16. Moderate-plus outing starts at 8:30 a.m. at Cardiff Town Center (exit I-5 at Birmingham Avenue, drive west to just before train tracks; center is on left). Free. 619-231-7463. (CARDIFF)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientation on Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140)

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

month or in February.

For now and for the next several years, the normally slow and painstaking trek ambitious hikers make into the middle and upper reaches of Borrego Palm Canyon will be considerably easier. Much of the impeding vegetation that used to slow hikers' progress has been stripped away. On September 10, 2004, a wall of water at least 20 feet high sloshed through the narrower parts of the canyon. This was the result of an isolated, intense summer-afternoon thunderstorm that dumped buckets of rain over a relatively small area of the San Ysidro Mountains, northwest of Borrego Springs.

In Borrego Palm Canyon, the rushing water uprooted hundreds of native California fan palm trees, floating them out past the mouth of the canyon toward Borrego Palm Canyon Campground. A mudflow hit the campground itself, causing considerable damage that has since been largely repaired. Dubbed

Desert — but not at all unusual for the geographical region as a whole.

Since that September flood, several more inches of rain have arrived in the greater Borrego Springs area by means of conventional winter storms. The above-normal cumulative rainfall has already produced a first wave of early wildflower blooms at the mouth of Borrego Palm Canyon. Given enough sunshine

a "hundred-year flash flood" by some, the

event was indeed a rare occurrence for that

particular location in the Anza-Borrego

Navigating the route into Borrego Palm Canyon is simple. Begin at the trailhead parking area at the far (west) end of Borrego Palm Canyon Campground. Either of two routes can be followed toward the "First Grove" of palms: a somewhat circuitous alternate trail toward

in the coming days, a spectacular floral dis-

play should be unfolding here by late this

the left, or the main 1.5-mile-long trail (parts of which are rerouted) that sticks close to the flood-scoured canyon bottom, which is full of freshly tossed boulders and assorted prone palm trunks. Whatever route you take, look for desert bighorn sheep grazing on the vegetation upslope. They've become inured to the presence of humans over the past couple of decades and don't seem to mind the pedestrian traffic.

First Grove is a ghost of its former lush self, its stream-hugging

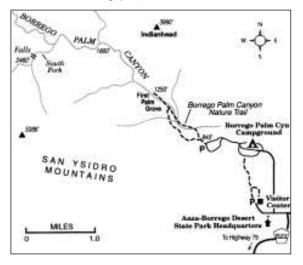


Double cascade, South For

riparian vegetation peeled away along with nearly all lower-lying palms. Fan palms are invasive wherever water is permanently present, as it is here. They will return in force to this site over the next quarter century.

Beyond First Grove, the route is officially trail-less and not for casual tourists. The game is to work your way up the canyon, sometimes on sketchy paths high above the canyon bed, and more often along the flood-scoured bed itself, which is paved unevenly with sand and rounded rocks or granitic or metamorphic bedrock slabs.

At 3.3 miles from the start, the South Fork of Borrego Palm Canyon branches obviously to the left (southwest), its discharge of water less than that of the main fork. A spectacular double-cascade of water lies 0.4 mile ahead up this rough gorge — a worthy destination for motivated hikers willing to clamber over angular rocks.



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DANCE

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. (FSCONDIDO)

Better Late Than Never...the Jamul Dance Company presents *The Nutcracker* January 14-16 in Otto Wilhelm Schmidt Theatre at East County Ministry and Arts Center (389 North Magnolia Avenue). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 general, \$10 for those under 13. 619-449-5096.

Twelfth Annual Nations of San Diego International Dance
Festival spotlights ethnic dances in

UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium (9500 Gilman Drive). Twelve dance troupes with more than 250 dancers and musicians featured in live performances. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, January 14 and 15, 2 p.m. on January 16. Evenings: \$15-\$25; \$12 for matinees. 619-230-8623. (LA JOLLA)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Amarat Dance Troupe, live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Contradance, Steve Barlow calls, Jump Fingers spins tunes for dance on Saturday, January 15, 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)

Calling All Jitterbugs, CafeSavoy Swing Productions hosts "NeoSwing and Blues" night, Sunday, January 16, at Dance Factory (613 Westlake Street). Intermediate swing class at 6 p.m.; beginning swing at 7 p.m.; open swing dance party 8 to 11 p.m. Fees: \$15 for whole shebang, including lessons and party; \$7 for dance alone. 760-783-9000. (ENCINITAS)

Learn Modern Square Dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 16, 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 23. (BALBOA PARK)









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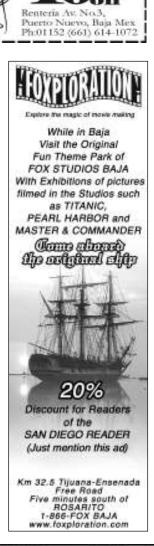
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Tango at the Turquoise, learn basic elements and techniques to execute tango movements when Florentino Guizar and Isabelle lead beginner/intermediate (5 p.m.), introduction (6 p.m.), milonga/dance party (7 p.m.) on Sunday, January 16, at 873 Turquoise Street; \$5 per class. 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"2005 A Chance to Dance" offered by Balletiquette Dance Theatre Company and choreographer Natalie Cook at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, in Jackson Theater at Dana Middle School (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard). Classical ballet and contemporary dances "featuring the best adult nonprofessional dancers around San Diego;" \$5 general, \$8 reserved. 619-276-1300. (POINT LOMA)

FILM

"Yasujiro Ozu and the Japanese Family" examined when independent film curator Scott Marks screens clips from Ozu works for Docent Guest Lecture Series, Friday, January 14, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

The Documentary Film The Letter examines "unexpected violent racist response that divided a small town in Maine as it became home to increasing numbers of immigrants from Africa." Film screens in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. weekend events on Friday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Sharon Darrough of International Rescue Committee speaks. Requested donation: \$5. 619-239-

Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott's Documentary The Corporation may be seen on Saturday, January 15, 2 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film examines history of growing corporate dominance in our lives. 619-236-5800. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

The Award-Winning Film Maria Full of Grace - a tale of a 17-year-old Colombian drug "mule" who smuggles a half-kilo of heroin into the U.S. — may be seen when screened for Sunday

Matinee on January 16, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Smoldering Glimpse Into Marital Discord" We Don't Live Here Anymore — starring Naomi Watts, Mark Ruffalo, Laura Dern, Peter Krause — screens for Film Forum on Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Contemporary Asian Film Series" at Museum of Photographic Arts continues with Hou Hsiao-hsien's 2001 film Millennium Mambo, on Thursday, January 20, 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 Lewis and Clark (6 p.m.) and Yellowstone (7 p.m.) on January 14. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"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)

"Historical Geography: Its Importance in Finding Records" explored when Jackie Webster addresses Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Thursday, January 13, 10 a.m., San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-465-7326, (MISSION VALLEY)

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.

"2005 and the Future of America" pondered when Robert Blaschke speaks for San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$12. 760-310-4152.

Get to Know Ghost Mountain and the South family when Rider and Lucile South, joined by Diana Lindsay, discuss and sign Marshal South and the Ghost Mountain Chronicles: An Experiment in Primitive Living on Friday, January 14, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). 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)







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"The Six Keys to Reading the Tarot" divulged when professional tarot reader Adrienne Abeyta presents workshop for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Avenue). Participants must know basic meanings for each card, bring tarot deck; \$50. Registration: 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

"Publishing Your Family History: Numbering Systems" presented by Joan Lowrey when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets on Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Pacific Beach in 1900s showcased during slide presentation for Pacific Beach Historical Society, Saturday, January 15, 1 p.m., Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

One-Day Refresher and beginning genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Materials provided. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Smart Growth, Environmentalism, and Affordable Housing: Are They Compatible?" Find out when urban planner Nico Calavita speaks on Saturday, January 15, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Requested donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

An Inside Look at "Turntablism" and techniques, music, and nuances offered by DJs Daeman Connelly and Kutfather on Saturday, January 15, at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). "Turntable Tactics" starts at 1 p.m.; \$5 general. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Pruning Roses and Fruit Trees, organic gardening lecture and demonstration by John Noble on Saturday, January 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street); \$35. 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

Performance Workshop by Nashville songwriter Marc-Alan Barnette hosted by Nashville Songwriters Association International on Saturday, January 15, 2 to 5 p.m., at producer John Lane's studio (10485 Viacha Drive); \$20. Registration: 619-884-1401. (TIERRASANTA)

What Happened in 2004? Find out and do some "hands-on potting" when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets on Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"UFO Sightings: The Evidence" offered by UFO author and researcher Robert Sheaffer for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Sunday, January 16, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)



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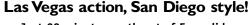
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Explore the Ideas of Thomas Paine during round-table discussion hosted by Humanist Fellowship of San Diego, Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159. (DOWNTOWN)

Investigative Journalist Greg Palast, author of The Best Democracy Money Can Buy, discusses "election theft, intelligence agency cover-ups, globalization" on Monday, January 17, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: \$5-\$10. 619-528-8383. (HILLCREST)

Learn About Die Fledermaus when composer Myron Fink discusses Strauss's opera during program on Monday, January 17, 7 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive; 619-538-8158). USD music professor Ron Shaheen presents program on Tuesday, January 25, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). (SCRIPPS, DOWNTOWN)

Fire, Politics, Money, and Emotions Are Threatening San Diego's Forests With Extinction," according to retired "brush management contractor" Kurt Schasker, who speaks for California Native Plant

Society, Tuesday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Free, 619-685-7321, (BALBOA

Students Who've Grown Up With Digital Technologies learn differently from previous students, according to visiting scholar John Seely Brown, former chief scientist for Xerox Corporation and author of The Social Life of Information. Brown will discuss how "learning environment can best prepare students for 21st century problems" on Tuesday, January 18, 10 a.m., in ENS-280 at San Diego State University; call 619-594-3157. Free. (SDSU)

NTC Foundation Public Civic Communications Forum featuring overview of NTC Promenade and open forum for questions, answers, comments — is Tuesday, January 18, 4:30 p.m., at 2801 Rosecrans, Quarters "A." Free. 619-226-1491. (POINT LOMA)

"Alzheimer's: Beginning to Cope" is topic on Wednesday, January 19, 6 p.m., at Alzheimer's Association office (4950 Murphy Canyon Road, suite 250). Informational workshop for professional caregivers, family, those rediagnosed. Free. 858-492-4400, (MISSION VALLEY)

"How-To for Research in England" offered by three speakers who recently traveled to England for genealogical research when British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers on Wednesday, January 19, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)

"The Sun Never Sets on the English Language" is topic when poets Fred Moramarco and Bruce Boston, founders of journal Poetry International, speak for San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, January 19. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCS. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Lewis and Clark: Journey to Another America," six-week program offered on consecutive Wednesdays, January 19-February 23, at 1 to 3 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Registration: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Demographic Biases and the U.S. Education System" explored on Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"A Thumbnail Biography of the English Language" offered by Judy Luke when SD/Professional Editors Network meets on Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-2873, (ENCINITAS)

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Straight up — Bush and his people aren't just ordinary Republicans. And they're not ordinary Christians either. They are Christian Fascists — dangerous fanatics who aim to make the U.S. a religious dictatorship and to force this upon the world. If they get their way — and they are very far along the road to getting it — society will be plunged into a high-tech Dark Ages.

Those who compare Bush to Hitler are right! But, don't be waiting for people wearing little mustaches and marching the Nazi goose-step to come to your town. This brand of fascism is coming differently, and it's coming straight from the White House.

Staring at Christian Fascism

People say, "they couldn't, no they just wouldn't" strip away "classic" U.S. democracy and plunge us into fascism. But let's see what they've done ... and what they plan to do

Bush believes that he is on a "mission from God," and so do his cronies. Army General William Boykin recently declared that the Iraqi people were the "face of Satan," that the Christian God was the only true and "real" God, and that "God himself" put Bush in the White House. He said all this publicly and in uniform, no less – and after people protested it, Boykin was promoted! Over the years these Christian Fascists have dug in at every level of the courts, the army and Congress. BUT NOW THEY PLAN TO GO FURTHER, moving more thoroughly into the highest levels of power. Supreme Court Justice Scalia and other highly placed Republicans want to wipe out the separation of church and state, and use government to support and enforce religious belief.

Bush has launched a worldwide "crusade."

In the name of "good vs. evil," he's killed tens of thousands of people in Iraq, and maybe more – and still the war rages. In the name of "fighting terror," he justifies torturing people in prisons like Guantanamo and murdering wounded prisoners in Iraq. This proven liar has rammed through a new "doctrine" that lets him wage war whenever and wherever he says he "sees a threat," and there is no telling where he'll stop. The U.S. has long committed monstrous crimes around the world ... and NOW THEY PLAN TO GO FURTHER. The imperialists in power – all of them, with Bush at the core – want total global empire. Bush himself believes in Armageddon, that Islam is "evil," and that he is "fighting for God." How many people, halfway 'round the world or right down the block, will lose their lives to this lunacy? Lunacy backed up by, and serving, imperialism.

Bush's gang suppresses science. They've taken control of scientific agencies. They promote "creationism" against evolution and they suppress scientific research on life-and-death issues like global warming, the AIDS epidemic, and stem-cell research. Unless they can use it to make money or make weapons, Bush's people hate the scientific spirit of trying to figure out how the world really works. Science calls into question their dogmatic interpretation of the Bible that prepares people to sacrifice for "god and country" – and never ask why.

Bush is dismantling democratic rights. Tens of thousands of immigrants have been detained and deported for little, if any, reason and thousands more have been imprisoned with no charges — many for *years*. The Bush regime spies on political and religious groups. It suppresses ordinary protests with massive force, including even tanks in the streets. And, it *openly* disenfranchised hundreds of thousands of Black voters in the last election. All this, AND NOW THEY PLAN ON GOING FURTHER. Bush aims to pass more fascist laws, his flunkies threaten artists and intellectuals who dare to step outside the lines, they are invading all aspects of daily life — and it is an open question as to whether any rights at all will be left standing.

Bush's Morality: Hypocrisy and Hatred

Bush talks about "values," but if you're a single woman and you want to live your own life ... or if you're gay and proud ... these Christian Fascists have you in their cross-hairs. They've severely restricted the right to abortion and tried to put independent-minded women on the defensive. They whipped up anti-gay hatred as a big part of their presidential campaign. BUT NOW THEY ARE GOING MUCH FURTHER. Bush aims to appoint new Supreme Court justices who will totally outlaw abortion, and he wants to pass a constitutional amendment against

gay marriage. And these fascists also go after the more humane forms of Christianity that don't share their hateful bigotry.

"Values?" These people have the morality of a lynch mob! If you are Black or Latino, and especially if you are up against the merciless conditions of the inner city ... then you too are in the cross-hairs. Bush plans to rip out even Social Security. He wants to do health care, education, welfare, and even prisons through churches that are directly approved, funded by and answering to the government. These churches will not "lift people up" – and these programs will degrade people, insisting that they agree that their hunger, their homelessness, and their problems flow from their "sins" – and not from a system that has oppressed them from Day One. And the full Christian Fascist plan – which includes vastly expanded capital punishment for minor crimes, in accord with Old Testament "morality" – is far worse, with a downright genocidal direction to it.

A Time for Resistance

Are we exaggerating? If anything, people have always under-estimated just how fast and how far Bush would go. And now he claims a "mandate" for his lunacy. No, Bush and the people around him are deadly serious and aim to go much further than almost anyone expects.

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As for "mandate?" BULL! The will of the people was NOT expressed in this election. Kerry didn't call Bush out for his lies and deception, or expose the real horrors of Bush's deeds – and his plans. There was no real fight, and people should not grant a shred of legitimacy to Bush.

And waiting for yet another Democrat to disappoint and betray people four years from now is not only worthless – it may be way too late. What we need now, very urgently and very immediately, is RESISTANCE. Resistance, in the words of Bob Avakian, Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party, "that refuses to be bound by the terms of mainstream politics or the notion that this politics represents the 'ultimate word' on the 'will of the people'." Resistance that will not just protest the juggernaut of war and fascism, but go all-out to STOP it. Resistance that will reach out and win over people who have been deceived by this madness but whose deepest interests are opposed to it. Resistance that will be united – but will still include space for dreams and debate.

We can build on the past resistance to the Iraq war and other Bush outrages. But this must come back together and take a huge leap with major actions when Bush is inaugurated on January 20, 2005. People everywhere must see that there really ARE "two Americas," squaring off over the future.

The Revolutionary Way Out

This Christian Fascism didn't materialize out of thin air. It arose on the basis of CAPITALISM and the most powerful capitalists support it (even as they fight among themselves).

What do we mean by capitalism? Today, people could produce enough food, housing and clothing to provide a decent life to everyone on the planet. But the means to do this are owned and controlled by a handful of global capitalist-imperialists who are driven to get ever greater profit, or else go under. And so half the people on the planet live on less than \$2 a day. Billions go hungry. People are driven from country to city and then around the world, desperately seeking work, while communities in the U.S. are left to rot. And now the Bush lunacy has taken this to an even more terrible level.

But imagine a different future. A future where people consciously learn about and transform the world, and are not imprisoned in the chains of tradition and ignorance. A world without racism and without borders. A vibrant place, where people together debate and decide how to develop society. A world where people no longer wonder where their next meal will come from, or if they will be homeless, or abandoned or sick in their old age — a world of abundance, where people together hold all of society's resources in common. A world where people not only work to produce the necessities of life, but get into art and culture and science — and have fun doing it! A world without the domination of women by men, where people interact with each other based on mutual respect, concern and love for humanity. A world that looks out for and takes care of the environment.

That world is communism. And we can get to that world.

A Revolutionary Society

But how? Through revolution – where those who are today exploited and oppressed rise up and defeat the powers-that-be. A revolution led by the class that owns nothing but its ability to work, and yet works together to make the world run. A revolution in which this class steps on to the stage of history and leads tens of millions more – including the millions who hate the cruel reign of Bush and the Christian Fascists.

Revolutions don't happen overnight, or by accident. But when a deep crisis suddenly erupts in society, and when a revolutionary party has been actively organizing and preparing people for such an opening, and when millions of people begin to think we need a basic change ... and become a "revolutionary people" ... then dreams can be seized in the clear light of day. No, we're not there yet – but the extreme changes being wrought by the Bush crew could very well lead to such a crisis. And our Party is doing all it can to bring forward a revolutionary people to seize that time. whenever it may come.

People have made this kind of revolution before – first in Russia, then in China. And they accomplished amazing things. In the end, however, those revolutions were finally turned back and defeated by the guardians of the old order. But building on their tremendous accomplishments – and examining deeply and unsparingly their negative experiences – Bob Avakian has brought forward a radical new "model" and vision of what this socialist society must be all about.

Socialist society will enable people to solve the most burning problems that bedevil us today. The "rule of profit" will be shattered and there will be jobs, health care, decent housing and stimulating education – for everyone. Communities will be centers where people join to solve the problems that hold society back. The racism and white supremacy that is woven so deeply into the fabric of American capitalism, and the chains of women's oppression that still weigh so heavily, will be struggled against and uprooted – from the gitgo! And the socialist state will not oppress other nations – instead, it will support revolution all around the world.

But even more crucially, the new society will unleash people to change the world. People will count for something – in fact, for everything. Those who were formerly locked out of working with ideas will do exactly that – they will work with their minds and participate in society in an all-round way. The leadership of society will work to unleash diverse thinking and action from the bottom up and everywhere else. It will foster dissent, including opposition to the government itself; it will learn all it can from people, so that society can move forward. The youth will be treasured for their dreams, their daring ... and their impatience. There will be ferment and upheaval – far beyond what we can imagine today.

And yes, there must be, and there will be, firm leadership to hold onto power for the people and to guide all the complex and challenging struggle. Through this whole process, and as other revolutions develop around the world, the state itself will draw more and more millions into the direct rule of every part of society until the division of people into ruler and ruled is finally overcome, in communist society.

This socialism, as envisioned by Bob Avakian, will embrace scientists, intellectuals, and artists. They'll continue their intellectual and artistic work, deepening the store of human knowledge, even as they break down barriers with other sections of society, especially the formerly exploited and oppressed. The leadership of society won't fear their tendency to question everything, or to look at things in new ways. On the contrary, it will welcome this in a way that no other society can – for without lively questioning and "air to breathe," socialism would not be a place people would want to live, nor would it open up the road to communism.

In this revolutionary society, people will be able to practice religion and go to church – or not – as they please. But the schools, and the government generally, will promote a scientific approach to understanding and changing material reality. On that basis, a new morality will be forged. It will cherish the lives of the people of the world and uphold equality between nations and peoples and between men and women. It will value struggle against the oppressive relations that still remain, and not resignation and surrender to them.

Who Is Bob Avakian?

Anyone seriously thinking about revolution knows that it can't happen without revolutionary leadership. It's a huge question. Well, just to be up front, there IS a leader, the likes of which this country has never seen before, that can lead a mighty struggle to make revolution and remake society. That leader is Bob Avakian. Chairman of the Revolutionary Communist Party. Chairman Avakian knows revolution. He has studied deeply the revolutions of the past and taken up the responsibility for charting the course of revolution today. He has done a whole "re-envisioning" of communist society and what it will take to get there. He's a leader with tremendous love for and confidence in the people; and he gives you confidence and hope that we can actually do what the times demand of all of us.

But there's more to his leadership than this. Chairman Avakian makes not just what he's learned but *how* he analyzes things the property of the people. He knows it takes the great involvement of the people to make revolution, and he invites — and challenges — everyone into the process of struggle to know and change the world. It may seem ironic ... but the more that people wrestle with and follow his leadership, the greater will be their creative spirit, initiative, and activity. We in the RCP are fully aware that someone like Bob Avakian comes along only very rarely, and we take seriously our responsibility to defend this precious leader from the powers-that-be — and to rally others to do so as well.

If you care at all about the world we're in, you should check him out for yourselves. Get into Chairman Avakian's historic DVD talk, REVOLUTION: Why It's Necessary, Why It's Possible, and What's It's All About.

The Clash of Two Futures

Two futures confront each other. Will imperialism force a future of darkness and suffocation onto the people? Will tens of millions more needlessly suffer and die? **OR**, will the critical spirit be unleashed in a way that does a great GOOD for humanity? Will society move forward in a revolutionary direction and set about removing the great suffering and misery cast down on the people by capitalism?

To put it another way, which vision will prevail: that of George W. Bush? Or of Bob Avakian?

Each of us has a part in answering this question. We know that the job is huge, the time is short, and the odds are long. Yet we are down for this, all the way down, and optimistic as well.

But let us put it to YOU: if you've been agonizing about the future, if you nodded your head as you read this statement, then ... what are YOU gonna do? Are YOU going to be one of thousands who come together now and help create the force that can lead millions against this madness, when millions are ready to be led? Will you help create and bring onto the stage a revolutionary people? Are you ready to check out this Party and this leader? Will you bring your ideas, your creativity, your questions and yes, your disagreements to us, and help figure out how we can rise to the occasion? Are YOU ready to make a real difference — to not only spread the word of resistance and revolution, but make that a real alternative in society?

Don't let Bush determine the future. Spread this statement to your friends. Talk about it with them. And check us out. Now.

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presented by artist, educator Stephen C. Wagner for La Jolla Art Association on Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Topics: making commitment to art, inspiration, intention, focus, concept files, artist journal, studio space, titles, framing, more. Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Want to Climb Mt. Whitney? Learn about permit process, how to prepare for climb, nutrition, gear requirements during clinics on Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400) and REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Free. (KEARNY MESA, ENCINITAS)

Artists from Die Fledermaus participate in Artists' Round Table an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, January 20, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of Civic Theatre (202 C Street); \$5. 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Winter Care of Roses, Preparing for Spring" with "consulting rosarian" Richard Streeper when Bernardo Gardeners Club meets Thursday, January 20, 1:30 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free, 858-451-8981, 858-492-9533. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"On Common Ground: A New Look at America's Religious Diversity" offered by comparative religion and Indian studies professor Diana Eck on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Free. 858-822-0510. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

The "Brown Bag It!" Lunchtime Series continues when John Mc-Graw discusses and signs Brain and Belief: An Exploration of the Human Soul, Thursday, January 13, noon, at UCSD Bookstore (in Price Center, UCSD), 858-534-3149, (LA JOLLA)

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)

Legendary Musician Al Kooper performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Friday, January 14. Kooper is founder of Blood, Sweat, and Tears, along with many other accomplishments. Tickets: \$20 general, \$25 reserved.

Acoustic guitar musician Dakota Dave Hull takes stage on Thursday, January 20. Tickets: \$15, \$20. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Enjoy "Ecstatic Sound from the Other Side of the Globe" when Birchville Cat Motel, described as "one-man noisedrome project" of

Campbell Kneale of New Zealand, hits stage with "local outfits" Shining Path and Skaters, Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., at eponymous 4862 Voltaire Street. Donation: \$5. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

Acoustic Roots and Americana Music promised when Harvey Reid performs Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street); \$17. 760-434-4567. (CARLSBAD)

"A Likely Story" presented by Obie Award-winning writer and performer David Cale for Sushi Performance and Visual Art, January 14-16, at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday; \$20. Reservations: 619-235-8466. (HILLCREST)

"Mary McLeod Bethune: The Dream Maker" is presented by Community Actors Theatre Youth department through January 16. See the tale of Bethune's life story at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, 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)

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)

Sacred Sound Healer Diane Mandle is joined by devotional singer Schuyler Myers for concert with Tibetan singing bowls and sacred mantras on Friday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street); \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

Singer and Songwriter Cici Porter performs in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena); \$15, 858-566-4040, (ENCINITAS)

North County Funnies — showcasing Bob Oschack (Comedy Central), Jessi Campbell, MC Kurt Swann, Pearl Street Players - offered on Saturday, January 15, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 at door, 760-729-0089, (CARLSBAD)

Author Linda Pvnaker signs Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals on Saturday, January 15, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Cornell University Glee Club offers a "musical exploration of war and peace, spanning four languages and five centuries, using words and music from the victors and the vanquished, from observers, from warriors, and from victims" on Sunday, January 16,

7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Program is varied and evocative, from a 15th-Century piece mourning loss of a fallen son, to rowdy "Soldier's Chorus" from Faust, to a Vietnamera Australian folk song; \$15 general, 619-464-7211. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Jazz Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday is promised when Berke McKelvey Quartet presents mini-concert "focusing on the charts of Duke Ellington" at noon on Monday, January 17, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Experience Gospel Music in various styles when UCSD Gospel Choir is joined in concert by Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir on Monday, January 17, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program includes other forms of sacred music of "20th-Century African-American experience"; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Newly Available Archival Materials helped author and magazine editor Landon Y. Jones provide portrait of lawlessness and chaos of post-revolutionary life on American frontier in William Clark and the Shaping of the West. Clark will discuss his biography of the famous explorer on Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point

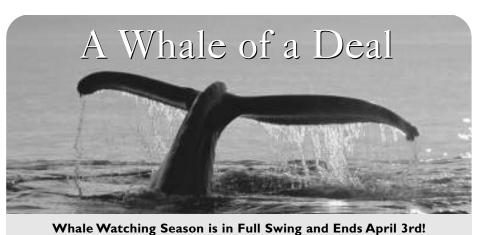


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Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when Tom Leech and Jack Farnan sign *Outdoors San Diego* on Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Many Climbs, Many Lessons," legendary alpinist and ice climber Jeff Lowe talks about some of his extraordinary climbs and "lessons he learned along the way" during lectures January 19-21 around the county. His climbing career spans 45 years; symptoms of multiple sclerosis now affect his ability to climb.

Talks are planned at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, at Adventure 16 (143 South Cedros; 858-755-7662); on Thursday, January 20, at San Diego Natural History Museum (619-255-0203); and on Friday, January 21, at A-16 located at 2002 South Coast High-

way 101 (760-966-1700). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. (SOLANA BEACH. BALBOA PARK. OCEANSIDE)

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. Information: 858-534-8497; tickets also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Author Sylvia Mendoza will sign *The Book of Latina Women* on Thursday, January 20, 5 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

"Imagination" provides theme when "Smucker's Stars on Ice" hits rink at San Diego Sports Arena on Friday, January 14, 7:30 p.m. Cast includes seven Olympic gold

medalists and many other star skaters. Tickets: \$28-\$98, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Take a "One-Hill Ride" in Lyons Valley with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders, Saturday, January 15. The 55-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). 619-253-8751. (CHULA VISTA)

Finish Training! 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)

San Diego Gulls host Louisiana Rivermen on Saturday, January 15; and Las Vegas Wranglers on Wednesday, January 19, for ice hockey games at 7:05 p.m. at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

What's the Solitary Owl? It's one moniker for bicycle ride hosted by Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, January 15. Ride includes canyon (Tecolote), mountain (Soledad), beaches (Mission Bay), and pizza at culmination (bring money). Suitable for intermediates, the 25-mile ride begins at 9 a.m., at southwest corner of Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and I-805. 858-279-9863. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Celebrate MLK Day with Sierra Club bicyclists during ride with moderate hills and brisk pace on Monday, January 17. The 40-mile outing starts at 9 a.m. in Wherehouse parking lot (at Del Mar Heights and El Camino Real). 858-509-8977. (DEL MAR)

Fantasy on Ice, the county's "only outside ice rink" is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, January 17, at Horton Square (225 Broadway); \$10. 619-234-1031.

SPECIAL

Oz for a Cause hosting fundraising events January 14-15 to benefit three local men in their upcoming attempt to ride over 10,000 miles around Australia. Concert on Friday, January 14, 9 p.m., with music by Lift and the Antiques, at Squid Joe's (850 Tamarack Avenue): \$6. (CARLSBAD)

First Street Gallery (820 South Coast Highway) offers art show Friday through Sunday, January 14-16, with work by local artists including Mary Fleener, Seth Tegardine, Dean Torrence (of Jan and Dean), John Lamb. Gallery hosts live music by Wigbillys and other fun on Saturday, 2 to 7 p.m. 818-321-4330. (ENCINITAS)

Peruvian Shamanism is theme for events led by Oscar Miro-Quesada on January 14 and 15. The history and healing rituals of South America illuminated during slide-illustrated lecture on Friday, 7 p.m., at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way); \$10 general.

Miro-Quesada and his students of the Kuntisuyu Allyu host day of traditional ceremony on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Hospitality Point. Free. 619-933-4591 or 760-445-6266. (PACIFIC BEACH)

A Selection from Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels will be discussed when Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Friday, January 14,

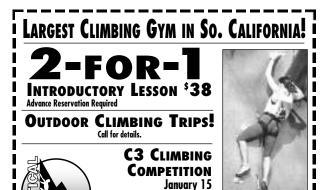




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TWO POEMS



At the San Francisco Airport To my daughter, 1954

This is the terminal: the light Gives perfect vision, false and hard; The metal glitters, deep and bright/

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But you and I in part are one: The frightened brain, the nervous will, The knowledge of what must be done, The passion to acquire the skill To face that which you dare not shun.

The rain of matter upon sense Destroys me momently. The score: There comes what will come. The expense

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Yvor Winters

"This ocean, humiliating in its disguises" This ocean, humiliating in its disguises Tougher than anything. No one listens to poetry. The ocean Does not mean to be listened to. A drop Or crash of water. It means

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READING

Pink Steam



Dodie Bellamy

Suspect Thoughts Press, 2004; 190 pages; \$16.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Pink steam rises from the vats of melting goo in the Vincent Price 3-D horror classic, *House of Wax*. Railroad buffs know "pink steam" as the first blast from a newly christened steam engine, which appears pink as it spews out rust. And now *Pink Steam*, the book, reveals the intimate secrets of Dodie Bellamy's life—sex, shoplifting, voyeurism, writing. Like L. Frank Baum's Dorothy, in *The Wizard of Oz*, Bel-

lamy grows up in a dreary Midwestern town. She's a bossy, queer child who identifies with the freaks she watches on *The Twilight Zone*. Her father's a carpenter obsessed with Kipling's *The Jungle Book* — the only book he's ever read. Her mother is a pragmatist who longs for a normal daughter. Eventually Bellamy hurls out of Indiana and tumbles into Oz — San Francisco's bohemian Mission District. As she attempts to reconcile her working-class origins with the privileged insanity of her arts community, everything crackles and blurs. True confession bleeds into high theory into trash cinema (soundtrack provided by David Bowie and Oliver Messiaen). Kathy Acker, Diane Arbus,

and Bernadette Mayer are the fates who guide Bellamy as she searches for a voice in a whirlwind of sizzling images and strange encounters. In this world a woman can turn into a giant reptile, fuck a demon, lust for King Kong—and still feel repressed, constricted. As she battles on the frontiers of über-female vision, Bellamy tries on genre after genre—horror tale, essay, letter, academic novel, the fortune cookie tags of daily life. But, like off-the-rack clothing, no form fits exactly right. Pink Steam barges beyond the clichés of gendered experience. Unafraid of the personal, unabashed by politics and sex, Bellamy makes confusion her OK Corral. "When the legend is greater than the truth, print the legend." Dodie Bellamy is the girl who shot Liberty Valance.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Publisher's Weekly: Dodie Bellamy sows poetic bedlam in Pink Steam, an introspective collection of bits of fictionalized memoir and reflection that explore everything from sexual desire to the temptations of shoplifting. Bellamy deconstructs Barbie's Dream House, recounts a run-in with "Venus," and reports from "the field" (read: her mother's couch in Indiana) on the 2000 Republican National Convention. Her offbeat, flirtatiously subversive prose puts a fresh spin on countercultural life in San Francisco and the Midwest from the 1970s to the present.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dodie Bellamy has written a novel, *The Letters of Mina Harker*, and an epistolary collaboration on AIDS with the late Sam D'Allesandro, *Real*. Her book, *Cunt-Ups*, a radical feminist revision of the "cut-up" pioneered by William Burroughs and Brion Gysin, won the 2002 Firecracker Alternative Book Award for Poetry. Her work has appeared in, among others, the anthologies *Pills*, *Thrills*, *Chills and Heartache*, *Best American Erotica* 2001, *High Risk*, *The Art of Practice:* 45 Contemporary Poets, A Poetics of Criticism, The New Fuck You, Primary Trouble, and Moving Borders: Three Decades of Innovative Writing by Women. In 1998 she won the San Francisco Bay Guardian "Goldie" Award for Literature. Her essays and book reviews have appeared in *The Village Voice*,

the San Francisco Chronicle, Bookforum, Out/Look, the San Diego Reader, Nest, as well as numerous small-press literary journals and websites. She has taught creative writing at the San Francisco Art Institute, Mills College, UC Santa Cruz, University of San Francisco, Naropa University, Antioch Los Angeles, San Francisco State, and CalArts. With her husband of many years, Kevin Killian, she has edited over 100 issues of the literary/art zine Mirage #4/Period(ical).

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Dodie Bellamy, who has lived in San Francisco for almost three decades, told me that she was born in North Hammond, Indiana, right outside of Chicago, "which is kind of like what they call the 'rust belt.' I was born in '51, so I'm a baby boomer."

Her mother, Ms. Bellamy went on to say, "was a cafeteria lady in my high school cafeteria. You can imagine how much status that gave me. She also worked part-time as a janitor. We weren't poor, because my father was a union carpenter, but we were comfortable with having low expectations by not being materialistic."

As a child, Ms. Bellamy "read voraciously. I was interested in science. I read children's science books. Lots of archaeology books, lots of biographies of the first women doctors, that kind of stuff. As I got to junior high and up, I started reading more literature."

"Who was the first author you loved?"

"I loved Jane Austen."

Ms. Bellamy was the first person in her family to go to college. "Indiana University was cheap. I lived off campus. They paid for everything. My initial undergraduate years I worked part-time as a grill cook, but I told my parents I couldn't maintain a straight-A average and work, so they said, 'Okay.' They paid for part of my graduate school as well. I stayed at Indiana University. I should not have gone to graduate school when I did. I basically went so I could get student loans. It was funny. I'm a Phi Beta Kappa. But I ended up working in the dorm cafeteria — the same job, basically, after I graduated, that my mother had. I went to graduate school to get student loans and a better work-study job."

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Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, January 16. Next up: *The Little Engine That Could* by Big Joe Productions.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and 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 Prizewinning *Our Town* is presented by San Diego Junior Theatre through January 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 chil-

dren 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355, (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals part of fun during Animal Tales story time presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, January 15, 1:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Program repeats Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m., at Borders located at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-243-3432). Free. (EL CAJON. MISSION VALLEY)

Meet a Monster straight out of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak on Saturday, January 15, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760.

Potato Eyes, Samantha Otte leads "an eye-popping, potato-

planting adventure" on Saturday, January 15, 1 p.m., in garden at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Participants will create colorful potato prints suitable for framing; \$5.760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

"Ocean Giants" provide theme for family program on Saturday, January 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Crafts, science, stories, activities. Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Magnetism examined when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, January 15, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARKO

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)

Plant Propagation provides subject for "Botany for Kids" class on Sunday, January 16, 11 a.m., at Coastal Sage Gardening (3685 Voltaire Street); \$7.50. Registration: 619-223-5229. (POINT LOMA)

"Hopes, Dreams and the Future" family day — celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. — running 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, January 17, at San Diego Museum of Man. Participants will learn about Dr. King and careers in anthropology and

science; crafts, storytelling, tours. Included in regular museum admission. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrity Storytelling in "Kid City" exhibit offered every Wednesday in January at 10:30 a.m. at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. 619-238-1233. Included in regular admission. For those four to six years old. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

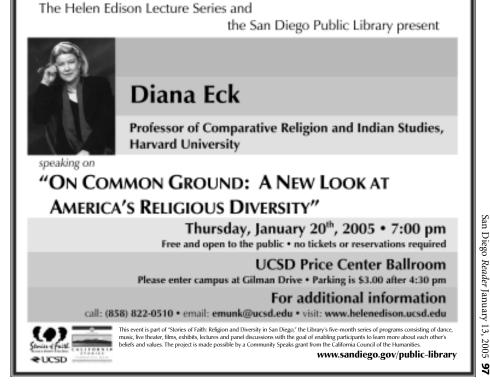
(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

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

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

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)







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READING

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After graduation in 1973 (with a degree in comparative literature), Ms. Bellamy lived in Chicago, and then in the 1970s, she moved to San Francisco. "I knew a lot of gay men in college, and they moved either to Chicago or San Francisco.

"I'd been out here and liked it. Friends put me up; they got me a job. For me it was absolutely the best place I could go because I started getting serious about my writing, and there was such a community here to get involved with."

Ms. Bellamy and Kevin Killian met, she said, in 1981 in Bob Gluck's writing workshop at Small Press Traffic (the Small Press Traffic website notes: "Since 1974 Small Press Traffic has been at the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area innovative writing scenes, bringing together independent readers, writers, and presses through publications, conferences, and an influential reading series"). Ms. Bellamy, during the 1980s, served for five years as the director of Small Press Traffic.

The publisher of Ms. Bellamy's Pink Steam, she said, "is located in the Mission. They're a small, queer press. They've been around for a few years, and they're doing more porn and moving more toward literary-type stuff. They're actually going to be publishing a lot of people that I'm involved with. They're going to publish Kevin's Arctic Summer, that's been out of print. They're going to publish a newly edited version of Sam D'Allesandro's collected stories, edited by Kevin because we're his executor. They put out that anthology IDo, IDon't on gay marriage. They're getting a lot of attention because of that.

"I put *Pink Steam* together for them. I didn't have a book that I was shopping around, but they were interested in the book that I've been writing for ten years that isn't done. I didn't want to do some boring collection — those books where people have their book reviews. I wanted a collection that actually held together the book. So I pulled the stuff together."

I asked about Kathy Acker's influence on Ms. Bellamy and other avant-garde writers.

"Well, work needs to be done to maintain her status. I'm friends with her executor. People are forgetting. We must have such a short memory. There's going to be an anthology of critical essays about her. She took sex seriously as a topic, you know. Not like Fear of Flying. She took sex as a serious topic, and she also brought sex into experimental writing, like gay men were doing. And she made herself a pop icon. Her personality had a lot to do with it. I have had a long relationship with her work, and I've grown to appreciate her more and more.

Ms. Bellamy, as a young student, with great interest, read Virginia Woolf. "True, I discovered Virginia Woolf when I was an undergraduate. She was considered a 'minor' author at the time. And then her stock, I think, was rising.

"I'm teaching this class at San Francisco State — Developing the Novel. And we were looking at *To the Lighthouse* last night. They were amazed by it. Because it starts out — the begin-

"MFA programs have taken over writing, and you get this synthesized version of writing."

ning isn't very interesting. But I think if you want to think about how to write about interiority, she's a good person to study.

"What was hard for women writing about sex is that in heterosexual culture the women are the object. So how does the object start speaking? So it requires an incredible psychological shift. So many younger women are doing it now, it's kind of exciting. But in the '80s when I was trying to do it, there wasn't a lot of it going on.

"I think the next book I'm writing has a lot of sex in it, but when I finish that, I'm interested in exploring other aspects of the female body. So I want to stay with the body, but I think other aspects."

"You write about the freedom that queer writers gave you." "Are you wanting me to say something about that?"

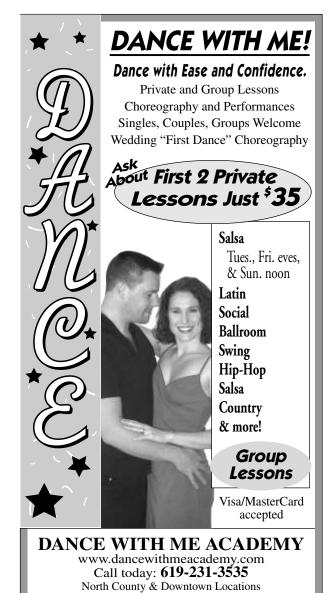
"I'm hoping you will."

"It sort of was accidental in a way. I, when I first moved here, I came looking for my home, and I'd gotten involved with this street poet thing - which wasn't a place for a young, insecure woman. Then I got involved with the Feminist Writers' Guild. A number of the women there were taking classes at San Francisco State with Kathleen Fraser. I took four classes with her at State. She suggested that I go into Bob Gluck's workshop. So that's when they had all that funding for the arts, and Small Press Traffic had free writing workshops.

"I continued to run a lowcost private writing workshop. Because I could always use some pocket change. But also I believe in having a place where people can come to perfect their craft outside the university system. Because MFA programs have taken over writing, and you get this synthesized version of writing.

"I'm kind of making my living off of it, but I'm deeply critical of it too. It would be nice to get in a situation where you could create an alternative, but it seems the structure is so set.

"I show all my stuff to Kevin. I've got this wonderful editor living with me. But anyway, I think what I got from being in Bob's workshop is that I was writing poetry because I was afraid of prose. I felt it was some kind of straitjacket. I could not see myself sustaining a regular story. And also, I think, from



writing essays in college, which I might be good at, but I found them against my nature.

"So I was exposed to alternative forms of narrative and shown that I could do everything I wanted to do in poetry but do it in a narrative way. I was increasingly writing these long, serial poems and putting a lot of narrative into the poetry. So I was yearning to do that. I also got a lot of support for writing about sex. And also another important thing; I got a lot of support about pop culture. That pop culture was not this silly thing. It was valid subject matter.

"I think the kind of gay attitude toward pop culture — that was a double-edge thing. No matter how playful people will be with it, there's always this acknowledgment that you're also deeply impacted by it. I hate that, when writers act like their subiect matter is beneath them. I often felt sorry for the characters in some books. They need an advocate.'

"Sometimes it seems to me," I offered, "that what we speak of as popular culture has become what Nature was in Wordsworth's day."

"I think that's true, and it's also very hard to separate this 'I' that you carry around. How can you separate it from the TV and movies and the media?"

We talked a bit about the Bay Area writing community.

Did Stanford professor and poet and critic Yvor Winters (1900–1968) (see page 96) leave his stamp on San Francisco poets?

"He hasn't had much of an influence. That era has had an incredible influence for me, though, because I never wanted to be a hippie. I wanted to be a beatnik. The angst.'

"And the black tights." "In some ways my ideal life would be wearing all black and reading poetry in a coffeehouse. And in some ways I've fulfilled it, because I do.

"Kevin [with Lewis Ellingham] wrote Poet Be Like God: Jack Spicer [see page 96] and The San Francisco Renaissance, a biography of Spicer [1925-1965]. [Spicer, together with Robert Duncan and Robin Blaser, were sometimes known as the Berkeley Renaissance group.] Spicer, Duncan, and Blaser were the 'intellectual queers' of the post-World War II period. Spicer

actually kind of hated the Beats, and the Beats kind of hated him. I know a lot about that period through Kevin, and I've met a lot of the survivors. I see my writing as coming out of the San Francisco history from the late 1940s. I like the sense of being a San Francisco writer.

"I really, really wanted Mina to be published by City Lights, which it wasn't. I wanted it to feel grounded as a San Francisco book. That's one of the appeals of Suspect Thoughts, that it is a San Francisco press.

"I think there's a lot of admiration for Allen Ginsberg, among writers that I know. He and Kerouac opened things up. They were important. Maybe not like a direct influence, but certainly they created an atmosphere where this type of writing that we do is possible."

"And," I suggested, "they created an atmosphere in which writing was more public."

"Totally, totally. Yeah, the big open readings. They always say that the reading [in 1955] at 'Six Gallery' [on Fillmore Street in San Francisco] is what started the many open readings in the

"If you were going to explain the sort of the history of San Francisco's writing, where would you go after the Beats?"

Well, hmmm. I moved here in the '70s, so all these San Francisco street poets, that whole lineage, was in place. And there's always been a fair number of academic writers because of all the schools here. And the language poets sort of came to prominence in the '70s."

"From where did the language poets come?"

"A lot of them went to Harvard and Berkeley. They were kind of Ivy League — there were some working class. But I think Berkeley and Harvard would be the origins. So then there's a lot of writing that either was following that or reacting to that."

'And there's Gary Snyder...

"Oh yeah, the nature. I don't think of him so much as San Francisco. It's kind of definitely a California thing. Robert Duncan was at New College when I moved here, and that created an enormous impact, and that was

a great loss. "I know more about poetry or know more poets than $\bar{I}\,knew$ fiction writers. Fiction writers

have this whole other layer of success. I did know Dorothy Allison [Bastard Out of Carolina] before she was Dorothy Allison, hanging out in the Mission."

'Now," I said, "Dave Eggers [A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius] seems to have taken over the San Francisco literary world."

"Yeah, he totally has, I think. But even though he's affected it I guess because of McSweeney's, I think of it all as in New York — it feels like an implant or something.'

"Do the McSweeney's people ever get together with your people?'

"No. There's no crossover." "Is there much crossover with the East Bay?

'Well, veah, because there's lots of poets in the East Bay, I know almost more writers living in Oakland than in San Francisco now because of the rents. There are interesting reading series in the East Bay. Like 21 Grand in Oakland."

'You write in Pink Steam that the writer is the top, and the reader is the bottom.'

Some people probably would argue about that. Because once the reader gets hold of the book, they kind of re-create it."

"But the writer is directive, is 'topping' the reader."

Yes, that's one of the great pleasures. When I read at night to go to sleep, and I'm tired from the day, I love giving my world over to somebody else and having them create this world for

"Can you cook?"

"Yeah. I don't cook as much as I used to because I've gotten caught up in finding time. I'm actually a good cook. I was raised in an atmosphere where a woman who couldn't cook was freakish.

"I used to crochet with my grandmother and embroider, and I've been thinking about taking up crocheting again. I was looking on the Web at instructions for making granny squares the other day.

"I was thinking it would be fun to read you on the subject of clothes and sexuality — the tiny buttons and the tight seams."

'It's certainly something that I'm into. I like clothes a lot.

"Yes, you do. You write about them as if they were another skin." ■

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Its "Gee whiz, aren't movies magical!" ingenuousness sounds almost delusional.

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n the last scene of Steve Kloves's movie *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, Michelle Pfeiffer stands atop a grand piano on New Year's Eve singing "Ten Cents a Dance." The camera pans around her 360 degrees, wrapping her in its adoration.

Light fizzes around her like a vaporous aura. She looks exhausted, and for good reason: the shot was so complicated (lights had to be covered while the camera's crane

rotated) that it took eight hours to set up and was finally finished at 3:00 a.m. A shot of that shot appears in *Jeff Bridges* — *Pictures*, an exhibition on view at the Museum of Photographic Arts. The core of Bridges's image is Susie Diamond (Pfeiffer's character) sagging a little from life fatigue, but around that invented film reality is the mother reality of set, crew, props, extras, lights, and cameras. Bridges has taken thousands of pictures on location — he's made over 50 films — and it would be easy to say that as a photographer he makes a very good actor, except that he has in fact a scrutinizing eye and formal instincts savvy enough to throw viewers off balance.

Every film set could post a sign saying REALITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. This is Bridges's subject: the staged completeness of the film image and that image in its more spacious, messier ambience. His photographs show us the image breaking down into its preliminary or constructive parts. Each picture is a moment's essay on artifice. Sometimes it happens sneakily. In one taken during the fantasy production number in The Big Lebowski, Julianne Moore strikes her Valkyrie-Bowling Goddess pose (her enormous breast cups are bowling-ball hemispheres) while pushed to the margins of the frame are her cockamamie maidens wearing gigantic starburst bowling-pin headdresses. The girls are so nuttily glamorous and Moore so goofy-sexy that it takes several moments for our eye to be drawn finally to the far left corner where a blue-jean-clad leg bulks into the frame, a spiral-bound notebook (probably to mark continuity) at its foot.

Bridges's pictures move us into and out of the hermetically sealed actuality of the film frame.

We see actors constructing or breaking from their characters. Being "made up" takes on a sharper meaning. For an interior car shot in *Arlington Road*, the wide-angle lens Bridges favors holds together a broad band of visual information. The

celestial Hope Davis (who plays Bridges's girlfriend) and Joan Cusack (wife of diabolical Tim Robbins) are already in character, primed to be other than who they

are, Davis particularly, whose look is flirty, astonished, and a little fearful. But reaching into their reality, checking and fashioning it, are Cusack's hairdresser fixing something behind the actress's ear and Davis's make-up man powdering her chest. On the seat are scene pages, complete with crossed-out lines.

Bridges is our most charming actor, a true natural who, even when playing callow, disagreeable characters in *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, American Heart, or the melancholy, underrated Wild Bill, attracts us with his self-aware sourness, though his sweet roguish boyishness is still available to him in elder-statesman roles like the president in The Contender. As an actor he projects, as easily as drawing breath, the sort of populist American enthusiasm and sincerity we hear in copy he wrote for the exhibition catalog. Its "Gee whiz, aren't movies magical!" ingenuousness sounds almost delusional, given the complexity and occasional unpleasantness of the images. "Acting is a lot like playing pretend when you were a kid. I did a lot of that, and it was always great to find someone to play with, who'd play as if it was REAL." This appears next to a picture of Nick Nolte, whose REAL life has punched and collapsed his once pretty-boy face into misshapen pâpier-mâché. Prepping for a scene in Simpatico, his concentration is self-devouring, and with crew members lurking in the background, his body, which fills the front of the image, looks miserably isolated.

To some viewers these pictures will seem to be all about movie magic. To me they're also about tedium. In picture after picture we're looking at people who are waiting for something to happen. The actors, already in character before a scene is shot, seem haunted, aloof, or spaced



Queen Mary passing 42nd Street, 1945, Andreas Feininger

Jeff Bridges — Pictures Museum of Photographic Arts, Casa de Balboa building, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park Through Sunday, March 13. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

Andreas Feininger: Man on the Street Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park Through Sunday, March 6. For additional information, call 619-238-7559.

out. Gaffers and assistants look or scramble in different directions for different things, and nearly everyone seems bored or blandly preoccupied. And yet the storytelling that emerges from all this waiting thrills us with its urgency and immediacy. The falsified reality of a movie image possesses greater immediacy than the really real. The fanatical desire to make pictures feeds on itself. Image-making of all kinds goes on during a shoot: Polaroids for continuity, stills for publicity, digital motion for documentation. The busyness is apparent in a picture of Edward Furlong getting his hair cut for American Heart. The superb Mary Ellen Mark (whose photo essay for Life on Seattle street kids was one source for the movie) is right in the boy's face, and behind her is yet another photographer taking

pictures of her taking pictures of the boy who himself is being made picture perfect. Jeff Bridges, ringmaster, watches them all.

There's nothing secondhand (or secondarily real) about Andreas Feininger's images running simultaneously with the Bridges show. His pictures blast hard and raucous facts at us. Son of a well-known German painter, Feininger was born in Paris in 1906 and began making photographs while working as an architect. He used the camera as a visual aid — a mechanical sketchbook — for his designs, and his later photographs are held together by an architectural discipline. He fled the Nazis and ended up in New York working on assignment for the Black Star photo agency. His pictures have a breathless awe similar to Bridges's, but his scope is wider. When he wasn't on as-

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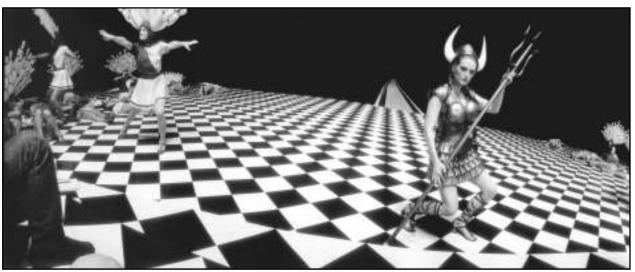
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Michelle Pfeiffer, The Fabulous Baker Boys, 1989, Jeff Bridges



Julianne Moore, The Big Lebowski, 1998, Jeff Bridges

signment, he roamed New York's streets and documented the city's nerves. "I see the city," he once said, "as a living organism: dynamic, sometimes violent, and even brutal." He was attracted to the city's exclamatory energy and the patriotic tone of his times. (He loved flags, parades, and raucous good cheer.) And, like Walker Evans, he was in thrall to the vernacular of signage, especially movie marquees. One image announces Wallace Beery in MUTINY UNDER THE LASH: "THIS DRAMA OF MADDENED MEN!"

Architectural intelligence shaped Feininger's vision. Two companion photographs of the 9th Avenue Elevated show that intelligence in different weathers. In one, the snow-covered sleepers and rails look like silvered staples; in another, they look like a desiccated animal skeleton. His pictures of skyscrapers are nearly mythic in their vision of industrial aspiration. He had a special eye for buildings under construction, one of which looks like a gigantic microchip, and for the steeps and reaches of the Manhattan skyline. In one image, laborers pushing wheelbarrows along exposed girders look like notes on a stave. Maybe because he was a displaced person who hopped from country to country before landing in the States, he created compelling pictures of the city seen from the water and made the photographic image an act of crossing or migration. He caught the Brooklyn Bridge in

its changeful moods, the *Queen Mary* passing 42nd Street in 1945 (Manhattan's towers look as if they're saluting), and a breathtaking 1942 picture of midtown seen from Weehawken, New Jersey, in which the tall buildings seem to be inhaling the great gobs of steam crowding the harbor.

The excitability is sometimes cut through by concerns related to Feininger's sense of exile. His image of ducks strung up in the window of a Lower East Side Jewish poultry store — "L. Moscowitz" is stenciled on the window — is all mixed tones, comic at first because the birds look about to come to life and do a little old soft shoe, but with their broken necks drooping from nooses and feet touching the

draining pans, it suggests another, not at all jaunty, order of experience. ■

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GALLERIES

"Morpho," this exhibition of recent nonobjective abstract paintings by Belgian-born artist Dirk De Bruycker opens with reception on Friday, January 14, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238). 619-501-5689. Show closes on Saturday, February 26. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Fifth Biennial Juried Artists'
Books Exhibition," juried this
year by Carolee Campbell of Ninja
Press, is on view through Saturday,
February 12, at Athenaeum Music
and Arts Library (1008 Wall
Street). Show includes books created by California artists, ranging
from traditional format to
unconventional.

Reception for artists is Friday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Campbell leads gallery walk-through on Saturday, January 15, 11 a.m. (free). 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The "Installation Tour" sponsored by Scion opens with reception on Friday, January 14, 6 p.m., at Cassius King Gallery (435 Third Avenue). Described by organizers as "a revolutionary art tour featuring paintings and sculptures created by an unprecedented collective of urban artists"; participanticulue "aerosol street artists," fine artists, graphic designers. Through Monday, January 24. 619-232-5464. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Soul's Soliloquy," this juried awards show of 90 watermedia paintings is on view through Saturday, January 29, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Meet artists a reception on Friday, January 14, 5 p.m. Juror: Carol Thomason. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Auto-Portrait," an exhibition in which 13 regional artists contribute two self-portraits, opens with reception on Friday, January 14, 6 p.m., at Adorn (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 105). 619-794-2729. Closes Sunday, February 27. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Cuba," photographs by Michael Eastman go on exhibit with reception on Saturday, January 15, 5 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620). Show closes on Saturday, March 12. (LA JOLLA)

"Under Cover," new encaustic paintings by San Francisco artist Mark Perlman gathered for show opening with reception on Saturday, January 15, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). 858-459-3917. Closes Saturday, March 5. (LA JOLLA)

"In the Neighborhood" — an exhibit of black-and-white pho-

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ART MUSEUMS

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

private collection) also on view.

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, 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

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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's 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 "Mariana 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 heartfelt in each" of her subjects.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, 45 contemporary quilts selected from over 600 entries are included in "Quilt Visions 2004," a biennial juried international exhibition. Jurors were Lix Axford, Michael W. Monroe, Jane Sauer. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. Continues through Sunday, January 16. (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,

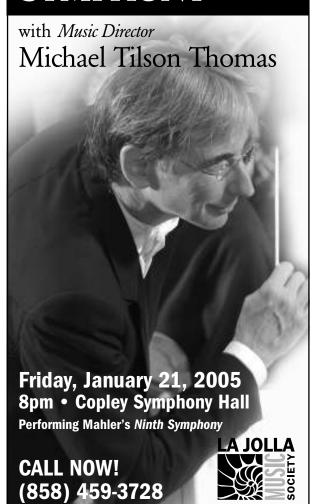
"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1

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"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.

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Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-Century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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You're Invited to a Parisian Salon (circa 1730) when the Musica Pacifica Baroque Ensemble performs for San Diego Early Music Society on Friday, January 14, 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Selections

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Alumni Piano Recital by Peter Friesen with selections by J.S. Bach, Hindemith, Beethoven, and Chopin slated for Sunday, January 16, 6 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Noise at the Library, series continues with Morton Feldman's "Why Patterns," "Summertrio" by Ole Buck, Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time" on Sunday, January 16, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Noise joined by Mark Menzies (violin), Robert Zelickman (clarinet). Preconcert lecture at 7 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m; \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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Cornell University Glee Club offers a "musical exploration of war and peace, spanning four languages and five centuries, using words and music from the victors and the vanquished, from observers, from warriors, and from victims" on Sunday, January 16, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Program is varied and evocative, from a 15th-Century piece mourning loss of a fallen son, to rowdy "Soldier's Chorus" from Faust, to a Vietnamera Australian folk song; \$15 general, 619-464-7211, (MISSION VALLEY)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Concerto Masterworks" promised when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents concerts January 17-19. Program includes pieces by Mozart, Clarke, Vivaldi, Marcello, Villa-Lobos, and Bach.

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David Cale: A Likely Story

Sushi Performance and Visual Art presents David Cale's newest solo work, in which, among other things, a woman ponders making Viagra brownies to seduce her neighbor.

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Fault Line January One-Acts

Fault Line Theatre presents three works by writer/producer/director Ted Falagan: Paris Allen, timid, and L.A. brood.

FAULT LINE THEATRE, 3152 FIFTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH JANUARY 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT



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UCSD Theatre presents Susan-Lori Parks's retelling of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Scarlet Letter. Nadine George-Graves directed. MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UCSD, LA JOLLA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13. THROUGH JANUARY 22: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT

8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, JAN-UARY 15, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Grassroots Greeks: Ajax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer

staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Next reading: Worth a try.

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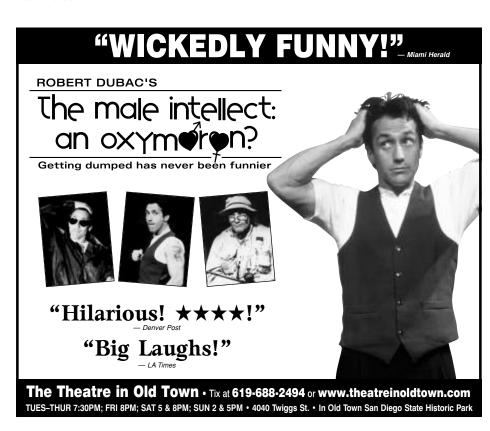
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Jersey Boys

This wonderful new musical isn't just a nostalgic greatest hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons event. It tells the stories behind the songs, many of which the group would rather forget. In the process, it explores parallel dreams: the mythical "American" one; and the nightmare that comes with an overnight fame only Dr. Faustus could conjure. Under Des McAnuff's superb direction, *Jersey Boys* unfolds cinematically, with nary a wasted frame. Almost always there's at least one live musician on the minimalist stage, making the piece a 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.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UCSD, THROUGH JANUARY 16: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-

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SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Little Shop of Horrors

Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's "musical horror comedy" gets a local staging, starring Renae Mitchell and Lisa Payton, with Charles W. Patmon as the voice of Audrey II.

LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH JANUARY 23; TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND SUNDAY, AT 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Male Intellect: an oxymoron?

Author/actor Robert Dubac plays five characters who answer the question "What do women want?" THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

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 Garv Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match' against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from trancinse. Osing suggestions from the audience, they played "Emo-tional 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.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

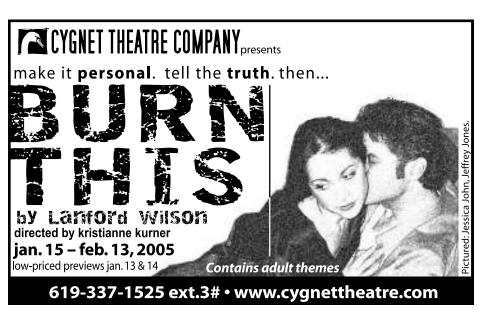




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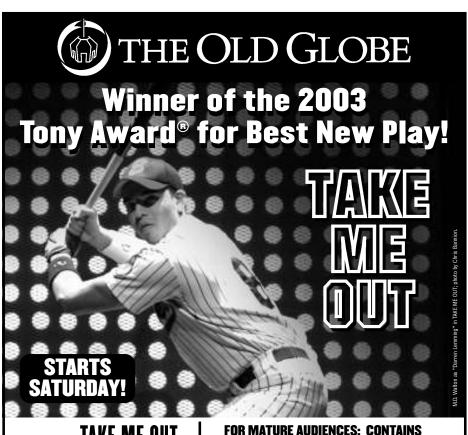
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On the Mountain

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents the world premiere of Christopher Shinn's drama about Sarah: after a turbulent affair with a rock star/suicide, a new man's entered her life. Mark Rucker directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JANUARY 23; TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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6th@Penn hosts Neal Fox's oneperson show, which combines vocals, piano, and guitar to tell the stories of a blues singer who got too mellow, and the world's oldest rap artist, among others. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, MONDAY, JANUARY 17 THROUGH WEDNESDAY JAN-UARY 19, AT 8:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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Romeo and Juliet

The Poor Players present "not your parents' production of R&J, so check your expectations at the

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" and "Improv Survivors"). Some hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith John-stone, has written one of the few read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art.'



The Sopranos' Last Supper

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36 Views

Laguna Playhouse presents the Southern California premiere of Naomi Iizuka's 36-scene drama about the secrets behind the discovery of what might, or might not, be a rare work of art. Chay Yew directed.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian



Life: A Guide for the Perplexed

Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're 'losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid

problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been re-

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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Wrinkles

Diversionary Theatre presents the world premiere of Rebecca Basham's "family coming out tale" about three generations of Kentucky women. Rosina Reynolds directed.

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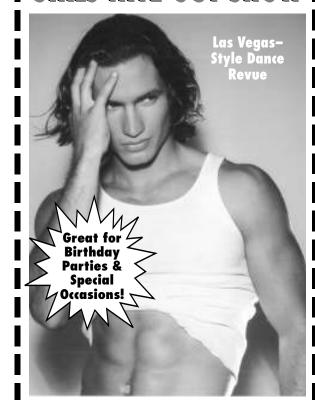
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albums and won four San Diego Music Awards, including Best Album and Best Artist. Three major artists, Etta James, Solomon Burke, and the late Screamin' Jay Hawkins, recorded six of his songs. "When Etta recorded [my song] 'I Sing the Blues' in '91, my life changed. Her version was used on [TV's] ER. I still receive royalties."

Thomas has played Street Scene and locally opened for B.B. King and Taj Mahal. "Etta James has asked me to be her permanent opener when she goes on tour [in 2005]." In April, Memphis International Records (Carla Thomas, Tracy Nelson) will release Thomas's ninth album, Intersection. The album was recorded in Memphis, not Thomas's favorite town. "I hated Memphis. There is a huge statue of Jefferson Davis downtown. To me that's like putting up a statue of Adolf Hitler in Berlin.'

He prefers San Diego to Memphis. He admits, "It's too pleasant here to have any real blues," but he says, "this is conservative, white, oldass San Diego, and they let me be me.... Where in the world could a gay black man work steady and just be free and be himself?"

And with that statement, he has quietly moved somewhere else.

"I hope I have made San Diego proud. But I need to go and have some solitude now. I love San Diego, I just don't want the desert. I need rain. I need green trees."

So Thomas, 44, has moved to a small seaside town in Northern California. "I like the fact that redwood trees go all the way to the beach."

He says opening for Etta James has let him experience the finer things.

"I'm not interested anymore in doing three sets a night from 9:30 to 1:30 and some club owner saying, 'You're late.' Thanks to Miss Etta James, I have a taste of what real artists have."

— Ken Leighton

"I just want my money or my CDs back."

The owner of a local record label says he was burned by the abrupt closing of a CD store that operated for five months out of an outdoor kiosk at the Fashion

Valley mall.

When singer/songwriter Greg Laswell opened All the Rest Records in April of last



LASWELL HAS SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS

year, Laswell said the store's inventory would focus on local, unsigned artists. All the Rest provided a listening station so music fans could discover new artists for themselves.

"Usually independent music is on the back shelf in a music store and no one knows about it," he said last May. "We are just about breaking even. Each month is better than the last."

All the Rest closed September 7.

"I gave them 35 CDs," said a record label owner who did not want to be identified. "I know they sold because some of them were reorders.... I've tried to contact Laswell through his e-mail. He never called me. I asked him for a receipt, and he sent a receipt for some other band. I always dealt directly with Dustin Shey. He was the guy who worked the booth. Dustin told me he was sorry and that he would take care of it. He told me he had been trying to get a hold of Greg."

Calls to both Laswell and Shey were not returned.

The label owner said he will go to small claims court for his \$280.

"I don't want to make a

big scene. I just want to take care of it. All he had to do was call and say, 'Give me a couple months' and give me back the CDs he didn't sell. I think the main reason the kiosk

isn't there anymore is because they were paying \$3000 a month rent and in October it was going up to \$8000."

— Ken Leighton

There was a long line to get into L5 for its last hours on New Year's Eve.

Two cops stood by and made sure no one got too rambunctious.

One guy was yelling on his cell phone, "What do you mean you can't get me in?! You have to get me in! You goddamn better well get me in!"

Someone made fun of him, holding an air phone and saying, "I know people, dammit. I'm important and I know people!"

I was with a group of 15 that suddenly became 20, and we got in through the side, bypassing the line, because we did know someone.

About ten other people



IMPORTANT PEOPLE PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS

tried to slide into our line, but they didn't get in.

"It's almost midnight! Let us in!"

"Eight minutes, eight minutes," the DJ announced as I went in. This was the most people I'd ever seen in L5. The music was hip-hop from Club Deviate. I made my way to the bar and ordered two White Russians.

"This isn't the kind of groove that usually plays here," I heard someone tell a friend.

"I'm rolling so hard," said a girl with a top hat to a girl in a sequin dress, using the term for the onset of an ecstasy high. "Touch me, touch me now or I'm going to die!"

– Michael Hemmingson

"Twenty-two days [in jail] is not enough punishment," said

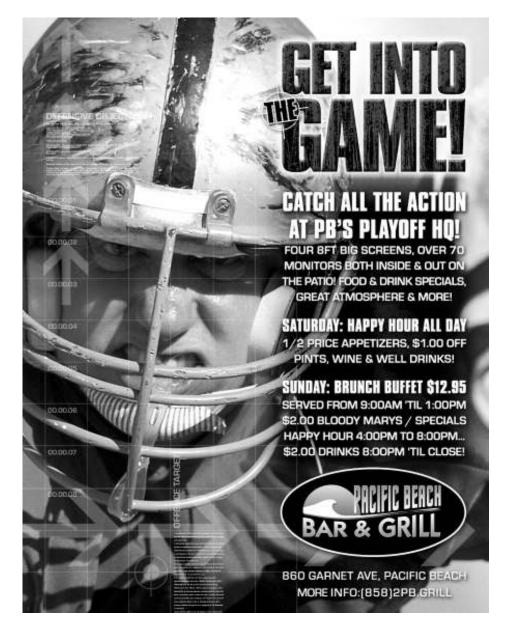
prosecutor Jeff Dort to the court. "I'm not an advocate for breaking up families, but I am an advocate for the rights and safety of children."

Sarah Marie Powell, 27, was sentenced on Wednesday, January 5, in San Diego Superior Court for locking her 7-year-old son in the trunk of her Volvo on August 23, 2004, while she and her boyfriend, 31-year-old Jake Faria, went into Winstons to drink and perform karaoke.

"What you did was beyond a bad choice," said Judge Browder A. Willis. "It was criminal, and that is why you are here today."

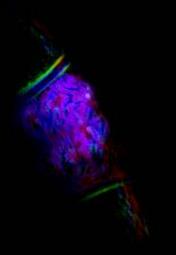
Powell's lawyer, alternate public defender Mary Ellen Attridge, pled for leniency and said Powell had a 4.0 grade point average in







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college, wanted to continue her education, was employed, and was also attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings. "When I met Sarah in jail," said Attridge, "the first thing I asked her was, 'Do you have a drug and alcohol problem?' and she said, 'I must if I think what I did was right.' "

Willis gave Powell a suspended 365-day sentence, four years' probation, and 500 hours of community service.

When Faria's turn came, again Dort asked for more jail time, noting that Faria had a previous .19 blood alcohol level DUI conviction in 1996, had given Powell's son beer to drink, and blew pot smoke in the boy's face. Dort noted that Faria had told cops that he said, "It is our human right to smoke marijuana. It's in Genesis. All herb-bearing seeds are for the services of man."

Willis gave Faria the same sentence as Powell. "If you slip up, I hope the case comes before me," Willis

said, "because I know Mr. Dort will tell me how wrong I was, and I will send you to jail."

Michael Hemmingson

The Associated Press' "Overlooked Albums"

of 2004 includes a review of Tom Waits's Real Gone which says the one-time local nightclub doorman "has thrown dice in the back alleys of music before and found perfection in its gutters. The gravel-throated hipster knows you've got to be real gone to have gone far enough at all."

In 1975, on WAMU radio in Washington, D.C., Waits said, "They gave me, like, the leg of a chair to defend myself with," describing his time, from 1969 to 1971,

when Waits was the doorman and bouncer for the longgone Mission Beach coffeehouse the Heritage.

In an August 4, 1996, interview with the San

Francisco Examiner, Waits said, "I think I made more as a doorman than I did playing. Eight dollars a night on the door, six dollars a night onstage.'

Before that, when he was attending Hilltop High in Chula Vista, Waits worked at

Napoleone's Pizza in



WAITS WITH SAL CRIVELLO OF NAPOLEONE'S PIZZA

National City, which is still there and owned by Waits's former employer, Sal Crivello.

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"You need to get laid!" a drunk woman in a tube top yelled at the police officer arresting her. "What's the matter, haven't you ever [expletive] a pretty girl before?'

This is according to SDPD Officer Frank Cali in report #04-079198. At 1:20 a.m. on December 26, 2004, the cops were called to Deco's Night Club at 731 Fifth Avenue in the Gaslamp.

"I saw a white female wearing a tube top and blue jeans jumping over a railing," stated Deco's security guard, Donald Dansby. He asked the woman to stop doing that, and "she immediately started yelling at me and poking me in the chest with her finger. She pushed me with both of

her hands.... I fell back a little. [She] then took a swing at my head.... I ducked and she missed me, but she did grab the back of my neck."

The woman was identified as Tara Noel. Officers found her in the club lying on the ground screaming, according to Cali's report. "[We] told her to relax, and we are going to stand her up," writes Cali. 'Noel said, 'Okay.' Noel was also staggering while [we] assisted her down the stairs."

While Cali spoke with Dansby about the battery, two officers tried to put Noel in the back of a squad car and she spit in the mouth of one of them.

"I got a spit sock [a nylon mesh mask with only one

opening] and placed it over Noel's head while Noel was lying on the ground," states Cali in his report. This is when she gave him the advice for relieving tension.

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Dansby placed Noel under citizen's arrest for the battery; she was also arrested for being drunk in public and assaulting a peace officer.

– Michael Hemmingson

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atherine Kurner is a home-based massage therapist in Vista, California. She owns a 40-gig iPod. Kurner, 36, previously owned a Sony NW-HD1 20-gig player. She uses an adapter made by Apple so the Pod can play on

her car's sound system and rips most of her selections by downloading songs onto her PC from her 1000-plus CD collection. Kurner does not file share or sup-

port free downloads, but she does admit to buying the occasional song online from the iTunes Music Store.

"I was originally motivated to become a massage therapist by my grandfather, who was a Cherokee medicine man. He told me at age seven that I had healing hands. Then, later, as my mother was nearing the end of her life...I gave her hours and hours of massage to try and bring her some relief from the pain she was experiencing due to breast cancer that had metastasized to bone cancer. After she passed away...I took a year off, moved to Switzerland. While there I took a Swedish massage course.

"When I first began doing massage therapy professionally, I had all my massage music stored on the hard drive of my computer in the therapy studio and I would play the music through the computer speakers. But I found, especially in the summer, that it got very warm in the room because of all the heat the computer generated.

When I got the iPod I developed different massage playlists, and now I use that when I'm in my studio."

Is music for massage considered its own genre? "Over the past few years," Kurner says,

"massage has become kind of a trend, so there are lots of CDs that are geared toward meditation and massage and the whole 'tranquil trip.' You have to keep it inter-

esting. As a therapist who is seeing anywhere from two to four people a day — most of my sessions are 90 minutes — you're gonna go wacko if you're just listening to Enya over and over again. Pretty soon you're gonna have to hide the sharp objects."

Meaning that the music affects the masseuse as well?

"I don't know that it alters the [therapist]. But I do remember one mix," she says, "that had a faster song towards the end. I must have begun to pick up the tempo because my client asked me if I choreograph my massages with the music. 'No,' I said, 'not purposely.' And she said, 'I just kind of could feel that in the slower parts you were slower and in the faster parts you kind of picked up.'"

I ask Kurner if she's dropped any songs from the rotation over the years. "Yeah. I used to use Enigma quite a bit. I just found them to be a little too distracting, a little too uptempo. And there were parts in it that were, you know...a little too sexual, that I didn't really feel were appropriate. If you've ever heard Enigma, you know that there are parts in their songs where they're panting and, you know, moaning and groaning."

Any unique problems with using an MP3 player in the massage environment?

"When I was first learning to use the iPod, I didn't realize that...when one playlist would finish up, the iPod would continue playing into the next playlist. So one time when I was in

the middle of a massage, 'Nature Sounds' came to an end and the iPod busts into [she half sings] 'I can't get no satisfaction...' "Did she speed up the massage? "No," she laughs. "I just said excuse me, we're experiencing technical difficulties and I rectified it.

"In order to make my playlist, the music has to transport you. It has to really take you away from your life, your stress — whatever's bothering you." I ask her for some song titles. "A lot of it's really obscure," she says, perusing her list. "God, and I hate to say it, but there's this Yanni tune that's really good. I hate to endorse Yanni."



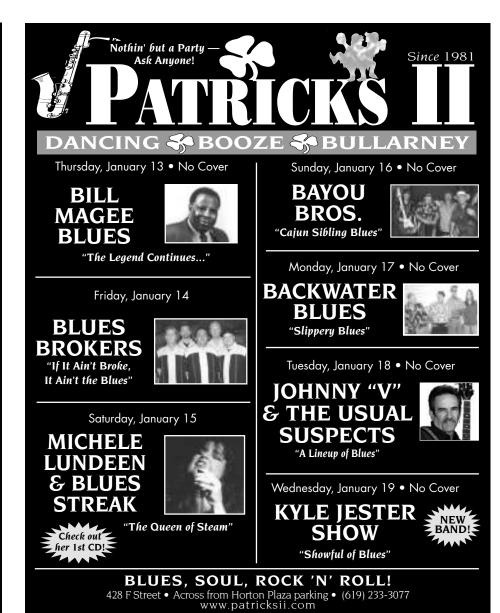
Katherine Kurner

Katherine Kurner's Top Ten Massage Playlist:

- 1. "Bellissimo," Ilya
- 2. "Bread and Wine," Peter Gabriel
- 3. Sting's version of "My One and Only Love"
- 4. "Meditation," Michael Benghiat
- 5. "Fireworks," Moby
- 6. "Ancient Person of My Heart," Enigma
- 7. Norah Jones's version of "More Than This"
- 8. "Nature Sounds," Sounds of the Sea
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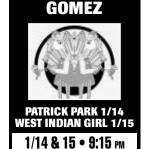


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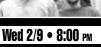
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Rocket from the Crypt [237], **Deadbolt** [114], and **Spacehorse**: The Casbah, Friday, January 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Al Kooper: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Gomez: Belly Up Tayern, Friday, January 14, and Saturday, January 15, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

SATURDAY

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.

MONDAY

Arcade Fire: The Casbah, Monday, January 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

WEDNESDAY

Jay Farrar and Anders Parker: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, January 19, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

JANUARY

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.

Dakota Dave Hull: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, January 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Eric Johnson: 4th & B, Friday, January 21, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Throw Rag, Furious IV [107], and the Scotch Greens: The Casbah Friday, January 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

The Steve Morse Band [226] and the **Dixie Dregs:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 21, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa

Korby Lenker: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, Information, 619-303-8176.

Eddie Money [608]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 22, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Chieftains: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, January 22, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, condido 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Cantus: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, January 23, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

John McCutcheon [772]: San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Sunday, January 23, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Folk Heritage information line, 858-566-4040.

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.

"Sno-Core Tour" with Chevelle, **Helmet, Crossfade,** and more: SOMA, Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

Al Jarreau [529]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497

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.

FEBRUARY

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. 619-226-7662.

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Bright Eyes [244] and Neva **Dinova:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or

Bobby Caldwell [603]: 4th & B, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497. The Finn Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Ronstadt Ramirez Santa Cruz River Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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Slaid Cleaves and **Eliza Gilkyson:** Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Ani DiFranco [259]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, February 13, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 619-220-8497.

"Old School Valentine's Show" featuring Lisa Lisa, Debbie Deb, Zapp, and more: San Diego Sports na, Sunday, February 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball /953]: Belly Up Tavern Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Gavin DeGraw and Michael Tolcher: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, February 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Beppe Gambetta & Dan Crary: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sund February 13, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176

Gwar [265]: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 16, 345 B Street, downtown 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Jill Scott: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downto 619-220-8497.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Arcade Fire's first headlining tour of the United States, this past fall, drew such enthusiastic crowds and garnered so many fawning reviews that when it came time for the Montreal band to book a second swing through the States, they scheduled two nights in New York and three nights each in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The band's first album, Funeral, is in many critics' bestof-2004 lists, their self-released debut EP is sold out, and at least one music-news website was so hungry for Arcade Fire material that it ran a review of a never-officially released, nearly impossible to find Arcade Fire Christmas album. (The band has disowned the album.)

Needless to say, the hype about this band is getting out of control. Next, no doubt, comes the backlash. But before that happens, listen to Arcade Fire's "Wake Up." This song is powerful enough to stand up to a lot of buzz and backlash. It begins with a grungy throb of guitar and drums, then strings and other more delicate instruments make a

graceful entrance, opening the way for a big, wordless, melancholy melody sung by a group of voices. After this grand opening, Win Butler's whiny voice creaks out two words at a time. Somehow the music doesn't overwhelm him. By the end of the song, the throb gives way to a bouncier rhythm and the sad choral melody turns into something cheerier.



It's amazing on CD, and even more so in concert. In a bootleg live recording of it, you can hear the audience singing along with the wordless chorus, and it sounds as if everyone in the room is singing as loud as he

ARCADE FIRE, The Casbah, Monday, January 17, 8:30 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. Sold out.

Chingy: 4th & B, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Queensrÿche [431]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The Casbah, Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Ted Leo & the Pharmacists: The Casbah, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Collective Soul [459]: 4th & B. Sunday, February 20, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Interpol: SOMA, Sunday, February 20, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Perfect Strangers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, Information, 619-303-8176.

"Bob Marley Festival": San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 21, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd [938]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Donavon Frankenreiter, White Buffalo, and State Radio: $4 \mathrm{th} \ \& \ B$, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Duran Duran [256]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Westerberg: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

MARCH

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

G. Love & Special Sauce: 4th & B, Saturday, March 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R. and the Southland: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 8, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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

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.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

"Taste of Chaos" with the Used, My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage, and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 1, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Steve Vai [523]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

MAY

Engelbert Humperdinck [993]:

Pala Events Center, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Even though he played on (or produced) some of the most important rock songs of the '60s and '70s, Al Kooper's fame stopped at the recording studio door. Think Hammond B3 organs and big-horn bands, and you've got him. Otherwise, Kooper's influence is forgotten. But for a decade, he seemed omnipresent. He backed Bob Dylan live and on record, joined the Blues Project, and founded Blood, Sweat, and Tears, He helped organize the Monterey Pop Festival and backed or produced a long list of artists that included Hendrix, the Stones, the Who. the Zombies, and dozens more. By the end of the '70s, a healthy sampling of domestic rock had Kooper's soulful imprimatur on it, and most of it was for the better.

My favorite Al Kooper moment was not

the pre-David Clayton-Thomas BS&T (Child Is Father to the Man has been called Kooper's finest work), but a project titled Super Session. It contained a remake of Donovan's "Season of the Witch" and featured Mike Bloomfield and Stephen Stills — albeit separately. I remember getting the album while I was in high school, thinking that two of my favorite guitarists were going to jam together. They didn't. It turns out, says Kooper, that Bloomfield split after the first night. We called every guitar

player on the West Coast that I knew of," he says, "and Stills was the only one who called back.

Kooper still has a horn band but only tours it in Europe and Asia. "My biggest country is Japan," he says. Otherwise, Koop travels the U.S. as a solo keyboardist-guitarist-storyteller. I asked if he's glad to have been a part of what many consider were the last great years of rock and roll. He answers

AL KOOPER

in the affirmative, "It bears no resemblance to the music business now. Back then, it wasn't hard at all. I felt like I was living during the Renaissance. You'd get up in the morning and feel like you were contributing something to the world.'

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The Kottonmouth Kings [129]:

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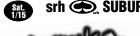


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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Bad Credit: Blarney Stone Pub Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's

Blind Date: The Manhattan Lounge Bonevard: Covote Bar and Grill The Buzz Bombs: Blind Melons

The Clay Colton Band: Rosie O'Sullivan's, Monterey Bay Canners

Creeping Death: 'Canes Cubensis: Winstons

Call Box: Blind Melons

Dirtbag: Longshot Saloon Derek Duplessie [486]: Brick By

The Electric Waste Band:

Elvis: The Blvd. (San Marcos) E.X.P.: Fannie's

The Family Butchers: The Rhythm

fluf [493]: The Casbah

The Free Range Chickens: Surf Full Xposure: Game Time Tavern

Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers

The Ghost Town Deputies [559]:

Gish: 'Canes

The Gizzards: The Rhythm Lounge The Greyhounds: Winstons Hands on Wax: Surf N'Saddle

Helstar: Brick By Brick, Longshot

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Killing California: The Roseary

Knight Fever: The Blvd. (San

Larger Than Leon: Blarney Stone

Listen: Tiki House

Los Able Minded Poets: Winstons

Loss of Control: Vista Entertainment Center

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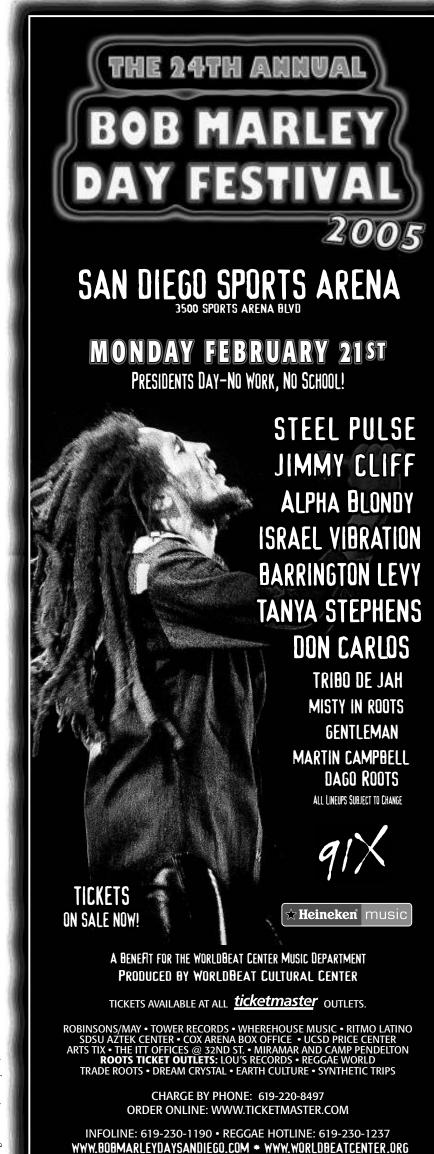


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Sprout Farm: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlshad)

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The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Second Wind (Santee), Dick's Last Resort

3 Against 1 [456]: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

20 Year Fix: Blind Melons

Urban Evergreen [406]: The Casbah

Wanted Dead: Longshot Saloon **The Diane Waters Band:** E Street

West of Memphis: Carvers

Keller Williams: 4th & B

The Yucks: The Rhythm Lounge The Zendogs: Surf N'Saddle

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise **Bottom Line:** Woody's Sports Bar & Grill

The Corvettes: Viejas Casino

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Disco Pimps: 5ifth Qtr.

Jesse & the Fools: Hennessev's

Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last

NRG: Viejas Casino

The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden

The Ratz Pack: La Scala

Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, Bistro Soliel

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy

X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ira B. Liss Big Band Jazz Machine: Dizzy's

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy 's

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Aurora Trattoria

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze **Chini & Camberos:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain), Borders Books & Music (Carlsbad)

Jo Dark: The German-American

The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

Croce's Jazz Bar

Deejha Marie: Caffe Calabria

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro

Hall & Leighton: Aurora Trattoria

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet:

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Tim McMahon: Dizzy's

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Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

John Opferkuch: Dizzy's

Sue Palmer [641]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Caffe Calabria

Palos: The Calypso Cafe

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

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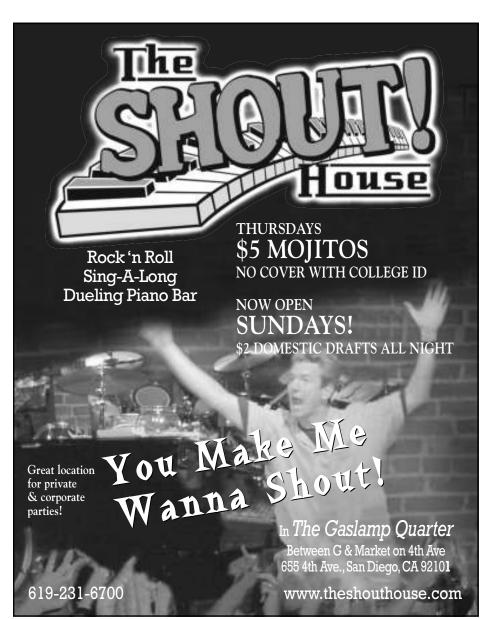
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The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare, Harry's Bar & American

Michael Ward: Humphrey's Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Break for Society: Squid Joe's

The Devastators [731]: Winstons

Native Root: Blind Melons Red Eye: Blind Melons

The Stone Senses: The Blvd. (San

Vegitation: Belly Up Tavern, Rosie O'Grady's

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn

The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Wendy Bailey: Humphrey's

Marc-Alan Barnette: Claire de

Peter Bolland [878]: Brick By Brick

Borne: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Aaron Bowen: Humphrey's, Lestat's

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Bridgette Brigitte: Humphrey's The California Guitar Trio: Dizzy's

Jocelyn Celaya: Humphrey's The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea

and Coffee Company

Cheeky Monkey [224]: Twiggs Tea

and Coffee Company

Concept:Bravery: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

 $\textbf{Ean Corbet:} \ Humphrey's$

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Rob Mehl: Monterey Bay Canners

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Tim Mudd: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Pete Nguyen: Humphrey's

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Jimmy Patton: Humphrey's

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Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

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MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Mojitos: Saturdays, acid jazz, neosoul, and old skool hip-hop with DJ Bille Knight and guests; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Octopus Garden, 314 Fifth Avenue (between J and K), Gaslamp. 619-233-1653.

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Album Name: Mas Latino (2003)

Artist: John Cain Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Este Son 2) From TJ to L.A. 3) Romance Divino 4) La Sirena 5) Ya Me Voy 6) Somewhere on the Beach 7) Moonshine Tequila 8) Verde Azul 9) Abre la Puerta 10) Me and You 11) Cuando Te Pase el Coraje 12) Nada Es Casual 13) Vera Cruz Price/Where Available: www.webworldmall.com/GO-

Band Members: John Cain (lead vocals, piano, guitar, bass, timbales, percussion), Dave Dhillon (bongos, congas), Mike Flanders (saxophone, backup vocals, congas), Julio De La Huerta (guitar), Vilma Arroyo (backup vocals), Rachel Drexler (backup vocals), Warren Bryant (congas)

Extra Info: John Cain appears frequently at the Hotel del Coronado.

Singer/songwriter John Cain, along with a troop of guest musicians and a mass of instruments, mixes Latin with mainstream rock and pop, navigating smoothly through the melodies, creating something that sounds as if it were made effortlessly. Latinate overtones set the mood as Cain performs songs in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The song "From TJ to L.A." includes a bilingual female vocal accompaniment. His website calls his music "gringo salsa" and describes "From TJ to L.A." as "sardonic."

"From L.A. to TJ/it's the land where the grown-up children play/we dream and we die as the palm trees sway from L.A. to TJ/see them running up the freeway/it's not very far but it's sure a long way from TJ to L.A. / look at this magic mess/I'll fake a lot for less/TJ to L.A."

A rolling rhythm and perky guitars make this track the most memorable on the album, but the ending lacks a certain fullness when it switches gears and closes with an out-of-place piano



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solo. However, by album's end, Cain's talents leave an impression with his insistent beat and flagrant guitar licks.

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Therapy: Fridays, industrial, gothic, and darkwave. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, 6 p.m., *Nathan James*, blues, 9 p.m., rock. Sunday, 6 p.m., *Elvis*, rock, 8 p.m., 3 *Against 1*, the Smut Peddlers, and Red Tuesday, alternative. Sunday, 4:30 p.m., the Stone Senses, reggae. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Knight Fever* and *Metal Shop*, rock. Wednesday, country

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Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., the Diane Waters Band, alternative rock/pop.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, Kingfish Turner Blues Band, Saturday, Blue Heat, blues/rock.

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, Wanted Dead and Dirtbag, rock. Saturday, Thunderhed and Helstar, alternative.

Marriott Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858-369-6032. Arterra Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Ray Lipson, jazz/pop standards/variety pianist.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Thursday, 8 p.m., the Kyle Jester Blues w. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the **Monterey Bay Canners,** 1325 North Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-722-3474. Thursday and Saturday, Keni, Hawaiian, pop, Motown, and rock. Friday, 8 p.m., the Nate Donnis Band, rock/alternative/pop. Tuesday, *Rob Mehl*, acoustic pop/folk. Wednesday,
7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Clay Colton* Band, alternative acoustic rock.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

Rosie O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Thursday and Friday, *the Clay* Colton Band, alternative acoustic rock.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, Hands on Wax, rock. Friday, the Free Range Chickens, rock. Saturday, the Zendogs, rock.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & **Restaurant,** 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Friday and Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Brehon Law*, Irish folk. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Clay Colton*, alternative acoustic rock.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Virtual 5, Whole Hog, and Cadaver Dogs. Friday, Helstar, Cage, Broken Foundation, and Wither. Saturday, VIII Fraud, Downspell, Bleed the Sky, and Stem Tuesday, Robin Henkel, Atom Orr, Peter Boland, Jim Earp, Anna Troy, Derek Duplessie, Christian Knudsen Saba, Free Air, Amy Garcia, Grampa Drew, and Kyle Phelan, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, the Essentials, Patient Zero, and Jane Likes Dick.

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, Never Heard of It, Change of Pace, E.W.I., Far From Home, and Rookie 7. Friday, Amber Chase, Livid, Your Favorite Band, 2BuckShort, and the Measure.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman* & the Fat Tones, blues.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle Quartet. Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, *Aaron Bowen, Jerry Yetmen, Jocelyn Celaya*, Bridgette Brigitte, Ean Corbet, Pete Nyguyen, Kelli Rudick, Jimmy Patton David Myers & the Blues Crew, Ronny North, I.L. Lauren DeRose, Brian Deprimio, and Wendy Bailey, Deprimo, and wendy Batiey, songwriter's showcase. Friday, Coco Montoya, rockin' blues guitar. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., Makai, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Michael Ward, jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Blues Invitational*. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Adrian Legg, fingerstyle

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.

Jamar's Restaurant and **Lounge,** 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the Bert Torres Band. Sunday, contemporary music



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LAS GLORIAS

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MUSIC ➤ norteño, karaoke, and sometimes rock

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ last one was November 13, "Gran Show Musical," where they had several bands; mariachis, norteño bands (norteño is fast-paced, accordion-driven music)

CLIENTELE ➤ 18 and over; 100 percent Mexican, 75 percent male (and very friendly to my friend and me, the only tourists)

COVER ➤ none, unless they have multiple bands (\$3 on those nights)

HOURS ➤ Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m.: Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 a.m., and closed on Sunday

DRINKS ➤ nothing on tap, Mexican beers; tequilas and other liquors; two Coronas, two shots of tequila,

and a can of 7-Up cost \$8 **FOOD** ➤ no food in the bar and

none in immediate area

ACCESS ➤ on the corner of Constitución and Galeana street (half a mile from Avenida Revolución); parking in front or on side streets: \$7 pay lot nearby

DRESS ➤ two men in suits (one who looked 18 years old), a few in western wear: ieans and T-shirts

DANCE FLOOR ➤ eight feet by ten feet in front of the stage

FIRE EXITS \rightarrow two – the main entrance and one from the back: a fire extinguisher near the bathroom and another near the jukebox **BATHROOMS** ➤ stainless-steel

trough and one stall; one sink, mirror, paper towels, and powdered soap in a cup

CAPACITY ➤ 120

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ no outdoor seating, but you can smoke inside in Mexico; gas station directly across the street

FURNISHINGS ➤ bar with 23 seats, four TVs

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 115 with a guy singing karaoke and playing his

QUOTABLE ➤ My friend said, "I wish I paid more attention when I took Spanish in high school." Everyone in the place spoke

Just as my friend and I parked near this place, a guy walking by said, "I wouldn't park there, señor. At night, cars often are stolen from that area." We decided to take the chance. Our car didn't get stolen, but we were stopped by the police later. The officer asked why the lights weren't on. The headlights were on, but my friend didn't have his taillights on (he had just bought the car and wasn't familiar

with it). The cop said, "Why do I smell alcohol?" We hadn't had a drink in the last hour. My friend was taken out of the car and given a test. The cop said, "You passed the test, but I smell alcohol, and it's the law here that we have to take you down to the station. A doctor will give you a test there. And I will give you a ticket for \$65 for driving without lights." My friend said.. "Can't we take care of it here?" The cop said, "How much money do you have?" My friend pulled out his wallet and said, "I've got \$15." The cop said, "Not enough. Ask your friend how much he has." I had \$75, but I wasn't about to give it up. I said I had \$13. The officer then handed my friend a blank piece of paper and asked for the money. My friend handed him the money, and we were free to go.

My friend said, "Everyone works for tips in TJ."

-Josh Board

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. All music is acoustic/folk, Thursday, Am Shamansky, May's River, and Jackie Daum. Friday, Angela Correa. Saturday, Eve Selis, rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., Andrew Foshee, Steph Johnson, Aaron Bowen, and Flathead. Monday,

Lucky Star Restaurant and Dance Hall, 3893 54th Street, San Diego. 619-229-8228. Wednesday, the Basin Street Band, swing/Latin.

open mike.

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, Nite Life, blues

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Caion Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*,

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4835. Friday, 9 p.m., the Family Butchers, the Gizzards, and the Yucks, hardcore punk rock.

The Roseary Room, 947 E Street, downtown. 619-702-7160. Friday, *Killing California* and *the Needles*, punk rock and roll.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday, 10 p.m., Vegitatio

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Thursday, the Scene Index, Fever Sleeves, Tera

Melos, and Guitars for Guns, eclectic indie rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Renminbi alternative.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730, Thursday, Mike Ruggarillo, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., the Rockoholics, classic rock. Tuesday, J.J. Slyde, blues

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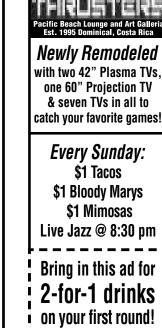
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Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet* Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee **Company,** 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Teresa Storch. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Collin Elliott, Tim Mudd, Teresa Storch, and Cheeky Monkey. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Concept:Bravery, Matt Costa, Vavak, Jen Knight, Ashley Matte, and Borne. Sunday, the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike.

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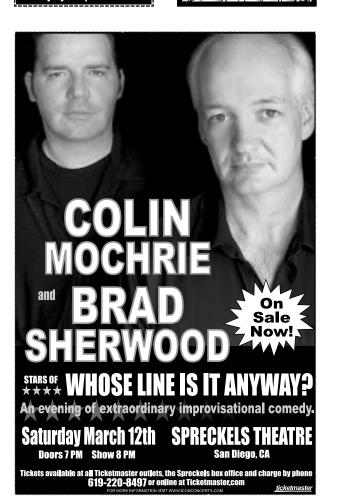
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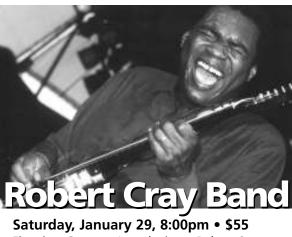
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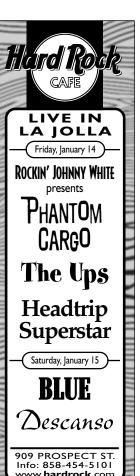
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When the time came for Randy Gruber to name his first restaurant, a corner eatery on Del Mar's main drag, he chose Americana because "the name rolls off your tongue and it works well for a sort-of breakfast, lunch, and dinner place that's not too formal, not too casual." He might have chosen it for any number of other reasons, beginning with its origins as the dream of a man who, American-style, wanted to do just a little better than his father. "My dad owns a chain of luncheonette coffee shops in New York. He taught me the business. But I wanted more wine, a finer dining experience. So I would open my dad's restaurant at four in the morning, work a long day, then go to the French Culinary Institute in New York at night.'

Gruber managed one of his father's shops. When the lease expired, he scouted locations for a restaurant of his own in the city but never found anything. He spent a summer cooking at Estia, "this funky coffee shop in Amagansett that put down tablecloths at night and did more of a bistro thing. The chef had his own organic garden that he would pull produce out of and use as specials." After that, it was back to managing in NYC, first at a diner, then at one of chef/restaurateur Matthew Kenney's restaurants.

In 1988, Gruber met his bride-to-be and followed her to Boston, where she had a medical fellowship. "I was lucky enough to get a position at Biba, one of the city's foodie destinations. I was the rounds cook; I gave everybody their day off. I did sauté, I did grill, I did pantry. They had a wood-fired pizza oven and a huge pastry department. I probably needed to have all these different job experiences to do my own restaurant."

A year later, the couple moved to San Diego, and after an arduous search, Gruber found his location: the Del Mar branch of Terryl Gavre's Café 222. She sold him the space, and gradually, he redecorated to fit his restaurant's new name: seafoam beadboard wainscoting, brushed nickel lamps, weathered furniture, paintings of jazz musicians. At first, Gruber held to the corner eatery's traditional role as a breakfast/lunch spot, outfitting his version with not only the *de rigueur* fresh-squeezed OJ, but also fresh-squeezed grapefruit juice and an array of goodies baked in-house. He changed the bacon that Gavre had been using at Café 222, but the customers no-



ticed, and let him know. Gruber followed the will of the people and went back to Hormel Old Smokehouse. When I visited, I learned why. Too often, bacon — one of the chief pleasures of the big American breakfast — curls away from the

pan during cooking, leaving patches of white fat. Americana's side of bacon lay flat, the straps of meat striped with yellow fat, and it chewed the way cured pork

should. The finish, laced with applewood smoke, was a bonus. (When Gruber started serving dinners, that same democratic spirit led him to switch the crust on the tuna from coriander to sesame seeds, and the bread spread from variously flavored bean purée to whipped butter spiked with garlic, thyme, and rosemary. "When you open a restaurant, you've got to listen to your customers, see what comes back on the plate, and adapt.")

He also stuck with Gavre's choice of waffle mix but added a proprietary twist "to make it crispy and light." The twist did its job; by the middle of breakfast, my wife Grace was saying, "I keep going back to the waffle. I can't stop eating it. The sponginess holds up; the waffle never gets heavy or cloying. Crisp on the outside — perfect texture." Between the whipped cream, the berries, and the shredded coconut on top, she said, "You

almost don't need syrup." The French toast was similarly wolfed down, but its cinnamon and egg were overshadowed by a waffley cloud.

The waffle was supposed to be secondary; Grace's main order had been Dylan's Eggs Benedict, which added roasted tomato and smoked bacon to the usual eggs/muffin/hollandaise combo. (The menu promised arugula, but we couldn't find any, unless it was hidden in the accompanying pile of greens.) Everything else was in place: the yolks ran, the whites stood firm, the hollandaise held together and didn't weigh everything down. Basil complemented the lemon in the sauce, and the English muffins made a pillow for it all — but the tomatoes, their flavor intensified by roasting and perfumed with garlic, carried the day. "They're ripe, and it's not an af-

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terthought," said Grace.

I was happy munching my Roman Breakfast: mounds of prosciutto shavings sandwiched between English muffin halves, tomatoes, mozzarella, and fried eggs. One thick slice of meat would not have been as pleasant, though mild as the shavings were, they still smothered the fresh mozzarella. "It's a good thing we can't afford to live here," I mused to Grace as we sat on the side

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patio, gazing through the Plexiglas at a patch of ocean. "I'd be here all the time in the morning, and even fatter than I am now." (For the more body-conscious, there is the Del Mar Powerhouse breakfast, made with six scrambled egg whites. The restaurant also makes its own granola.)

But Gruber never forgot his desire for "fine dining," and he never forgot Estia — the way it would turn from coffee shop to bistro come suppertime. During Americana's first months, Gruber served breakfast and lunch and remodeled in the evenings. Right before race season of 2001, he broke out the tablecloths and opened for dinner. It was hard to shake the venue's reputation as a daytime eatery. "I overstaffed for that first summer," he says, looking back. "I would make money during the day and lose it at night. I thought I wrote a pretty good menu, but people just didn't think of the place. But we keep putting it out there and making improvements," and the evening traffic has picked up some. He won a liquor license through the lottery system. Recently, he added his version of chef Todd English's version of New Haven's "paperthin pizzas." It's something for the masses: lower-priced but

still interesting — Gruber mentions a topping combo of fig, prosciutto, and Gorgonzola and he hopes it will build volume. "It's not like Sam Ladeki's, or Del Mar Pizza, or Il Fornaio's. It's a very wet dough, and it's got whole-wheat flour in it."

Gruber makes his own pizza, but he buys his Tuscan bread from O'Brien's Boulangerie. It was the first thing we tasted when we returned for dinner with our friends Marcus and Erin, and it set the up-anddown tone for the evening. Grace liked that the bread had plenty of body to go with its crisp crust; I admired the density but thought it bordered on dry. I complained about too much garlic in the butter; Marcus praised the rosemary.

Our waiter swooped in to check on us: he would continue to do so throughout the evening. "You guys are going to eat well tonight," he assured us. "We've got a really imaginative menu." He made lots of recommendations and took a moment to give us glimpses of various dishes as he brought them to other tables. When I asked about a suitable wine for our entrées, possibly a Pinot Noir — his reply was immediate and judicious: "Adelsheim. It's awesome, and we've got it at 54 degrees." Later, he put on a show for everyone seated outside, balancing a wire newspaper rack on his chin. "It's a circus," said Grace. "How Americana."

Our appetizers arrived on plates that acknowledged the spot's diner history — whiteringed with twin stripes of green. Grace's spinach salad was topped by a round of chèvre wearing a tattered coat of cornmeal. "Sort of Depression-era," she murmured, before praising the cheese itself. But while the roasted tomatoes sang in our breakfasts, here, in the roasted-tomato vinaigrette, they mumbled. Erin also had a salad, and if her poached-thengrilled pears yielded sweetness and anise, the accompanying radicchio brought too much bitterness. "There should be less of that and more of the endive and arugula," suggested Marcus. The darkness of the fried batter on my shrimp hinted at its heaviness on the palate; the underlying risotto mingled with Jack cheese and pepper to happy effect, though

bristled with basil. (We recalled that bitter radicchio after our entrées arrived. The produce was spotty: here, a stalky broccoli rabe; there, beans that were cooked right but not that flavorful. That may change soon. Says Gruber, "I'm building our own organic garden," like the one at Estia. "We'll probably start harvesting in the spring. We're going to grow our own carrots, zucchini, squash, lot of different tomatoes, rhubarb, all sorts of stuff. It's something that I've always wanted to do.")

Nobody complained about

Marcus's appetizer, baby lamb chops, which he called "pretty exceptional." The chops Gruber marinates them in "garlic, thyme, rosemary, soy, Worcestershire, and teriyaki," then grills — would have been enough to start any appetite singing. But julienned strips of roasted eggplant, oil-slick and dark brown with balsamic vinegar, made this dish a perfect mini-entrée, a promise of good things to come.

Marcus scored again with the evening's star entrée, seared duck breast with fig sauce; Israeli couscous studded with golden raisins, dried cranberries, and pine nuts; sautéed string beans. "It's almost like thinly sliced beef," marveled Marcus, then he added, "It's clearly a wild bird, but it's not gamey." The meat took to the fig sauce the way a duck takes to water, and the BB-sized pearls of couscous made me wonder why I don't see this side more often.

Erin liked the gob of Gorgonzola atop her New York Strip, the cheese warm, running at the edges, but solid at the center. Big cheese, big meat, good times. While she was enjoying the steak, the rest of us glommed her pommes *frites* — maybe the best I'd ever had. We stopped the waiter to ask about them, how the kitchen achieved the harmony of fried exterior and mashed interior. "Oh, they're frozen," he admitted. "We cook 'em, then toss 'em in a bowl with

some seasonings. Aren't they

They were great, and I later asked Gruber what the secret was. "When I opened, I was making my own fries, and I just couldn't get my guys to do them consistently. Before we started serving dinner, I took my wife to Napa, and we ate at Bouchon," famed chef Thomas Keller's casual joint. "We had mussels and pommes frites, and they were awesome. I asked one of the cooks, 'How do you do your fries?' He said, 'You know what? We buy frozen fries.' If Thomas Keller can serve frozen fries, I can serve frozen fries. Gruber found a frv he liked. reached back to his days at Biba for a rosemary-thyme-salt-pepper tossing mix, and bingo happy customers. Again with the American theme: you go with what works.

Grace and I ordered seafood (the Pinot went along with our decision). My pestoglazed halibut floated above the plate on another column of pepper-Jack risotto (this time minus the prickly basil), surrounded by asparagus spears that proved the best vegetable of the evening. Gruber favors baseball cuts, and he knows how to cook thick hunks of fish, but seasoning a block of light-bodied halibut can be tricky. Provided I plunged my fork in deep and took away a full cross-section, I was okay; the salt and pesto on top worked to flavor the whole. But if you took away a chunk of the top without enough underneath, the salt was too much.

Grace's sesame-crusted tuna — the mix of dark and light seeds forming a layer of faux scales - handled the baseball cut with more success. She could roll each bite in the surrounding soy-miso broth for seasoning. Sautéed baby bok choy swam alongside the tuna like a bulbous cephalopod among udon-noodle kelp. There were plenty of combinations to play with; only the cherry tomatoes seemed out of place.

Three of the four desserts made for happy endings. The one hiccup came from vanilla ice cream and strawberries marred by too-tough figs and an overabundance of vinegar. Molten chocolate cake offered few surprises but plenty of chocolate pleasure. Marcus had to force his fork through the crust on the lemon tart, but everybody liked the way it countered the quivering filling and the bite of the mint-vanilla syrup. Grace melted over the caramelized banana tarte tatin with dulce de leche ice cream. Puff pastry and bananas and dulce de leche are favorites, but it was the caramel sauce that won her heart. Gruber shared the secret: "I'm a big fan of condensed milk. I boil it for two and a half to three hours at medium heat, and that caramelizes it. I cut that with cream, and it becomes my caramel sauce." Coffee shop, meet fine dining. ■



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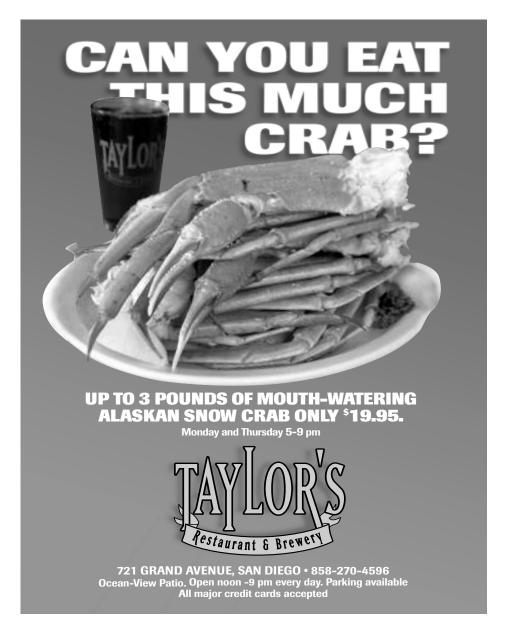
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Velvet Flame

"This place is just like Tijuana. And it's clean. Try the tripe."

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ust as well Hank's not here. He'd be ropeable. Spitting tacks. Mad as a wet hen. "Just for a taco?" he'd say. Answer is, hell yes.

I'm tramping alone here in the dark, down Beyer Avenue into the lonely Otay River Valley,

past trees and wetlands, a mile probably, till — finally! — I'm back into the land of streetlights and, yes! A sign reads: "Tacos El Gordo de Tijuana B.C. Now in California."

This is what the guy on the bus, Javier, was talking about. "Best tacos in town," he said. "Worth walking a mile for."

The place is red and white, fluorescent-bright, with Formica tables and two genuine black bulls' heads glaring out from the wall. The whole back end buzzes with cooks scurrying behind steaming chafing dishes. There's a constant *chop chop chop* as they hack meat into bite-size bits. A distinguished-looking gent sits at a separate cash-register counter up front.

"Just order what you want, then bring it over to me, señor," he says.

Wall menu's nice and simple. Tacos are \$1.65 each. You can get *cabeza* (beef head), *lengua* (beef tongue), *sesos* (beef brains), *buche* (pig's stomach), *adobada* (pork), *tripa* (intestines), *suadero* (beef shoulder), and *Azteca* (cactus and grilled beef).

That's it. Of course they have *quesadillas*, *sopes*

(fried cornmeal cakes), and *tostadas* (also \$1.65, \$3.30 with meat), but hey, this is a taco place.

"Are they good?" I ask these three ladies chowing down. Judie, Lluvia, and Myrna. "For sure," says Lluvia. "This place is just like Tijuana. And

it's clean. We are regulars. Try the tripe."

I go up to the counter, order one *adobada* (marinated pork) for comfort food. Then I fearlessly ask for *sesos*, *cabeza*, and an *Azteca* (cactus and grilled beef). I get an *horchata* rice drink (\$1.10).

I pay up to Señor Salvador Gómez, the manager at the cashier's desk, then go douse my tacos with salsa and onions and cilantro and radish slices. The *cabeza* tastes, well, a little nutty. The *sesos* have a sweet edge, and the *Azteca*'s prickly flavor is mellowed by the grilled beef.

But boy, you can't beat good ol' pork tacos. The *adobada* tastes rich, porky, marinated.

"This place has been open 5 years here," says Sr. Gómez, who comes from Mexico City. "But El Gordo has been making tacos for over 30 years in Tijuana."

I must say, the joint has a happy, well-oiled atmosphere, full of families with giggling kids, old guys, workers on their way home. It feels kinda homey.

And I feel kinda full.

Then a funny thing happens. I catch a 929 bus

to the Iris Avenue trolley station. My next bus ain't going nowhere for another twenty minutes.

I look toward a dark patch where the 905 freeway crosses the trolley tracks. A cluster of light down there shines, so I wander over to a tent canopy set beside a catering truck. Three white tables set up under the canopy glow in the dimness. A girl tosses two flaps of meat on her charcoal grill, and the fire crackles and sends up great puffs of smoke, searing the beef — it also heats a traditional *olla*, a decorated, brown ceramic pot. Beside that, a plate piled high with fried onions and jalapeño peppers stays warm.

Hmm. I go up to Maria, the girl standing at the little cash register on a wobbly table. "You do tacos?" I ask. "For sure," she says. "We are La Taquiza de Tijuana."

I ask for a couple of pork tacos: *al pastor* and *adobada*.

"They're the same thing, señor," Maria says. Huh. Always wondered about that. "Okay, I'll have one *adobada* and one *barbacoa*" (*birria*, or marinated beef). She calls the order up to Joël, the

cook in the truck. Inside, a velvet flame, blue and orange, caresses a stack of meat on a vertical spit.

Joël hands down my plate of tacos, and Maria takes me along the rack of salsas on a shelf in the side of the truck. "This salsa de árbol is for your adobada," she explains. "This salsa de chile chipotle is good with beef. The salsa verde is good for lengua [tongue] and cabeza [head] tacos. It doesn't overpower their more subtle flavors."

She leads me to the sizzling charcoal grill. "And these *frijoles* in the *olla*, and the onions and jalapeños, take them *al gusto*."

What a deal. Plus, the tacos are only \$1.25 each. I grab a \$1.00 Coke to help swill 'em down. "This is the best place this side of the border," says Mario. He's sitting at the table where I plunk my plate. "It's better than El Gordo. The cooking, the atmosphere. *This* is how we like it."

I gotta say, eating in the cold shadows, with the warmth of the grill and the bobbing lights and the talk among strangers — this is hard to beat.

And hey, paying \$1.25 instead of \$1.65? That doesn't hurt either. ■

The Place: Tacos El Gordo, 1351 Third Avenue, Chula Vista (at Third and Palomar). 619-424-7465; La Taquiza de Tijuana, 3171 Iris, at 30th, by Iris bus and trolley station, no phone

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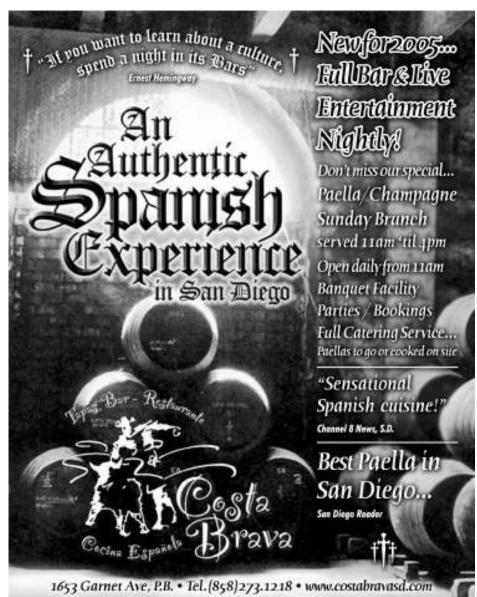
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Happy Triggers

"Nothing is complete — things are chopped off, or they run off the edge of the canvas."

verybody always thinks that everything's been painted before," says Thomas Arvid, whose paintings of wine bottles and wine accoutrements have spawned something like their own genre within the art world.

"And all of a sudden, here you are, doing something completely new and completely overlooked."

Well, maybe not *completely* new. Arvid grants that "as an artist, you have to take what has happened before you and take it to the next level. I think that, through my work, I kind of pull together

a nice balance of abstract and realism." The realism part is obvious; Arvid's paintings are easily mistaken for photographs from a distance. As for abstract, he says, "If you take away the color and just look at the line work, it's very balanced within an abstract sense — a fair amount of curves, a fair amount of straight lines. It's not so much that it's about the wine anymore; to me, it's about story and composition and texture."

Composition does seem to be his chief innovation, the thing that makes people sit up and take notice. "Most people think of still life as something formally put together. It's there to look at but uninviting. You're afraid to touch it. I've turned that around. My paintings look so natural, you want to reach in and touch them. If the foil is falling off a bottle a little bit, you want to reach in and push it back against the bottle. What I try to capture in

all of my paintings is the natural way we go about sharing wine with friends. I think that's one of the successes with my painting, the reason why people have gravitated toward it."

Part of that "natural" style has meant paint-

ings that look down on their subjects from above. (Sometimes the angle is steep, as if the viewer were standing at a counter; sometimes less so, as if the viewer were seated at table.) It has also meant overlap among objects, a carefully orchestrated array that mimics how objects might accidentally

wind up on a table during dinner. "Things are layered behind each other. The bottle is meant to be with the glass and the corkscrew and the table. It's kind of like music; everything runs together."

Perhaps his most effective technique for drawing the viewer in has been truncation. "Nothing is complete — things are chopped off, or they run off the edge of the canvas." The painting presents "such a micro part of the scene that people add themselves to it." They become involved with the painting, sometimes to the point where life imitates art. "I have people telling me all the time that they're sitting with friends, and they'll look down and try to put together an Arvid composition right on their table. They'll push the glasses over to one side, add a cork and a corkscrew. They say, 'Hey, it looks just like an Arvid; we should take a picture and send it to Thomas.'"

Involving the viewer this way gets at Arvid's notion of art's purpose. "I believe art is when you take whatever medium you're using and move somebody to another place or idea through your work. Whether it's positive or negative or frightening or depressing, it's still art." It's a position that has left him in a rather lonely middle ground. He lives "in a neighborhood like

everybody else," which tends to mean that his neighbors think of artists as "people who cut off their ears and do freaky things to themselves." On the other hand, "Within the art world, people are so caught up with trying to disturb people and being negative" that they can be dismissive toward a painter who accentuates the positive.

"I think we need more of the beauty and the happiness," he says. "We tend to surround ourselves with the things that make us feel better, so we can go out into the world and feel good." Wine falls into that, and so, by extension, do Arvid's paintings. They are "just a reminder about that relaxing good feeling. How, when you're around wine, the stress kind of falls away and you have good conversation with good friends. That's what I try to put in my paintings, without actually showing you people sitting around a table sharing wine."

Arvid's paintings are designed to trigger happy memories and associations. Even if you weren't actually there for that bottle of Chateau Lafite he's showing you, if you're a wine lover, odds are it'll hit some kind of chord — a similar wine, a longstanding dream. "It's not so much the technical part of what you paint or how you paint," he says. "It's the story, and what you're trying to project to people."



Eight Empties by Thomas Arvid

Eight Empties certainly punched my nostalgia button. It's a familiar image from the end of many happy evenings spent in good company. "A bunch of friends were over all night," narrates Arvid, "and you tried a bunch of different bottles. People brought some, and you had some to share." Unplugged, which shows an exhausted corkscrew lying down amid an array of corks, "is a different view of the same sort of party. A pile of corks ends up over at the end of the table, and if you show up late, you go rummaging through the corks to see what they opened during the evening."

When photorealistic detail is a hallmark of your work, details are key, and Arvid has clearly paid attention. In *Eight Empties*, the foils at the tops of the bottles are a mess. Only one appears to have been carefully trimmed off with a foil cutter — probably one of the evening's first. "You're busy having a conversation with somebody while you're opening the bottle, and you're not even looking. I know I tend to tear it pretty haphazardly around the top. I've watched people slide the whole sleeve off. I've yet to do a painting of that, but it's in my mind, because I think I'd probably connect with a lot of people if I did."

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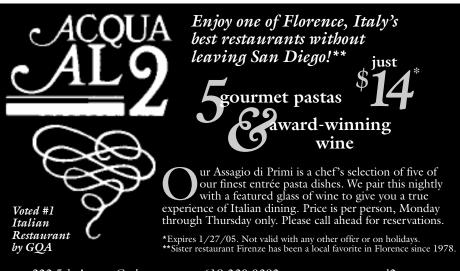
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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Mid-dle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with lessthan-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday, Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, kofte (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and tzatziki, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special Iskender kebab, dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

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Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato salsita. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

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Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trattoria 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Long-time deli Rosanna's has grown into a fullservice restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jean-Louis and Rosanna Martin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna della casa* done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a panna cotta or bavarese. Best seats in the house are on the front and

back patios — even Highway 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rackety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and piz-zas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily Pastas and pizzas low moderate, en trées upper moderate. - N.W. (12/03)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veg-gie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada din-ner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street),

Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American, Omelets are the café's bestknown dish — 14 variations of threeeggers (or Eggbeaters by request) rved with toast or a muffin, plus tast herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Bene-dict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-icecream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian haute cuisine which is simpler and more nat-ural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of firstclass ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Fourcourse tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard),

Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, includ-ing a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi poké and excellent chicken katsu; the kalbi short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright or-ange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is ex emplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — N.W. (9/03)

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices sea-soning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for pho on the dinner menu - it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest

Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmos phere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference - or two The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtvard (complete with fountain) for fairweather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown - not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appe-tizers along with a wide choice of seri-ous entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of

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San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bak-ery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de e, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative



cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom cap-pucini soup, and tarte Tatin. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — E.W.

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with Surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquitegrilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carls-bad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts. large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast - down to a small roar. Course everybody in this neck of the woods is trying not to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak And Chop **House** 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays.

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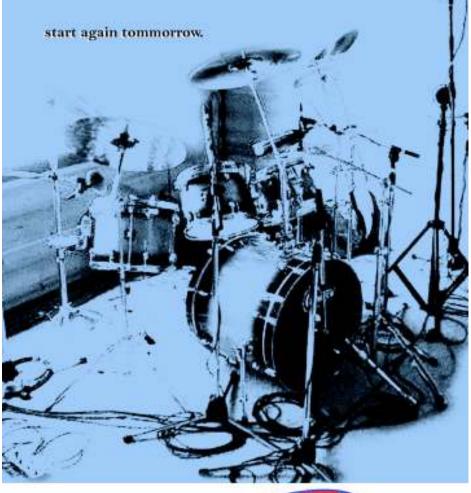
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Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the con-

summate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated foie gras torchon, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rig orous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your firstclass dinner - the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585 What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any din ner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets

oing.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only Moderate. — N.W. (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. -N.W. (1/04)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g. New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appe-tizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. N.W. (5/02)

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604

Linda Vista, 858-268-3161, Full name La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted Mc-Donald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and din-ner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try mi ga, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, im-possible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rain-bow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially re-markable. For the adventurous, I rec-ommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tone Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (tong galbi) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef gui). You'll enjoy all the accom-

panying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (yukhwoe). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. -M.N. (12/99)

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Calbased chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disney-land — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, teppanyaki, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes reg-ularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — N.W. (10/02)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef



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THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilde onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of breadri's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open

6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, re-tailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering So-Cal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sand wiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an ob-session with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner Moderate to expensive. A.M. (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pate, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's toute suite. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne beure blanc sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — S.M. (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking

than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta—skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely picante, and the luscious camarones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, foodfriendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate.—N.W. (6/02)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta, Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant call ahead and they'll save you a spot) Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — N.W. (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a

cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushibar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including teppanyaki (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony ama ebi, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night











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Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine—sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 Univer sity Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, injera, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The kitfo (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarianfriendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're

light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presenta-tion's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Stone Ground Coffee Works
8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa,
619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't
bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of
joy) is a great place to bring your book
or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The
food is basically sandwiches, soup,
salad, but it's all good and homemade.
Try the turkey, avocado and bacon
sandwich on dark squawbread, or the
toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese,
and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she
painted the whimsical tabletops and
plays the hammer dulcimer) and she
has a resident lady ghost who's dying to

meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04) **Toshi Sushi** 5943 El Cajon Boule-

vard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) - it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamycrunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spot-light-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary - a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and **Bakery** 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flowershaped lamps sprouting out of over-head fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "sig-nature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the threecourse meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible choucroute garni (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — schnitzel side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp involtini along-side applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "foe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of Inversity and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their sag paneer creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka* masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. E.B. (4/03)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Bal-











boa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffee-house/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/02)

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an inti-mate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600

tequilas and makes a food-friendly on the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit iuices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, machaca, chile rellenos). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the carnitas verdes, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a pro-

fessional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sun-day. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a Cheers atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunbrunch. Inexpensive.

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Lotus Thai 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Also at 906 Market Street, Gaslamp, 619-595-0115. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegetarian-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., saté, beef salad) featuring a tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the sayory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish accompanied by a garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and too many dishes are oddly bland (even when they're spicy). The flesh components

(shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces - so if you crave oup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. -N.W. (4/01)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pak-istan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. M.N. (10/99)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01) Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — E.W. (5/99)

DOWNTOWN

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte*. There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mus-sels, culotte steak, and, when available,

the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the grease less fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service,

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat

very casual, mainly inexpensive. -

N.W. (10/01)



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some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W.* (4000)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hvatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. The fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood; the dishes are tossed off with ease and consummate assurance by Alsatian chef Stephane Voitzwinkler. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes (fresh Maryland blue crab with minimal interference) or the tender salmon en croute. Amon the entrées, the porcini-crusted ahi and the classic bouillabaisse are worthy of

attention. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the conservative tastes of hotel diners, you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people with 48 hours notice, and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly-California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — N.W. (12/02)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy cafe offers some very credible New Orleansstyle cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a muffaletta, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for chaurice or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Stan's 901 E Street (at Ninth), East Village, 619-696-MAMA (6262). It's named after Joe Stanley Hay, ex-con from San Quentin who transformed his life and spent years working with inner city kids here. He died in 2000. This little place sits kitty-corner to the main post office. Only a few tables, more outside than in. The pork sandwich is their most popular item, but if you've got the bread, go for the beef or pork ribs. They're terrific — rich, falling off the bone. Corn bread's great too. Also baked right here: sweet potato pies and peach cobbler. Weekday lunch, dinner to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday open till way-late, sometimes with a DJ in the corner to make this a great after-bar scene. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Chef Paul McCabe presents sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce. Mussel soufflé and seasonal *agnolotti* stuffed with Chino corn are among the delights you may find here, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view

of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/03)

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). En trées come with salad and puffy, cookit-vourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/02)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new down-towners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, so-das, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

SOUTH BAY &

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Mare, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautée items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honeybasil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend break-fast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — NW (8/01)

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Cen ter Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632, Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Su per Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon niçoise salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bonein filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich

wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655 Back East meets Out West, New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbagy-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right af ter 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty reasonable. Open lunch to early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals—and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer—that's when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

— N.W. (7/01)

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with

tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista,
619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine parrillada (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center, Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous milanesa (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to tenegg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most Frenchlike patisserie of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers













painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of dis-play cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as Le Croque Monsieur (openfaced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade* nicoise (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with tarros and pizza. Tarros are giant mugs that hold caguamas (large "sea turtle bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — E.B. (2/04)

El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Baja, Ensenada, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

El Faro De Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone. squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster The atmosphere and service are lovely but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. -EW

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road),

Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent - for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Cente-nario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider or-dering with salsa eneldo — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature salsa blanca. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tiiuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated carne asada, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avo-cado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of tortas, from chorizo with eggs to beef-steak ranchero, all served in huge, threeribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eve to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like chimichurri sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolorbright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flow ers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a carne asada burrito and other borderfood choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 10 619-277-9977). Moderate. 101-B, E.B. (8/02)

Heidi and Bernie's German **Bratwurst Tent** North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Iolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Vallev, 619-298-8222. — N.W. (7/04)

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace croque monsieur and croque madame (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors - try a pan bagnat (salade niçoise on a baguette) or one of the grilled panini. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. -









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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

ew Year's resolution: resist the hype. Ignore it. Pay it no heed. Don't get sucked in.

As we buckle up for another annum of stunning masterpieces and electrify-

ing thrill rides, it could do no harm to recollect where we stood at this exact moment twelve months ago. Imagine

that you then had peered into your crystal ball and could see that in the vear ahead vou would be assured of films directed by such personages as Steven Soderbergh, Steven Spielberg, Robert Zemeckis, Oliver Stone, Martin Scorsese, Robert Altman, Wes Anderson, Jim Jarmusch, Richard Linklater, Kevin Smith, John Sayles, John Waters, Jonathan Demme, George Armitage, Philip Kaufman, Quentin Tarantino, Vincent Gallo, Mel Gibson, Sam Raimi, M. Night Shyamalan, David O. Russell, James L. Brooks, Barry Levinson, Martha Coolidge, Spike Lee, Mike Nichols, Michael Mann, Frank Oz, Joseph Ruben, Joe Johnston, David Koepp, David Twohy, Pedro Almodóvar, Alfonso Cuarón, Guillermo Del Toro, Lars von Trier, Margarethe von Trotta, Wolfgang Petersen, Istvan Szabo,

Bernardo Bertolucci, André Téchiné, Patrice Leconte, Jean-Pierre Jeunet, Jean-Paul Rappeneau, Jean-Jacques Annaud, Zhang Yimou (two films by him), Takeshi Kitano, Mira Nair, Mike

Hodges, and, fresh from his freshman effort, Sexy Beast, Jonathan Glazer. To name a few.

You might, squinting into the bright promise of it all, have been forgiven for supposing that in the course of such a year you would have plenty to chew on. Now that that course has been run, however, you might also be forgiven for feeling that pretty much the entire year could have been consumed through a straw. One big bottomless smoothie — even if from time to time a fragment of soft, squishable fruit would manage to pass through the tube and between your lips: the Linklater (Before Sunset), the Raimi (Spider-Man 2), the Zemeckis (The Polar Express), the Scorsese (The Aviator), one of the two Zhangs (Hero), one or two others.

Perhaps, in the interest of making a point, I have slightly padded the roster with names that only a devotee would recognize, much less anticipate with



The Forgotten

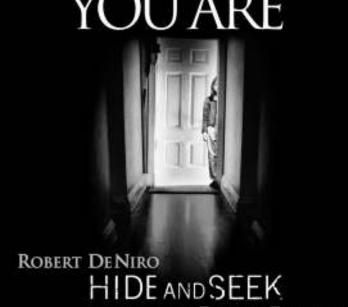
anything like eagerness; names, in contrast to the multiple household words, that mean more to me than to the moviegoer on the street (Joe Johnston, David Koepp, David Twohy, et al.). And without a doubt, in the interest of preserving the point, I have left off the roster the names of filmmakers who would have intensified the glare of promise, and who in my estimation

came through with something whose consumption demanded a knife and fork: Michael Moore, Mike Leigh, David Mamet, Hou Hsiao-hsien, Alexander Payne, the Coen brothers, among others. (I refer you to last week's column.)

The point I was interested in making, and preserving, was not just how eminently forgettable most of the films

were when they finally materialized, though that's a point, too. Try to remember, if you can: that burbling stew of sex, politics, and cinemania, *The Dreamers* (could it be released in the U.S. without cuts? could the film buffs of today comprehend the passions of the film buffs of the Sixties?); the softer, warmer Kevin Smith of *Jersey Girl*, with Ben Affleck grieving on screen, for all

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the world to see, over the loss of J. Lo; Coffee and Cigarettes, the quintessence of cool; I Heart Huckabees, the epitome of hip; the deep dark secrets of Secret Window, The Village, and, possibly the most aptly named movie of the year, The Forgotten. Puffs of smoke. Gone with the wind.

But my point was something blacker than that; sootier than that; grimier than that. From the delivered goods of the fifty filmmakers enumerated above, it would be possible to compose two perfectly respectable Ten Worst lists for the year gone by.

Hypothetical list number one:

Alexander (Stone) The Passion of the Christ (Gibson) Ocean's Twelve (Soderbergh) The Terminal (Spielberg) The Stepford Wives (Oz) The Chronicles of Riddick (Twohy) Hidalgo (Johnston) Hellboy (Del Toro) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Cuarón)

The Prince and Me (Coolidge)

Hypothetical list number two:

The Brown Bunny (Gallo) A Dirty Shame (Waters) Dogville (Von Trier) Kill Bill, Vol. 2 (Tarantino) Twisted (Kaufman) Birth (Glazer) Envy (Levinson) Silver City (Sayles) The Manchurian Candidate (Demme) The Big Bounce (Armitage)

I don't say that either list is my own. Nor do I say that either one could not be improved by opening it up to less reputable, less hotly anticipated filmmakers: Stephen Sommers (Van Helsing), Alex Proyas (I, Robot), Antoine Fuqua (King Arthur), Tony Scott (Man on Fire), Brett Ratner (After the Sunset), Joel Schumacher (The Phantom of the Opera), Nick Cassavetes (The Notebook), Jay Roach (Meet the Fockers), Howard Deutch (The Whole Ten Yards), Garry Marshall (Raising Helen and The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement), another plausible Ten Worst list right there. What I did mean to say, though, was simply that when you look ahead to the coming attractions of 2005, don't get your hopes too high. Resist the hype. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushingthree-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 numer ous 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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-

CHO 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 selfindulgent. 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 gratuitious impression of Jerry Lewis in the bargain (not bad), and doing his own singing in a mellower, droopier, croonier style possibly more suited to a biography of Vic Damone or Al Martino. The objection, voiced on the set of an autobiographical filmwithin-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)

Blade Trinity — Third installment in the god-awful series about the preening and posturing vampire-hunter out of Marvel



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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. Gover, 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.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24)



Bad Education

Closer — Reekingly urbane Mike Nichols chamber piece, prone to be seen as a longdistance 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 offscreen - 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 Iulia 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: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO

Coach Carter — Teacherly sports film, the athletic equivalent of Stand and Deliver and Lean on Me (with Samuel L. Jackson every bit the equal of Edward James Olmos and Morgan Freeman), a salute to a real-

life taskmaster by the name of Ken Carter, who demanded that his high-school basketballers sign contracts agreeing to maintain a 2.3 grade point average, attend all their classes and sit in the front row, wear a jacket and tie on game days, address one another as "sir." The results were instantaneous: a total turnaround from the 4-22 previous season, a perfect 16-0 record until the academic reports rolled in and the coach padlocked the gym and began forfeiting games in favor of cramming. It's all perfectly predictable (a group shot of the team walking in slo-mo toward the camera at the state tournament; you could bank on it), but there are good lessons here, engagingly taught, for those who need them. With Rob Brown, Robert Ri'chard, Rick Gonzalez, Antwon Tanner, Ashanti, Denise Dowse, and Debbi Morgan; directed by Thomas Carter (no relation), 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-

ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18:MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 1/14)

The Corporation — Consciousness-raising, conscience-pricking documentary by Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott, reciting a laundry list, two and a half hours long, of the vices of big business past and present. A rotation of experts (CEOs, Harvard profs, Milton Friedman, Noam Chomsky, Michael Moore, many more) lectures directly to the camera and over a wide variety of archival clips, 2004.

★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY,

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: GASLAMP 15: PALM PROME-

Elektra — Spinoff of *Daredevil*, starring Jennifer Garner and directed by Rob Bow-

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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 consti-



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than dramatic purposes: a headstrong

woman ("This is bullshit!") where the original cast was all-male (save for Barrie Chase

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ple of blacks, a Mexican, a Middle or Far

tute 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)

Flight of the Phoenix — Strippeddown 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



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Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. 2004.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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 reallife 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 Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/14; MIRA MESA 18)

House of Flying Daggers — Martialarts bodice-ripper about a blind showgirl (the jug-eared China doll, Zhang Ziyi) who

Easterner, a virtual Rainbow Coalition, Diis neither blind nor a showgirl, but an agent rector John Moore covers the same distance in half an hour less, hitting none of the of an underground movement (and, evidently, a 9th-century forerunner of Zatoright notes but hitting them faster and louder. Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi, ichi) opposed to the tottering Tang Dy-"Like 'The Sixth Sense, 'The Others' and even Alfred Hitchcock's 'Psycho,' 'White Noise' unfolds with precision and excellent pacing? "Michael Keaton knows how to chill the spine" Margaret A. McGurk, THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER "I screamed louder than I've ever screamed in my life." MICHAEL KEATON UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND GOLD CIRCLE FILMS PRISENT A WHITE NOISE UK AND BRIGHTLIGHT PICTURES PRODUCTION IM ASSICIATION WITH ENDGAME ENTERTAINMENT Michael Keaton "White Noise" deborah kaba unger chandra west and han McNeice compussion claude folsy beginne kaben matthews Production michael 8 bolton ^{ang} nick arthurs production changes are producted by the compusion of the compusio PRODUCED PAUL BROOKS SHAWN WILLIAMSON A CANADIAN / IIK CO-PRODUCTION SSMONT CENTER STADIUM 10 ssmont Shopping Center /465-7100 Edwards Theatres RANCHO SAN DIEGO STADIUM 15 Hwy 94 at Campo 800/FANDANGO #132 AMC MISSION VALLEY 20 I-8 Exit Mission Center Rd 858/558-2AMC AMC LA JOLLA 12 I-5 at Nobel Drive 858/558-2AMC Edwards Theatres SAN MARCOS STADIUM 18 1180 W San Marcos Blvd 800/FANDANGO #161 AMC **ENCINITAS 8** 220 N El Camino Real 760/942-5544 METROPLEX AT VISTA VILLAGE
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nasty. Zhang Yimou's follow-up to his Hero dispenses essentially more of the same more, that is, of the sameness - more of the monotonousness. And the addition of more and more ultimately equals less. What's done has been done. To death. A lot of wonderful work went into the color, the fabrics, the sound effects in the opening brothel episode, but once the initial impression has been made, once the viewer can be presumed to be in the palm of the filmmaker's hand, there is a fallingoff in those departments. Always, the splendor of the settings — the birch forest, the bamboo grove, the flower meadow, the red

and yellow tapestries of autumn leaves, the climactic snowstorm — overpowers the whimsicality of the action. (The weapons for which the rebels are named are not just "flying" daggers; they're "smart" daggers, changing direction in midflight like guided missiles.) To put it a different way, the variety of the settings overpowers the repetitiveness of the action. With Takeshi Kaneshiro and Andy Lau. 2004.

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The Incredibles — A Pixar computer

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cartoon about a married-with-children team of superheroes in enforced retirement under the Superhero Relocation Program. The tweaking of superheroes has long since progressed beyond a mere trend into a fullblown state of cultural decadence, but there's no particular reason to hold it against this little tag-along. The topography of the volcanic island that serves as the archvillain's lair is well rendered, and the imitation-007 musical score hits a high number of right notes. With the voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jason Lee; written and directed by Brad Bird, 2004

★ (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16: VOGUE)

In Good Company — Romantic comedy written and directed by Paul Weitz, with Topher Grace, Scarlett Johansson, and Dennis Quaid.

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Kinsey - Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult - to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the

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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 sexualhistory interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species - carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to

after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's Gods and Mon sters), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: THROUGH 1/13)

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 gives us leave to go elsewhere for our entertainment: "It's not too late to see a film about a happy little elf." But oh yes, it is. In the opening decade of the 21st Century, it is most definitely too late. The "dark" children's film we are now obliged to put up with — ironic, cynical, facetious, factitious, forced, and iaded takes excessive pride in its trendy conventionality and its stout opposition to forces long since decimated. With Liam Aiken, Emily Browning, Timothy Spall, Billy Connolly, and Meryl Streep; directed by Brad Silberling. 2004.

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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 film maker, 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 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-shadestoo-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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Maria Full of Grace — Banal tale of how a nice, pretty, pregnant, unmarried Colombiana becomes a mule for drug smugglers, flying to New Jersey with a bellyful of plastic-wrapped packets of white powder: Maria Full of Shit. Plenty of squalid details lend credibility, if not exactly freshness, With Catalina Sandino Moreno, Guilied Lopez, Yenny Paola Vega, and Patricia Rae; written and directed by Joshua Marston. 2004.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1/16, 2 P.M.)

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, touchiefeelie, loosey-goosey parents of the groomto-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 snip-ping 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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Moolaadé — Veteran Senegalese filmmaker Ousmane Sembene tackles the topic of female genital mutilation.

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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)

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 (Ion 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.

■ (GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

 $\label{eq:conditional} \textbf{Ocean's Twelve} \ -- \ \text{The gang of eleven,}$ 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-theroad Hollywood hack such as Henry Koster had no one to make excuses for him. 2004. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 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, mean-

while, 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.

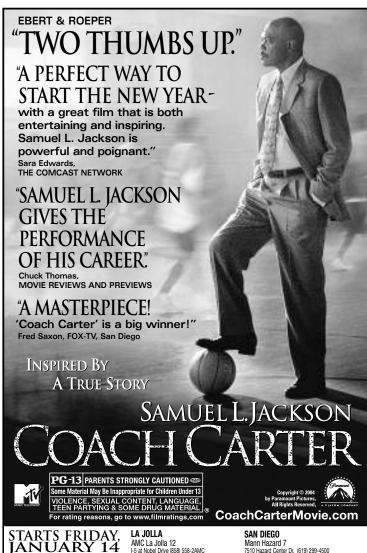
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The Polar Express — Neither an "instant classic" nor the polar opposite, but a middling addition to the holiday repertoire: computerized illustrations of the Chris Van Allsburg children's book about a little boy already too old to believe in Santa ("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 re-

lentless salvo of blinding snowflakes; the train snaking across an ice-covered track; the red-brick Victorian architecture of the - 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 car-toon 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





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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.

★★ (RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Racing Stripes — A zebra on the racetrack, with Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere, and the voice of Frankie Muniz, directed by Frederik Du Chau.

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Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood circa 1948-



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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 selfhug, 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)

Shall We Dance — Ill-conceived American remake, under British director Peter Chelsom, of the 1996 Japanese film (not the 1937 Astaire-Rogers film), the original of which was a success as much artistically as commercially. The social stigma, for starters, which we learned was attached to ballroom dancing in the regimented Land of the Rising Sun, hardly obtains in the doyour-own-thing Land of the Free. And Richard Gere, from the outset, is too glamorous, too confident, too cool for the lead role of the closet twinkle-toes, and is not a good enough actor to pretend otherwise. And Jennifer Lopez, no matter how withdrawn from the world her character is supposed to be, or how subordinate her role, cannot help but act as though she's the center of the universe. (The dark costuming, the dim lighting, the discreet framing, however, de-emphasize the famous derrière the center of the universe is not just that! - and it falls to a different, fuller-figured gal to protest, if only as a diversion, "Stop lookin' at my ass.") The muddy photography, to seal the doom, casts a pall over what is — or was — an overt fairy tale. With Susan Sarandon, Stanley Tucci,

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| 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 1 Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:20, 8:05; Mon. (12:10, 2:40) 5:20, 7:40; Tue. (2:40, 5:20) 7:40; Kinsey (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:10) 7:05, 9:45; Mon.

(12:25, 3:05) 7:05, 9:45; Tue. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:45; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Tue. (2:30, 5:15) 7:45, 10:25; The **Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10, 10:45; Mon. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:10; Tue. (2:35, 5:30) 8:10; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Mon. (2:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Tue (2:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:20; **Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Mon. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:00; Tue. (1:40, 4:30) 7:25, 10:00; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:20, 1:15, 3:30) 4:35, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; Tue. (1:15, 3:30, 4:35) 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 10:00; Mon. (12:15, 3:40) 6:50, 9:55; Tue. (1:00, 4:00) 7:10, 10:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50, 10:40; Mon. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:15, 7:30, 8:20, 9:50; Tue. (1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:05) 7:30, 8:20, 9:50

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 12:45, 3:20, 4:00) 6:30, 7:10, 9:40, 10:20; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00) 6:10, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00; Fat Albert (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 3:45) 6:45; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 9:55; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:40, 1:10, 3:25, 4:10) 6:05, 7:00, 9:05, 9:50; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:55 1:30, 3:40, 4:15) 6:40, 7:10, 9:40, 10:10; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 12:35, 2:30, 3:20, 5:00) 6:10, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05; Spanglish (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 3:00) 6:15, 9:25; What the Bleep! Do We Know?! (Not Rated) Fri.-Tue. 9:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company Racing Stripes; White Noise; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; The Phantom of the Opera; Spanglish; Ocean's Twelve; Closer; Finding Neverland; The In-

La Jolla Village 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:45) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:30, 10:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Elektra: Coach Carter: In Good Company: Racing Stripes; House of Flying Daggers; White Noise; Hotel Rwanda; Beyond the Sea; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; The Phantom of the Opera; The Life Aquation with Steve Zissou: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; Ocean's Twelve; Closer; Finding Neverland

Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 4:10) 8:00; Sat.-Thu. (12:20, 4:10) 8:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:05; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:15, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:55; **Meet the** Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:20, 10:15; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00,

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Meet the Fockers: The Aviator: Fat Albert: The Phantom of the Opera; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; House of Flying Daggers; Ocean's Twelve; National Treasure; The Spongebob Squarepants Movie; The Incredibles

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:00, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 7:00, 9:55; Mon. (12:20, 53.30) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:35, 5:20) 8:05; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:10) 7:20; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri. (2:40) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; Mon. (12:25, 2:40) 4:50, 7:05; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:40; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Mon. (12:00, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Mon. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 4:55) 7:05; White Noise (PG-13) Fri. (2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25: Sat -Sun (12:35, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25: Mon. (12:35, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:40,

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Moolaadé (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Mon. (2:00) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. 7:00; Vodka Lemon (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (4:45) 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.-Mon. (11:10) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:15; Tue.-Motorcycle Diaries (R) Fri. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (1:10) 4:05, 7:10, 9:55; Tue. (1:10, 4:05) 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:10, 9:55; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; **A Very Long Engagement** (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Woodsman** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:30, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:30, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Forces of Nature (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 4:00; Sun. 1:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:00; Lewis & Clark (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, 3:00, 6:00; Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; 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; Yellowstone (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 *405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)* **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Blade: Trinity** (R) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 4:00) 10:45; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 1:10, 3:55, 4:20) 7:05, 7:30, 10:15, 10:40; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:50; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00; **Finding** Neverland (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 2:00, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; Flight of the Phoenix (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:25; House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:05, 5:00) 7:50, 10:40; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 2:00, 4:45); Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:50, 2:20, 4:40) 7:30, 7:55, 10:20; **National** Treasure (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55)

7:50: Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:35. 10:30; The Polar Express (G) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35); Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:00, 10:05; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

LA MESA

Grossmont Center Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) The Aviator (PG-13) Mon. (11:15, 3:00) 6:45, 10:10; Closer (R) Mon. (11:05) 5:05, 10:20; Coach Carter (PG-13) Mon. (12:35, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; Elektra (PG-13) Mon. (12:00, 2:40) 5:00, 8:00, 10:20; In Good Company (PG-13) Mon. (11:00, 1:45) 4:25, 7:25, 10:00; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Mon. (11:20, 1:50) 4:20, 6:55, 9:25; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Mon. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:20, 10:15; The Phantom of the Opera (PG-13) Mon. (12:30, 3:40) 6:50, 9:50; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Mon. (11:45, 2:15) 4:35, 7:15, 9:35; Spanglish (PG-13) Mon. (2:05) 7:35; White Noise (PG-13) Mon. (11:10, 1:55) 4:15,

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Call theater for program information

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 4:00) 8:05; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:35; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40; **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:05, 3:55) 6:55, 10:00; House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; The Incredibles (PG) Fri.-Tue. (1:15, 4:45); Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:40, 3:30) 6:50, 9:40; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 8:00, 9:55, 10:50; Ocean's Twelve 7:40), 8:00, 9:53, 10:50; Ocean's Twerve (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:25, 4:25) 7:15, 10:45; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:50) 7:10, 10:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:25; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:10, 4:20) 7:25, 10:40; White Noise (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:10,

Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Elektra; Racing Stripes; Meet the Fockers; Flight of the Phoenix

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 winetasting 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 entangle ments 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 HIGH-

LANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

A Silent Love — Internet romance between a Canadian man and Mexican woman, with Noel Burton, Vanessa Bauche, and Susana Salazar, directed by Federico

(HAZARD CENTER 7, 1/14 THROUGH 20)

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 parttime 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 lan-

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

adway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:45 (3:45) 9:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:00, 6:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 10:00 (10:30, 12:15, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15) 5:15, 5:45, 7:45, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; White Noise (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Elektra; Coach Carter; In Good Company; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Meet the Fockers: The Aviator: Fat Albert: The Phantom of the Opera; Darkness; 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 In-

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:00, 4:00)
8:00; Closer (R) Fri.-Tue. (4:15) 10:15; Coach
Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:05, 1:00, 3:20, 4:10) 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:35; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:05, 4:20) 7:45, 10:25; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 3:30) 6:50, 9:30; House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:35, 3:50) 7:10, 10:15; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:00, 4:05) 7:05, 10:00; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:10, 3:00); **Lemony** Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue. (12:20, 3:15) 6:20, 9:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:55, 3:55) 6:45, 7:35, 9:35, 10:20; Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:15, 10:25; **The Phantom** of the Opera (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20; The Polar Express (G) Fri.-Tue. (1:15, 4:30); Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:55, 12:45, 2:55, 3:35, 5:35) 6:55, 8:30, 9:40; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:10) 7:20; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:30, 3:45)

Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Incredibles (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 6:00; National Treasure (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:15; Shall We Dance? (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00,

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:55) 6:30, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. (12:00, 3:30) 7:25; Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; Sun.-Mon. (10:00, 12:55, 3:50) 6:45, 9:40; Tue. (12:55, 3:50) 6:45, 9:40; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30) 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Sun.-Mon. (10:20, 11:30, 12:35, 1:45, 2:50) 4:15, 5:05, 6:30, 7:20, 9:05, 9:35; Tue. (12:35, 1:45, 2:50, 4:15, 5:05) 6:30, 7:20, 8:45, 9:35; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Sun.-Mon. (12:15, 2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Tue. (12:15, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:35; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.-Mon. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Tue. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Sun.-Mon. (10:35, 1:15, 3:55) 6:40, 9:15; Tue. (1:15, 3:55) 6:40, 9:15; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate **Events** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 6:50, 9:20; Sun.-Mon. (11:25, 1:55) 4:25, 6:55, 9:25; Tue. (1:55, 4:25) 6:55, 9:25; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Sun.-Mon. (11:05, 1:40) 4:15, 6:50, 9:25; Tue. (1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:25; Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 9:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 12:40, 2:05, 3:00) 4:25, 5:20, 6:45, 7:40, 9:05; Sun.-Mon. (10:10, 11:15, 12:25, 1:35, 2:45, 3:55) 5:05, 6:15, 7:20, 9:10; Tue. (12:25, 1:35, 2:45, 3:55 5:05) 6:15, 7:20, 8:35; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:45, 1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Sun.-Mon. (10:20, 1:05, 3:50) 6:35, 9:20; Tue. (1:05, 3:50)

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Tue. 3:30, 7:00; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Mon. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15; Tue. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00: Tue, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00: Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun.

11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Mon. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Tue. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; Racing **Stripes** (PG) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Tue. 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; White Noise (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Tue. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

POWAY

Poway 1013475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15; **In Good Com**pany (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (4:15) 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (4:15); **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:5, 7:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:50, 3:50) 8:00; Beyond the Sea (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 10:05; Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:50, 4:00) 7:10, 10:20; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:25, 1:55, 4:40); **Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:35, 10:30; House of Flying
Daggers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:05, 2:00, 5:00)
7:50, 10:40; In Good Company (PG-13)
Fri.-Tue. (11:00, 1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; The
Incredibles (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:10, 2:05, 4:50); Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:20, 2:20, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40; The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R) Fri -Tue (11.35, 2.10, 4.55) 7.50, 10.45; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (1:00, 1:50, 4:00) 7:05, 7:45, 10:10; Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:40, 10:35; **The Phantom** of the Opera (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (12:15, 3:30)

7:00, 10:15; **The Polar Express** (G) Fri.-Tue. (12:25, 2:55, 5:05); Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Tue. (11:15, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 5:00) 7:00, 7:35, 9:30, 10:10; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Tue. (1:25, 4:25) 7:30, 10:25; **Spanglish** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (4:45) 10:45; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 7:55, 10:30

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Elektra (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:25, 3:45, 6:10, 8:25; White Noise (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue, 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:15: Flektra (PG-13) Fri -Sun 11:00 (1:15. 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Lemony Snicket's A Series** of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00: Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Sideways (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **White** Noise (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The** Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; The Phantom of the Opera (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Elektra; Coach Carter; Racing Stripes; White Noise; Meet the Fockers; Fat Albert; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events: Closer

471 South Coast Highway 101

(760-436-SHOW) Finding Neverland (PG) Fri. 6:45, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Mon.-Wed. 6:45 9:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; 7.00, 10.30, MOII.-1 UE. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; Elektra (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri -Sun 10:45 (1:45. 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Tue. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Racing** Stripes (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Tue. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avent (760-806-1790)

The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 3:15, 6:45, 9:50; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:50, 10:25; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:40, 10:20; The Incredibles (PG) Fri.-Tue, 11:20, 2:00, 4:40; Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:15, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 12:30, 3:30, 7:15, 10:15; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 7:20, 10:10; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG) Fri.-Tue. 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; White Noise $(\mathrm{PG}\text{-}13)$ Fri.-Tue. 11:35, 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25

Oceanside 16

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Calendar Movies

guage 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 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



The Woodsman

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.

● (MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20)

A Very Long Engagement — Jean-Pierre Jeunet's visualization of a novel by Sebastien 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 winkingly talltale tone disengages you to the point of uninterest. Jean-Pierre Becker, Dominique Bettenfeld, Jodie Foster. 2004.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

We Don't Live Here Anymore — Two short stories by Andre Dubus, one of the same name and another named Adultery, are forged into a bludgeoningly dull chamber piece centered on two faculty colleagues, with matching scrubby beards for that academic look, who each have an extramarital affair with the other's wife. Director John Curran's pattern of parallel cutting between angst-ridden couples rather emphasizes the feeling of repeated blows from a blunt object. Peter Krause gets markedly shorter shrift than Mark Ruffalo: and Laura Dern goes further over the top than Naomi Watts. All four of them do a lot of surface embossment, 2004.

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White Noise — Serious-minded, studiously researched occult thriller on the topic of EVP, short for Electronic Voice Phenomena. Or in plain words, communication from the Other Side through house hold appliances and gadgets. Sitting in front of a bank of AV equipment, looking at snowy screens and listening to staticky speakers, does not make for the most interesting cinema, but the film still delivers a jolt or two, a tingle or two. And though the plot may be hyped up (a mix of ghostly demons and a flesh-and-blood serial killer), the special effects are held in check. With Michael Keaton, Deborah Kara Unger, Ian McNeice, and Chandra West; directed by Geoffrey Sax. 2005.

★ (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 SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Woodsman — Kevin Bacon in a restrained performance as a paroled pedophile (less restrained in his sex scenes with his real-life mate, Kyra Sedgwick) who takes up residence opposite a grade school (this is "supervised parole"?), tries to stay straight, and keeps a watchful eye on a prowling predator whom he nicknames "Candy." Some of the protagonist's torments are credible enough, though the filmmaking (first-timer Nicole Kassell) is unassured and underfunded. Adapted from a play by Steven Fechter; with Benjamin Bratt, Mos Def, Eve, and David Alan Grier.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/14)



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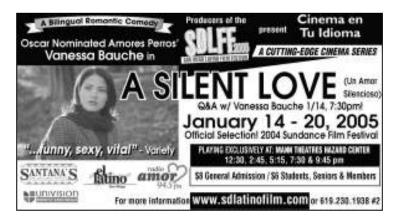
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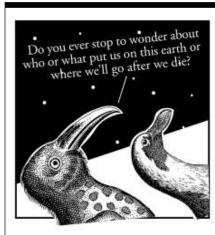
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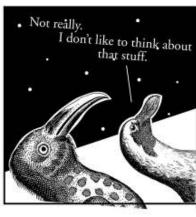
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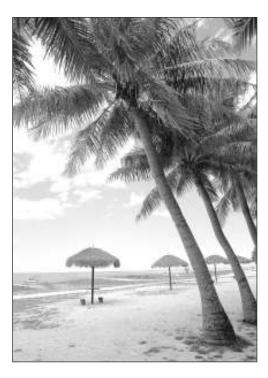
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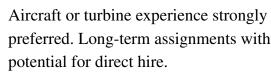
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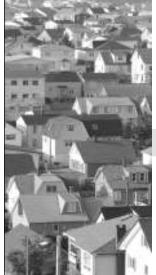
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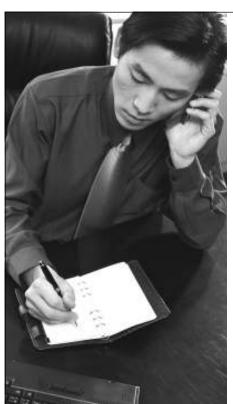
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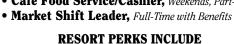
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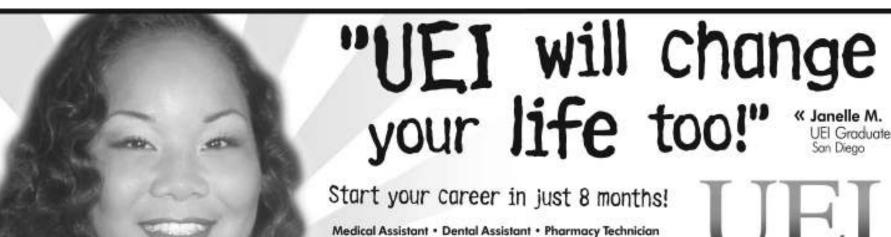
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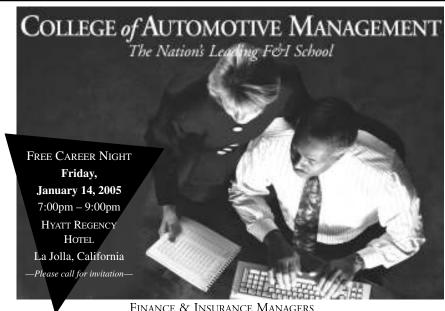


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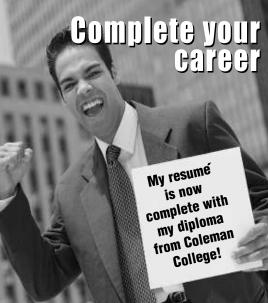




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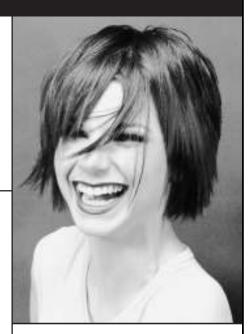
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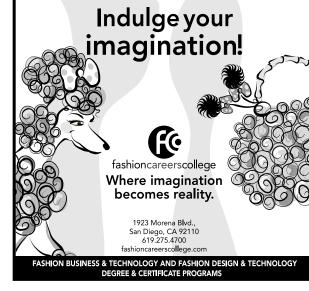
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Across

- Indonesia vacation destination
 Words on a Wonderland cake
- 10. TV exec's work
- 14. Aphrodite's lover
- 15. Not achieved
- 16. Ristorante choice
- 17. Get incredible photographer Leibovitz to take pictures at your event?
- 20. Smidgen
- 21. Remains to be seen?
- 22. Say "nothin'," say
- 23. Argyle, e.g.
- 24. Bit of granola 25. Product applied by Mrs. Peron's stylist?
- 33. Performed modern surgery
- 34. When some church bells ring
- 35. Is afflicted with
- 36. Explosive sound
- 37. Wisecracked
- 39. They're taken onstage 40. Commercial suffix with Motor
- 41. Start of many epitaphs
- 42. Pulitzer-winning novelist Alison
- 43. What Eastern European mice are fiercely afraid of?
- 47. "... quit!"
 48. Just-for-fun activity
- "Don't mind ____! 52. Greek legislative assembly
- 54. Home to 300 million
- 57. One of three in each of this puzzle's themed answers 60. Non-P.C. wrap
- 61. Red as
- 62. Victoria's Secret purchase
- 63. Impertinence
- 64. Short and sweet 65. Shavers

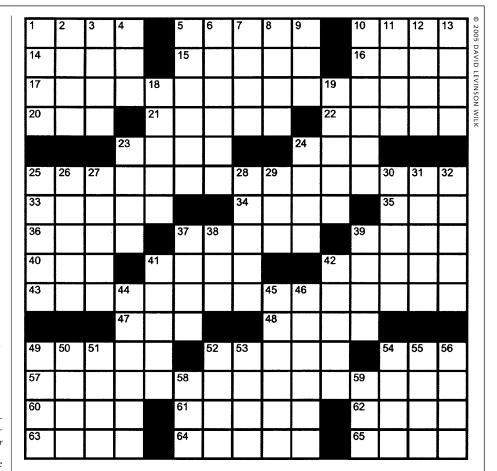
- 1. The oldest child of the first man mentioned in 8-Down
- 2. It may be restricted
- 3. Make advances?
- 4. Ideal end?
- Harem guard 6. Golf pro Sorenstam
- 7. Either of Julia Roberts's kids 8. Where Homer, Barney, Carl and Lenny hang out on "The
- Simpsons³ 9. Sinus specialist, briefly
- 10. Like many fashion models
- 11. Fuzzy fruit
- 12. City west of Tulsa
- 13. Take a siesta
- 18. "We're on to nowhere' (Talking Heads lyric)

19. Tony-winner George

- 23. Originate (from)
- 24. Hymn start
- 25. Kind of room
- 26. Singer Frankie
- 27. Designer Mizrahi 28. One way to sing
- 29. Name in a 1973 Supreme Court
- decision 30. Now, in San Juan
- 31. "I've been to that movie"
 32. They make a bloom blossom
- 37. One with the Force 38. Co.
- 39. Go against
- 41. Biblical king
- 42. Minstrel's instruments
- 44. Some cameras
- 45. Stack emanations 46. Drink a toast to
- 49. Some laptops
- 50. How las manos might feel without gloves in January
- 51. Certain atoms
- 52. Ruth not in the Bible
- 53. Hearing in open court 54. USC rival
- 55. Uttered
- 56. "The Sound of Music" setting
- 58. Cambodian temple Angkor
- 59. 1-Across, e.g.: Abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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 6. All answers must be entered in the
- space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 1/6/05.

Of the 83 entrants, 79 were correct.

by David Levinson Wilk

- 1. Ramona V. French, Imperial Beach 2. Joseph Muller, Solana Beach3. Dawn Isbell, San Diego
- 4. Rodney Johnson, Oceanside 5. Anna Jacobs, Carlsbad

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Clue: School's out for the tele-

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ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, 58, into dancing, movies, travel, seeks 60s-70s, semi-re-tired, successful businessman, emotionally available, with humor plus Christian values, for friendship/companionship/long-term relationship. (1/19) \$\mathbf{T}\$33814

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 40s, brunette. Seeking single white male, 40s, honest, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities, to share life's adventures. (1/26) ☎33859

ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, dependable lady interested in meeting 70+, compatible, nonsmoking gentleman, financially secure. I enjoy hiking, biking, travel, dancing, and home life. (1/19) ☎ 33824

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AWESOME, ATTRACTIVE, affectionate adventurous, fun-lover seeks the same. You: 55+, tall, nonsmoker, healthy and a classy hunk, mentally stable, financially secure for romantic venturism. (1/19)

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plussize brunette. Very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, baby! (1/26)

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genuine guy. (1/19) \$\times 3821\$
ACTIVE, \$7, PETITE, WIDOW, nonsmoker, nondrinker, employed Registered Nurse, witty, and sharp. Love theatre, outings, concerts, movies, and
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HISPANIC, 47, SMILES, honest, sense of humor, easy to get along with. Enjoy jazz, arts, dining, movies. Adventurous, romantic, affectionate, sincere. (1/19) \$\mathbf{3}\$3830

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rut smoke. (1/26) ★33839

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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)

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate, blue eyes, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (1/26) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$33546

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs.
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EBONY LADY SOUGHT, nonsmoker, caring, in shape, healthy lifestyle, by white professional, attractive male, fun, loving professional, attractive male, fun, loving, kind. 2005 will be a new direction for us! (1/19) \$\alpha\$33508

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NICE GUY, 53, seeks nice girl, 46-50, slender, active, nonsmoker, playful, romantic. For passionate relationship, friendship, partnership. Call now. (1/26) \$\tilde{3}33544\$

70, HONEST, to travel, movies, music. I'm active, adventurous, outdoor type. Seeking attractive lady for events, attractions, hugs, 5'10', nice looking, retired San Diegan, unencumbered. (1/26) ☎33532

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SECURE, STABLE, dependable, honest, sincere, homeowner, 77, 6', 220lbs., nonsmoker, Caucasian, former Naval officer. Likes camping, fishing. Seeking lady, liking same for mutual lifetime happiness. (1/26) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 33569

GENEROUS, FRIENDLY, ABLE to afford male to enjoy the good life and smell the roses with. No smokers, please. (1/26)

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) \$\infty\$ 33505

HAPPY, GENUINE, SPIRITUAL Writter 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. ate. I feel things and take action towards my desires. I love music, dancing, sungreat 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) 333529

38, FIT, GOOD LOOKING guy, seeks 29-40, nice, fit, good looking girl that likes the gym, movies, sports, dancing, hanging out. (1/19) \$\textit{\alpha}\$3523

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) 233516

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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) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$3509

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RREAT CATCH! Down to earth Jewish male, 35, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (1/19) \$\infty\$ 33510

EAST COUNTY SEEKS sexy, fit, Christian woman, nonsmoker, no kids, 47-54. Me: 6', 190lbs., custom motorcycle and homeowner, loving, caring, stable. (1/26) \$\alpha\$33571

ARE YOU OVERWEIGHT or fat, but not obese, fair looking, feminine, active, happy, 25-50 female, seeking a fairly handsome-looking, fit, loveable, 40, black male? (1/26) \$\overline{\alpha}\$33539

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CAUCASIAN, HANDSOME, loving, ro-mantic, Sagittarius, 5'8", 165lbs., mantic, Sagittarius, 5'8^a, 165lbs., brown/blue. Seeking attractive, fit, ad-venturous companion, 35-50, who en-joys traveling, aquatic, outdoor, social activities. Long-term relation-ship. (1/26) \$\mathref{\textit{a}}\$33540

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, 54 stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (1/19) \$\infty\$ 33503

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

LIKE TATTOOS AND HARLEYS? I'm looking for you. Good-hearted biker looking for fit nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (1/26) \$\alpha\$ 33555

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EAST COUNTY, RETIRED, 68, nice guy. Enjoy car trips, movies, walks. Am healthy, active, trim. Looking for a nice lady. (1/26) \$\alpha\$ 33565

YOUTHFUL 75, sharing life, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversation with compassionate nonsmoker, healthy lady. Radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking sincere lady for sharing. (1/26) \$\tilde{a}\$33566

INTO EACH OTHER. Desire a friendship/relationship of growing and healing physically, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, mutual support and caring, deep conversations, open communication, honesty, etc. (1/26) \$\alpha\$ 33564

BLACK TEDDY BEAR, extra large, tall, handsome, stable, funny, romantic, Sagittarius. Seeking full-figured, white or Hispanic female; friendship, possible long relationship. All replies answered. (1/26) \$\frac{1}{25}\$ 33541

WARM HANDS, WARM HEART. Hand-some Encinitas businessman/profes-WARM HANDS, WARM HEART. Hand-some Encinitas businessman/profes-sional, 53, articulate, eclectic, tradi-tional, desires intelligent, open, attractive, sensuous, successful, pro-fessional woman. (1/19*) \$\tilde{\pi}\$33512\$ HISPANIC FEMALE. Sean Connery look-alike. Athletic, communicative,

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FRIENDLY, ATTENTIVE, laid back single white male, 40, 5'10". Seeking curvy lady for friendship, frolicking, fun, romantic companionship, walks, coffee and laughter. (1/26) \$\infty\$ 33549

ATHLETIC, 5'7", 180LB. HUNK, enjoys long exercise, deep sea diving, snorkeling, swimming. Seeking open-minded woman, any age, race. Hello! (1/19) \$\tilde{3}33494\$

6'4", TEDDY BEAR, 36, cuddler, quiet, considerate, car guy, movies, financially secure. Seeking Hispanic or Asian angel. Kids OK. Call, you'll be surprised! (1/26) \$\alpha\$ 33542

AFFECTIONATE, mature, older woman sought by tall, attractive, white, 53. I'm unencumbered, financially/emotionally secure, homeowner, loving, caring, unpretentious. Enjoy dining, travel, music, romance. (1/26) \$\tilde{\

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) \$\alpha\$ 33504

DESIRABLE, CREATIVE, exciting, class act. Integrated, committable, off beaten path, desires cultured communicator, cuddler, to divide woes, double joys. No burnouts, 57, 5'10", dark, attractive. (1/26) \$\frac{1}{23}\$3568

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Distinguished, dynamic, romantic, European gentleman seeks cultured, intellectual, sincere, economically independent lady, 55-65, for committed relationship, travel, adventure, fun. Invent the future together. (1/19) \$\alpha\$ 33495

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AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monoga-mous, biracial African-American and mous, biracial African-American and white, 66, 64", 220lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (1/19) \$\alpha\$3515

BON VIVANT, never married, 5'11", 175lbs., middle aged, honest, respectful, financially secure, athletic. Like to read, travel. Bilingual, degreed, drive old economy car, not rich or pretentious. Let's have my French toast. (1/26) 33563

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Michael Hayes Child-care Worker Ocean Beach

hate when people say something's cute just because it's miniature or because it's small...regardless of what it is, whether it be a person or what have you. Just because thing's small like a midget, doesn't make it cute. Once I was in a museum in Florence and I saw a miniature portrait of The Last Judg ment by Michelangelo. It's a por trayal of souls being dragged into Hell and some said it was cute for no other reason than it being small. You hear people calling cocktail wieners "cute," but I don't, I call them "delicious." There have been nights when I've eaten too many to count.



Pete Ginsberg Amateur Poker Player Ocean Beach

hate Jessica Simpson's TV show; I hate jessica omipoe...
she's such an airhead. I don't know why people like it, [although] I'd do her quicker than a tick in a New York minute, given the opportunity Those shoes with the skate [wheels] inside of them weird me out; you see kids rolling into places and you know they're just a roll away from knocking into some old lady. What I really hate are those Razor scooters that you see little kids riding; kids riding those things deserve to get beat up in school. I don't drive, but even if I were late for work, I wouldn't ride a Razor scooter. I'd rather be unemployed than ride one of those



Ginger Snappe Dancer

San Diego

Everyone thinks Keanu Reeves is Cute, but I don't; he sounds constipated. He's not attractive. He must have a good agent because he gets into some good movies. Then there's that Asian-baby craze where people think it's cute to save a female Asian baby's life by adopting it. I say, let the Asian babies die in their cribs; death by chopstick. Aren't there fish going extinct? But you know what isn't:



Deborah Errikson

Student

Point Loma

I don't like it when girls wear really short skirts and Ugg boots. At my school, girls think it's cute. It's seen as the "in" thing to do. It's that whole Paris Hilton look that really isn't cute as much as it is trashy or skanky. Girls like to give that impression for the attention, but I don't think many are necessarily like her. Speaking of Paris, I don't really like little dogs. I have a friend who accidentally killed his little dog; he tossed it out of his room. I guess the dog was pretty old and my friend didn't realize how hard he threw it. It fell and had a heart attack and died. He didn't tell his par

ents that he threw it when they found

it dead in the hallway.



Gary Mattison

Teacher Tennessee

hat Pokémon really pisses me That Pokémon really pisses me off. Pogs killed me when they came out. All of a sudden, kids were passing them in class and parents seemed to think they were great because there were always more. Kids running in the halls and making jokes in class — some think that kind of stuff is cute, but it isn't.



Jill Davis

Flower Arranger Pacific Beach

hose little dogs that everyone Those little dogs that everyone seems to have annoy me. It bothers me that people dress them up. They're not the worst things in the vorĺd, but they annoy me. I mean, if somebody wanted to pay me to carry around one of those dogs, I'd do it. Men who carry purses aren't cute. I'm not talking about over-the-shoul-der satchels. I once saw an old hippy dude walking around with a little pink purse and I thought that he didn't look cute at all. Boys: purses are for ladies.

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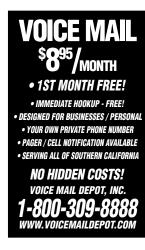
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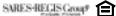
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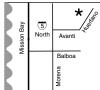


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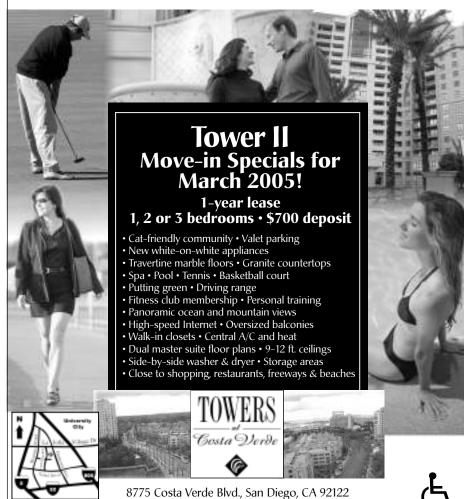
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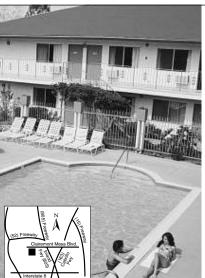
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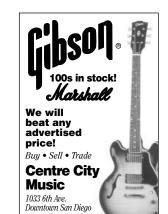






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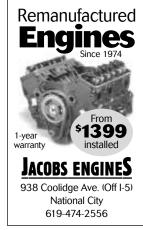
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- Some well-off taxpayers in Washington, D.C., are picking up an easy \$30,000 or so from the U.S. Treasury, courtesy of a 1976 "historic preservation" tax-code deduction, according to a December Washington Post investigation. About 900 properties qualify, and owners get the deduction by forgoing the right to alter the building's façade (which D.C. law restricts, anyway). Giving up this "right" "earns" them an 11 percent tax deduction, and the average value of qualified buildings (according to the Post) is \$1 million, meaning that a claimant in the middle tax bracket would get about \$30,000.

Scenes of the Surreal

(1) In November, the Amazing Kreskin — a mind-reader — wrote to the acting governor of his home state of New Jersey, saying that he wanted to help the state shed its image of unethical deals and thus volunteered to sit in government meetings and identify which officials are secretly up to no good. (2) Stephen J. Marks, 47, was driving in morning traffic on Nov. 3 near Nashville, Tenn., wearing a ski mask and gloves, though the temperature was in the 60s, and an alarmed citizen called police. However, Marks demonstrated that he has a medical condition that necessitates his wearing a ski mask except when the temperature is above 80.

No Longer Weird

 Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (71) The dedicated or sanctimonious drunk-driving counselor or prosecutor who gets ticketed or arrested for drunk-driving, such as the aggressive supervising DUI prosecutor Lydia Wardell of Clearwater, Fla. (November). (72) Anvone who advertises goods (now limited only by the imagination) on Internet auction houses, such as Chris Doyle of Sydney, Australia, who, inspired by the recent \$28,000 sale of a ten-year-old grilled-cheese sandwich with toast marks resembling a visage of the Virgin Mary, listed a grain of unnamed breakfast cereal that resembles the movie alien E.T. (and was offered about \$800) (November).

Cutting-Edge Action on Prostate Cancer

- Doctors at the Ballarat-Austin Radiation Oncology Centre in Australia have begun inserting three rice-sized grains of 24-karat gold against patients' prostates. The pellets (cost: about \$300 each) graft permanently onto the gland and help doctors aim the radiation with more precision. ... In December, in Vancouver, British Ĉolumbia, local TV stations said they were reluctant to air a public service announcement provided by the Prostate Center at Vancouver General Hospital because it featured a prostate-examining doctor reaching inside his patient and pulling out a ticking time bomb (to dramatize the urgency for men to be examined).

Questionable Judgments

· Citing a police press release, the German news organization Deutsche Welle reported in November that the reason that motorist Julia Bauer of Bochum, Germany, lost control and smashed into a parked car and a lamppost was that she was preparing cereal and milk on the passenger seat while driving to work and tried to catch her bowl as it was falling to the floor. The cost of her breakfast (in damages) turned out to be about \$27,000.

Cultural Diversity

Sex despondency among women is such a problem in Japan that business is booming for counselor Kim Myong Gan's four-year-old company of trained male professionals who invigorate them, according to a November Agence France-Presse dispatch from Tokyo. Kim charges the equivalent of \$190 for the initial consultation and scheduling, and his men provide hands-on assurance to the clients of their attractiveness and desirability. Most clients are either middleaged virgins or wives whose husbands have grown to treat them as their sisters.

 Zimbabwe, facing a severe food shortage, is considering an unlikely program to bring rich foreign visitors to the country, according to a government announcement in November. The information minister proposed an "obesity tourism strategy," in which overweight visitors (especially Americans) would be encouraged to "vacation" in Zimbabwe and "provide labor for [government-confiscated] farms in the hope of shedding weight." Americans, the proposal noted, spend \$6 billion a year on "useless" dieting aids and could be encouraged to work off pounds and then flaunt "their slim bodies on a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi [River]."

Latest Religious Messages

 In November, a Hindu seer in India's Orissa state drew large crowds, inspired by his calmness in the face of his announced spiritually induced death, which was to come before noon on Nov. 17. At noon, however, he was still alive, and, according to Asian Age newspaper, the crowd of 15,000 turned ugly, berating him for not dying, and police had to intervene. The man, who is chief cleric of Srignuru Ashram, told reporters, "I wanted to leave my mortal body, but I could not. Please forgive me.'

People With Issues

· Mr. Mount Lee Lacy, 21, was arrested for animal cruelty after his girlfriend's mother sent police to his apartment in Gainesville, Fla. Lacy's aggressive mastiff kept the officers at bay momentarily, but once inside, police noticed another dog, a Jack Russell terrier, that had a bloody paw, and eventually Lacy cheerfully told them that he routinely bit the dog. According to a police sergeant: "[Lacy] said that biting the dog was good punishment and that's how you train them, that dogs bite [and] so that's what they understand."

Least Competent Criminals

 Criminals who accidentally leave identification at the scene of the crime are (according to "News of the Weird") "no longer weird," but it was nevertheless remarkable that on the night of Nov. 4, in Rapid City, S.D., two burglary suspects, in separate incidents, left ID behind. Both of them — Daniel P. Ader, 25, and Brian W. Crawford, 26 — had apparently removed their pants, for different reasons, leaving their wallets. Evidence suggested that the reason Crawford had removed his pants, after breaking into a law office, was to photocopy his genitals on the office copy machine.

Recurring Themes

- As senior citizens resist the idea of age-specific driver testing, accidents continue in which police suspect the cause was an elderly driver who momentarily confused the gas pedal for the brake. Recent examples: 90-year-old man, crashed into a pharmacy, Scarborough, Maine, November; 83-year-old driver, drove off the second floor of a parking deck, Las Vegas, October; 80-year-old driver, smashed into a Veterans Day parade (one death), Whitman, Mass., November; 74-year-old man, crashed into a coffee shop, Corvallis, Ore., December; 74-year-old man, mowed down pedestrians on a sidewalk (two deaths), Montreal, Quebec, November. In the most prominent case, George Weller, 87, heads back to court in January, having pleaded not guilty to vehicular manslaughter in the 2003 Santa Monica, Calif., farmers' market "massacre" in which ten people were killed and 63 injured.

Readers' Choice

- After Billy W. Williams, 53, skipped out during his trial for aggravated assault in 2003 in Dallas, he was found guilty in absentia, but Judge Faith Johnson was not satisfied. When Williams was recaptured and returned to her courtroom in October 2004 for sentencing, Johnson organized a "party" in his "honor," with balloons, streamers, and a cake, to create a festive backdrop for her gleeful announcement that she was sentencing him to a life term.

Police Blotter

- William Glenn Barefoot, 40, escaped from jail in Fayetteville, N.C., in October and soon after that called his brother John to report that he hadn't eaten since the escape and that he was cold, in part because he had had to break out quickly and had not had a chance to grab his shoes. (He was recaptured a few days later.) ... From the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Daily, 12/2/04: "On Tuesday, University police took a report from a man [whose complaint was] that the word 'loser' was written in the dirt on his car's rear bumper."

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SHOTS FIRED

Location: [4800] Cole Street, North Clairemont

Time/Date: 9:06 p.m. on 12/17/04

Incident: The female victim, 20, was putting her three-month-old baby into her Honda Accord. As she got into the driver's seat, a tan 1990s Honda Civic, driven by a Hispanic male with dark hair and a dark jacket, came driving



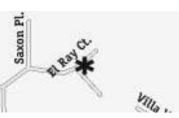
at a slow speed.
As the car
passed, the suspect pointed a
handgun out of
the passenger
window and

opened fire. He fired multiple rounds, hitting the victim's car three times and the residence once. He then drove away. The victim and her child were not injured. The victim's brother is a documented gang member who is currently in jail.

ARREST WARRANT

Location: [1300] El Rey Court, El Cajon **Time/Date:** 1:45 p.m. on 12/06/04

Résumé of Incident: Detectives went...to serve a felony drug arrest warrant on Nanette C. C. poked her head out of a window and shouted, "I've got a loaded gun!" She



then shouted,
"It's okay, you
can shoot me, I
have a gun."
Detectives also
saw what
appeared to be

a black semi-automatic handgun in C.'s hand.

Detectives backed out and notified El Cajon Police. Patrol officers responded immediately and surrounded the suspect's home. The El Cajon SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiations Team also responded. Residents in adjacent homes were evacuated and several attempts were made...to contact C. She refused to talk with CNT officers and the house was lit up with several bright lights.

After the house was lit up, C. came out of the residence on her own. She sat down near a stairwell and refused to go to the SWAT officers [who] moved in and arrested C. without incident.

The officers observed numerous self-inflicted stab wounds in her neck [and] could also see she had slit her wrists. C. also said she had drunk bleach and asked for an ambulance.

DISTURBANCE - TAZER DEPLOYMENT

Location: 1414 University Avenue, Hillcrest

Time/Date: 6:50 p.m. on 12/15/04



Incident: A white male, 50s, six feet tall and 300 pounds, entered the McDonald's Restaurant and began to create a disturbance. He started to steal some soda from the machine, began spilling things on the floor and threatening the employees with violence. Officers attempted to talk the suspect into leaving. When he refused, an officer attempted to handcuff the suspect who pulled away and assumed a fighting stance with his fists clenched. The officer pulled out his tazer and told the suspect to cooperate. As the suspect got ready to throw a punch, the officer fired the tazer and the suspect was immobilized.

SHOOTING

Location: [8100] Dodie Street, Lomita **Time/Date:** 3:58 p.m. on 12/15/04



Report: Two Hispanic males, 18,

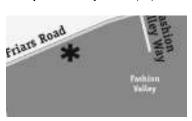
were standing on the sidewalk when a large gray primer colored sedan, occupied by two males in their 20s with shaved heads, pulled up. The suspects asked the victims: "Where are you from?" Words were exchanged and one of the victims broke out a window in the suspect's vehicle. The [suspect] passenger then pulled out a shotgun and opened fired, hitting both victims in the arm with multiple birdshot pellets. The suspects then fled in the vehicle. The victims drove themselves to the hospital for treatment of non-life threatening wounds.

Victim's Statement: Yeah, I could identify them if I saw them again. I better not see them again. I do think I know who they are but I'm not going to say, okay?

CARJACKING

Location: 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley West

Time/Date: 7:00 p.m. on 12/16/04



Incident: A female victim, 56, was shopping in the mall. She returned to her 2004 blue/gray Jeep Cherokee, which was parked in the parking structure south of Macy's Department Store. As she was putting her packages in the jeep, she was approached by a black male in his 20s, five foot five with a thin build, dark clothing, and armed with a small black revolver. He told her to get down on the pavement. She complied and curled herself into a fetal position. The suspect told her: "Give me every-

thing." She gave him her rings, watch, purse and car keys. She heard the suspect talk to someone as he got into her vehicle and drove off. She did not see the other person.

DUI & DISCHARGING

Location: 775 Center Drive, San Marcos **Time/Date:** 2:25 a.m. on 12/31/04



Résumé of Incident: CHP Officers T. Fenton and R. Harris were on a traffic stop on Nordahl Road and SR-78. They heard shots being fired in the parking lot of Dalton's Roadhouse Grill. A pickup truck was then observed leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The officers put out the description of the vehicle to dispatch, then checked the area for victims and witnesses

Witnesses advised that a black male adult in an Isuzu passenger vehicle had fired approximately 5-6 rounds into the air from a handgun. The dark blue Chevy pickup leaving the area was a possible victim/witness.

Responding officers located the 2001 Chevy pickup and made a highrisk stop on it. That driver, Delloyd M., 34, from Oceanside, was DUI and arrested. The 1998 Isuzu Rodeo with the black male adult who fired the handgun was found in the parking lot of Dalton's Roadhouse Grill. The driver, Sedrick P., age 24, from Ridgecrest, CA, was DUI and had a loaded handgun in his lap. He and two passengers were taken into custody.

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Since I don't mind ugly as long as it's not pretentious ugly, I still admire Volvos, like Mary Braunwarth's '97 Model

Mary tells me, "I bought it when it was four years old because it had low miles, only 15,000. The guy that owned it worked five miles from his house.

"I bought it for the reason any woman my age buys one, because it's safe, and I have my kids. Okay, it's no pickup car. I won't be out there cruisin' for men in the boxy car with kids' seats in back. But it's been great. It's a six cylinder, it's got good power. It's a turbo,

whatever the heck that means. It's reliable, and I feel like the kids in the backseat are as safe as can be without being in a really big car. And it's good on the highway. I drive to work downtown every day."

"Which route?" I ask.

"I usually go on 8 and come home on 94."

"So instead of having one of those bumper stickers that says, 'Pray for me, I drive Highway 94,' you have a safe car."

"Yeah, I'm safe, my kids are safe."

"When my big kids were little," I say, "every well-off mom seemed to drive a Volvo, but now you see them in Escalades and such. I'm wondering, when you were looking for something safe, why did you choose the Volvo instead of a big SUV?"

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Mary shakes her head. "It hurts my soul just looking at those things. Besides, we also have the minivan, which my husband drives. It's a Honda Odyssey, and that's what we use when we fill up with skateboards and surfboards and camping gear. If it's just two or three of us, we usually take my Volvo, but when it's all four of us, we take the van.

"The only complaint I have with the Volvo, the maintenance and service costs are high.

"Do you take it to the dealership?" "Yeah. When we bought it, the mileage was so low, they let us purchase the extended warranty."

I say, "I kept my daughter's Volvo running by making trips to a Volvo junkvard down on Otav Mesa. The owner showed me snapshots of Volvos all rolled and crushed with the drivers and passengers standing alongside looking just fine."

Mary nods. "Well, instead of making trips to the junkyard, when the warranty runs out, I think I'll go get another



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I sense an opportunity. "Tell me when you're going to sell the Volvo, will you please? See, my daughter who hated hers when she was 16, she wants to buy one of them now that she's got a baby."

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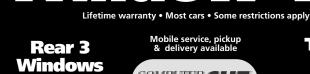
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As much as I felt like it, even my 412th viewing of Casablanca couldn't make me weep.

By John Brizzolara

Two weeks ago Friday was, as you probably noticed, New Year's Eve. It was suggested by my editor that I cover special New Year's Eve events around town. I have to say that I more or less failed.

First of all, the day began, again, as you may recall, with a wind and rainstorm of almost biblical (for San Diego) proportions. I was already coughing, sniffling, sneezing, probably from a recent, brief roommate who had what must have been whooping cough. At least that's what it sounded like.

At any rate, the weather decided for me: no way. I would watch the Twi*light Zone* marathon on the Sci-Fi channel and the Humphrey Bogart festival on TCM. All of which I had seen many times, but the wind, rain, and cold reassured me I was making the right decision, avoiding pneumonia or worse.

And then the bastard storm stopped around 5:00 p.m.

Naturally there was hope that it would start up again and kill everyone's fun, leaving me off the hook. But, no. The hideous luck I'd experienced for the past year promised to continue, at least until midnight.

Forcing myself out around 9:00 p.m., I saw mostly youth. Several skateboarders huddled on the west side of Horton Plaza smoking weed. Those a year or two older and with more money were congregating at the bars. The Bitter End, for example (advance tickets for the evening at \$100), was less packed than I expected but certainly looked as if it would lose no money that night. Still, it was early, as I say. A white stretch limo nosed itself illegally — if any moving or parking violation is illegal for a stretch limo -

in front of the establishment to allow several well-dressed youngsters to step out and scope the scene. They all seemed pretty much lit or half-lit already, and my guess was: champagne in the car. But just a guess.

Croce's was not suffering either, nor was Fio's, with wine-downing diners. The Martini Ranch was a real destination for many — again, mostly under 35. Patricks II seemed full of merry, more mature dipsos, and with better music.

I began to realize that I had no business cruising bars on New Year's Eve or any other night. As a bartender on and off for years, I had come to a resolution that I would no longer work "behind the stick" on either St. Patrick's Day or New Year's Eve. Amateur Night, I called them. But I now had no business in bars, period. Ever.

By Sunday morning I would hear a grim affirmation of sorts for these sentiments when the local news informed me that in a little over 24 hours 485 DUI arrests had been made in San Diego. Oh, and there had been eight celebrationrelated deaths, mostly, I assumed, on or around the road.

I did not attend Qualcomm's party or the Sports Arena or witness fireworks off Seaport Village (or wherever they were sending them off from). Instead I went back to my hotel and reflected on the colossal waste I had perpetrated on myself and relationships with years of drinking (beginning with my first bartending gig in Manhattan) and ate Mexican food chased with a Wendy's Frosty dessert milkshake. I watched Bogart and Rod Serling and Burgess Meredith and Gig Young. As much as I felt like it, even my 412th viewing of Casablanca couldn't make me weep.

You might note here that the idea of being at a party, for example, say with a lampshade on my head, was thoroughly out of the question that night. Instead, I did some thinking about my dead father and my lunatic mother, both wildly enthusiastic movie fans. And was my enthusiasm hereditary or a separate deal?

As Key Largo progressed and I mouthed Edward G. Robinson's dialogue with him, I thought of my father waking me as a child so I could view the adaptation of Kipling's story Captains Courageous with Spencer Tracy. I only remember being horrified when it was clear that Tracy's body had been cut in half by a falling mast, and here he was still chatting from the water with the cabin boy, Freddy Bartholomew. I may have later woken up screaming.

Happier memories were my dad taking me by the hand to every Peter Sellers movie that came to Chicago suburbs. At one matinee, he was laughing so hard, red-faced and doubled over, that the usher came over to ask if he needed medical attention. He would a few short years later.

I remembered my mother weeping over her bottle of liquid Nembutal as she crashed her day's handful of Dexedrine while watching South Pacific. She insisted I join in her viewing, and I hated it, engendering, in fact, a blanket hatred of all musicals from then on. I did have a grudging fascination with West Side Story, as would my son on a Christmas night decades later when neither of us



Bogart and Bergman in Casablanca

had the stomach for Hellraiser III.

But sentiment was not exactly key this past New Year's Eve. It was more akin to emotional constipation. The memory of my brother (dead of cancer last year) torturing our younger sister, forcing her to watch Twilight Zone episodes (literally holding her head in place and prying open her eyes with his fingers). And he and I ditching this or that thing (school) we were supposed to be doing and sneaking into the Mercury Theater for *The Time Machine* or First Men in the Moon — even Jerry Lewis movies or L'il Abner (horrible). None of this could provide the catharsis I needed to put 2004 away, possibly knotted into a tight, fist-sized little tumor. Oh, and I would prefer that rather than this free-floating sadness that certain acquaintances would be quick to identify as a habitual self-pity.

I don't say they're wrong. It's just that I've dealt with golf-ball-sized tumors in the past with chemo and radiation and had an end to them.

Pervasive sadness I've had less success with. In fact it confounds me, hobbles me, and, despite Prozac, always shows up Jim Beam ("Old Mortality" my uncle called all whiskey) in a favorable light.

Well past 2:00 a.m. New Year's Day, the enthusiasm of youth echoed up and down lower Broadway with mad bestial cries: declarations of studly young autonomy and, at the same time, the animal lowing of the half-men in the House of Pain from The Island of Doctor Moreau.

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"Hello, a lot of folks with diabetes are having a tough time eating right. Well, now there's goddamnit!" Wilford Brimley is interrupted by a series of loud bangs. "It's bad enough I gotta shill for this candy bar that tastes like wombat crap. You want me to talk over that fella dropping his ass and kicking it around?"

"Okay. Okay, it's just a mistake. We'll get that taken care of." The director trails off and turns to address the crew. "Joe? Joe? Let's stop moving lights around and stuff back there..." His hands float around in small circles. "I need it quiet."

"You're damn right, you need it quiet," Wilford barks. "It's just unprofessional. I'm trying to work here, and this guy's banging around like, well, I don't know what."

"All right," the director shouts, trying to regain control. "Mr. Brimley shoots Glucosure Health Bar spot, take three, and...action."

"Hello," Wilford says in a remarkably tranquil voice. "A lot of folks with diabetes — oh,

"Cut. Sorry. The boom fell into the shot here," the director tells everyone. "From the top. Brimley, Glucosure, four, and...

"I can't take it anymore, I need a break," Brimley bristles. "It's so hot in here. These lights, they make me sweat," he says as he undoes the buttons from his shirt. "I feel faint," he mutters before crashing down from the chair. His voice rises, "NO! NO!" from out of camera shot. "I can't! Not here!" his voice reaches a painful, suffocating pitch. "I don't want to change!" he screams in agony from the floor. He floats slowly up into the picture with his back to the camera, his rotund mass supported by wobbly noodles in blue slacks. The sound of his ripping shirt ${\sf v}$ and the smell of fishy brine fills the small studio space.

"My God!" a key grip screams out. "Wilford Brimley is a were-walrus!" "Everybody run!"

"NoooOOOO!" Brimley bellows. "Why? It's not even high tide!" but his directionless question is cut short by the immediate growth of pearly tusks originating in his distended snout and tapering to fine points just below his navel. "Blaugh, blaugh. HORK! HORK!" He holds his hands in front of his whiskery face and watches the bones restructure themselves into fins. His skin bloats and stretches into diamond-textured leather.

The mighty and noble were-walrus whirls around atop his spindly human legs and starts chasing cameramen and catering ladies, impaling his tusks on directors' chairs and equipment

The film glitches momentarily and cuts to black.

A woman's voice rises over the dark screen, "Next Week's USA movie of the week, written by Graphic Content Studios, directed by Kip Reese, starring Tim Macilvane as Wilford Brimley as The Were-walrus."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

OPRAH WINFREY

ABC 10, 4:00 P.M.

Oprah Winfrey could be a were-orca in my film. A small subplot could revolve around how she hasn't aged or has, in fact, regressed in years. Unfortunately, the term were-orca and werekillerwhale are clumsy; werewhale — however catchy - would be rude, considering her weight struggles.

AUTOROTICA

SPEED 56, 7:00 P.M.

The cat is so far out of the bag at this point the

title Autorotica doesn't bat even the stodgiest of eyelashes. I think we'll come full circle eventually. Having been browbeaten with suggestive marketing our whole lives we'll begin to refer to sexual encounters with subtle marketing phrases. Replacing, "I banged this hot chick last weekend," with "Last week I landed the GM account." Billboards will become referential to their own products, "Drive a GM." Wink, nod.

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN

TVLAND 59, 9:00 P.M.

Ooof. Is this still on? My mom used to watch this saccharin sweet piece of tchotchkes enter-

tainment. I remember Landon going on the *Tonight* show when he was terminally ill, and he talked about pissing his bed until he was in his late teens. I thought, Well, that's a helluva way to go out.

CMT MOST SHOCKING: WAYS TO MAKE A BUCK

CMT 61, 9:00 P.M.

The title is intriguing, but you never know what makes CMT people drop their jaws in surprise.

Being raised by porky strippers and professional fly-fishermen could make librarianship and mathematics professor qualify as shocking vocations. In the country-music circle, finishing high school might even be a bit of an eyeopener.

SEINFELD

FOX 6, 11:30 P.M.

I've been invited to a friend's Passover seder in Brooklyn next April. If Jerry Seinfeld and Howard Stern have taught me nothing else, I at least know that Jewish people are hilarious and I better bring my "A" game. I'm working on ending my sentences in a higher tone, and I'm practicing the phrase, "Who doesn't like knishes?" I'll blend right in.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

QUEER EYE FOR THE STRAIGHT GIRL BRAVO 42, 7:00 P.M.

Okay, I'll bite. What could gay guys possibly teach a woman about attracting straight men? All that culture and dance crap will go straight out the window, and be replaced with, "Get him drunk and take your top off." At that point it doesn't matter what color her kitchen tile is or how many cats are living in her Corolla. That's "go time."

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

NBC 7, 7:00 P.M.

Have you seen this lately? Vanna doesn't even turn the boxes around anymore. She stands off to the side in a shimmery dress and walks casually in front of the board when the letters are revealed digitally. For the love of all that's holy, how do I get a job like that? And don't for a second think that I won't stuff my fivefoot, seven-inch, 280-pound tattooed frame into a strappy evening gown and parade around in front of an electroluminescent



board for the kind of do-re-mi she's pulling. Like the old adage goes, "A million bucks buys a lot of toothpaste.'

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

THE LAWRENCE WELK SHOW

PBS 11, 6:00 P.M.

The next time I hear somebody bitching about how PBS is going down the toilet and they couldn't raise money, I'm going to throw this in his or her face like a hot cup of coffee. Who on God's green earth could possibly sit through this? I've tried, just for kitsch value alone, and I'll tell you: it's impossible. This is a portrait of a hushed America beaten into sleep by a drunken uncle and presented in a way that even during its popularity wasn't an accurate portrayal. I'd gouge my eyes out with an errant soda can pop top before I sat through this.

EBERT & ROEPER

I guess I better pay attention to other critics and see how they work. Truthfully, to this point I've just duct-taped this thing together every week and run it up the flag pole. I couldn't tell you what the hell an "oeuvre" is, and my use of "genre" is dubious at best. These guys are the best in the biz, so I'll study them closely. The phrase "Anything an aging stroke victim can do, I can do better" will be my

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

MASH (1970)

Watch the original movie and remember why they made a TV series out of it. It's damn good, is why. At work Tuesday you can whistle the tune to Suicide Is Painless, and by noon see how many people have picked it up. Unless you're a surgeon; then that's just creepy.

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